

Central Dudley Area Committee – 16th January 2007

Recommendations from Central Dudley Area Committee Community Plan Working Group

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Purpose of Report

1. To consider recommendations made at a meeting of Central Dudley Area Committee Community Plan Working Group held on 7th December, 2006.

Background

Central Dudley Area Committee Community Plan – Regeneration Activities

2. The Central Dudley Area Committee Community Plan identifies a number of priorities, as determined by the Central Dudley Area Committee Community Plan Working Group, in relation to 'Regeneration Activities'. This section of the Plan sets out the commitment to 'encourage continued development of local regeneration in the central Dudley area' by pursuing the submission of five regeneration funding bids, one for each ward of the central Dudley area, on an annual basis. The Plan also makes reference to the aspiration to 'create capacity to put bids together for the central Dudley area'.
3. These aspects of the Community Plan were discussed at the meeting of the Central Dudley Area Committee Community Plan Working Group held on 7th December, 2006, and in light of the comments made it was

RESOLVED

3. That the following recommendations be made to Central Dudley Area Committee: -
 - i. That, in view of the relatively high levels of social deprivation in the five Central Dudley wards, the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration be requested to consider the possibility of increasing capacity within the Council's Regeneration Unit to facilitate the annual submission of an additional five regeneration funding bids relating to those wards.
 - ii. That, failing the identification of additional capacity as referred to in resolution 3(i) above, the Chief Executive be requested to consider the possibility of restructuring the Neighbourhood Management

Team to enable one member of staff to be dedicated solely to working with community groups, specialist officers and other partners in the Central Dudley area to coordinate high quality regeneration funding bids relating to the five Central Dudley wards.

Finance

4. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Law

5. Section 111 of the 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 functions.

Equality Impact

6. This report complies with the Council's policies on equal opportunities and diversity. The issues raised will have a direct impact on children and young people living in the Central Dudley area.

Recommendations

7. That consideration be given to the recommendations of Central Dudley Area Committee Community Plan Working Group arising from their meeting held on 7th December, 2006, as set out in paragraph 3 above.



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List of Background Papers

Minutes of the meeting of the Central Dudley Area Committee Community Plan Working Group held on 7th December 2006.