

North Dudley Area Committee – 1st February 2012

Responses to Questions Raised at the Previous Meeting

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Committee on the current status of responses to questions posed at the previous meeting of the Committee.

Background

2. At the meeting of this Committee held on 12th October 2011, it was indicated that written responses would be sent to the questioners concerned. The responses are attached as appendix 1.

Finance

3. There are no direct financial implications at this stage.

Law


4. Section 111 Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its statutory functions.

Equality Impact

5. The proposals take into account the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

Recommendation

6. That the Committee note the report and the appendix to the report.



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List of Background Papers:

Question slips submitted at the meeting
Correspondence sent in response by Council Officers

APPENDIX 1

Responses To Issues Raised at the Previous Meeting held on 12th October 2011

Petitions

A petition was submitted by Councillor Stanley on behalf of residents of the Stickley Estate requesting the reinstatement of the 297/297A bus service around the Stickley Estate was referred to Centro for consideration. The Area Operations Manager – Black Country National Express has written to the Chairman of the Committee advising that it was unlikely that the 297 bus route would be extended through the Lower Gornal Area, following an analysis of the level of demand for the route. He also advised that Lower the Gornal area would benefit from revised timings on the 297 route to improve connections with route 257 from Dudley.

The Area Operations Manager – Black Country National Express also informed that residents have access to the “Ring and Ride” service which is also funded by Centro and aimed at giving elderly and infirm residents the freedom to get around independently.

Public Forum

1. No questions were raised in the public forum session of the meeting.