

Halesowen Area Committee 12th March 2008

Report of the Director of the Urban Environment

Cradley/Windmill Hill Regeneration Plan – Delivery Working Group

Purpose of Report

1. To establish a sub-group of the Area Committee to oversee the Implementation Plan in the Cradley/Windmill Hill Regeneration Plan

Background

2. Cradley/Windmill Local Centre is one of 16 local centres identified in the Council's adopted Unitary Development Plan (2005). In September 2006 the Cabinet agreed that Cradley/Windmill Hill was one of 4 centres that would be the priority for most concentrated intervention and the production of a regeneration plan.
3. Members will recall that at their meetings on the 14th March 2007 they were consulted on the options for the Cradley /Windmill Hill Regeneration Plan and a public consultation exercise took place in the local area in February and March 2007.
4. The Plan was approved by Cabinet on the 13th February and is now Council policy for the regeneration of this local centre. The Implementation Plan within this document will now be the focus of effort and it is normal practice to give responsibility to an existing group or establish a group specifically to oversee and guide activity.
5. It is proposed that a Working Group of this Committee be established to undertake this role, reporting back to Area Committee on a regular basis. The Terms of Reference for the Group would be;
 - Receive regular progress reports from the Local Centres Officer
 - To agree priorities for action
 - Identify and resolve any constraints to plan progress
 - Guide public relations and communications for the plan
 - Report progress to the Area Committee on a regular basis
 - To review the regeneration plan annually
6. The Group would be made up of members, and representatives of local organisations, supported by officers and would meet on a regular basis, to be agreed. As the plan area includes three wards it is suggested that each ward is represented by one member from that ward on the Group.

Finance

7. Any costs arising from the appointment of the Working Group will be met from existing resources.

Law

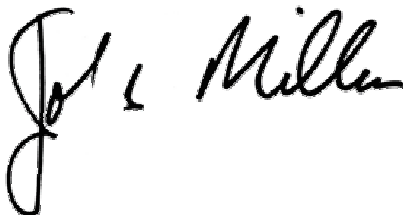
8. Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 enables the Council to do anything which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well being of any part of the Borough.

Equality Impact

9. The Cradley/Windmill Hill Regeneration Plan complies fully with the Council's policies on equality and diversity and is intended to improve the local centre for all sections of the local community

Recommendation

10. It is recommended that:-
 - The establishment of the Cradley/Windmill Hill Regeneration Plan Delivery Group and its terms of reference be agreed
 - The composition and membership of the Group be considered.



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List of Background Papers

- Cradley/Windmill Hill Regeneration Plan 2008.