

Halesowen Area Committee 22nd March 2006

Report of the Chief Executive

Shell Corner Partnership

Purpose of Report

1. To update the Committee on the development of Shell Corner Partnership.

Background

2. It was noted at the Area Committee meeting on 22nd June 2005 that the Shell Corner Partnership was the vehicle for community regeneration in Shell Corner/Halesowen North following the preparatory work done by the Neighbourhood Manager, Tukimbo Leigh. As he had left the authority, and was not being replaced, Neighbourhood Management (NM) commissioned the Black Country Housing Group (BCHG) to continue the preparatory work, and establish the partnership
3. The Inaugural General Meeting of the partnership was held in November, and the constitution adopted. The constitution was based on the Charity Commission model constitution to enable formal registration as a charity, if required, once the group is established. The main object of the group is "to commit to the development of local regeneration by acting as a gateway towards improved local facilities, the local environment, and to strive towards social inclusion and harmonic relations for all who reside or work in the area".
4. Membership of the group is open to anyone who lives or works in the area, and at the first meeting of the group in December the members were invited to join "theme" groups with the intention that these groups identify local issues and report back to the main group. As the groups develop they will be looking to prioritise and action plan their activities. The theme groups are:-
 - Education & Leisure facilities
 - Housing, Health & Well Being and Community facilities
 - Environment & Community Safety – the comments and recommendations of this group on the "Shell Corner Feasibility Study" were communicated to January meeting of the Area Committee.

BCHG will continue to support the group, and will be looking for on-going funding for its long term sustainability.

Finance

5. Any costs associated with this report are from existing budgets.

Law

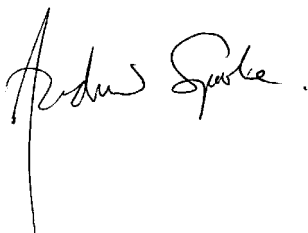
6. Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 enables the Council to do anything which it considers is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social, or environmental well being of the Borough or any part of it. The activities of the Neighbourhood Management Team are part of the Neighbourhood Renewal strategy.

Equality Impact

7. This report complies fully with Council Equality policies in particular young people and people from diverse heritage. The youth service is represented within the theme groups of the partnership with the view to engaging young people in determining and delivering outcomes for the Shell Corner area and its residents.

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that:-
 - The Area Committee note the contents of this report, and that the Neighbourhood Manager will report again in 6 months.



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List of Background Papers