Meeting of Central Dudley Area Committee – 22 January 2008

Delivering the Masterplan for Dudley Town Centre

Summary of complementary regeneration projects within and close to Dudley town centre

Strata

There are amazing plans to re-open Dudley's secret caverns. This will allow the opening up of the country's largest underground canal basin buried underneath the grounds of Dudley Castle and Wrens Nest Nature Reserve to reveal the towns unique geological, and socio economic heritage.

North Priory Estate

The Council is determined to pioneer groundbreaking, innovative and cutting edge solutions in design, appearance and construction for this residential development utilising low carbon technologies to optimum effect.

Black Country Living Museum

The Black Country Living Museum is a world class attraction which unites the past with the present in an unforgettable 'living' experience. £10m funding has been secured to construct a new 1930's High Street experience.

English Partnerships Ecosite

Dudley Council and the site owners, English Partnerships, are preparing a developers brief for this complex site with high quality, low energy efficient housing producing a zero carbon footprint. This will be one of a limited number of national exemplar projects.

Priory Park

A stage one funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund – Parks for People Programme is being developed to provide enhancements and facilitate improvements for this grade II listed park set around the Schedule Ancient Monument of Priory Ruins.

Castle Hill Development

£140m of public and private investment will transform this historic monument of major regional importance for tourism and employment. The development will provide new innovative attractions, improved animal husbandry and specialist retail facilities.

Castle Gate Development

10 acres of brownfield land available for development in this well established edge of town commercial and leisure complex.

Building Schools for the Future

A national programme to rebuild and refurbish secondary schools to create world class schools for local communities, delivered through a combination of private and public sector funding.

South Black Country Innovation Campus

The Innovation Campus will provide incubation units, managed workspace and associated grow-on space alongside a very different Innovation and Enterprise Academy which will engage with the very best academic and practical exponents of innovation and enterprise to share experiences and transfer knowledge.

Quadrant

The development of this new Council facility that will integrate various buildings on this site is designed to meet the Council's future needs for office accommodation, Council meeting rooms and civic accommodation.

Metro

Centro, the West Midlands Passenger Transport Executive is promoting an extension to the existing line one of the Midlands Metro light rail system, joining Dudley town centre with Birmingham and Wolverhampton.

Burnt Tree Island Improvements

Major highway improvements in partnership with Sandwell Council that will allow improved vehicle access on a major road junction.

Employment Heart

This 27 hectare site of brownfield land has potential to deliver approximately £100m development investment, forming part of the Black Country West Employment Land Corridor.

Extra Care Housing

A range of specialist housing and services for people 55 and over. The long term aim is to develop five schemes, one in each of the Borough's townships, by 2015 which will be a mix of private, shared ownership and rented apartments.

Yorks Park Development

This 6.5 hectare site is under construction to provide industrial units, warehouse facilities and employment on the edge of Dudley town centre.