

North Dudley Area Committee – 3rd February 2010

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 on 2nd December 2009, 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

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Petitions

a) A petition had been submitted on behalf of local residents expressing concerns that Townsend Avenue, Sedgley was being used by motorists to avoid the traffic island in Sedgley. The Petition was referred to the Director of the Urban Environment for consideration.

Following investigations, the Group Engineer, Traffic and Road Safety has written to the first named person on the petition to advise that the area will be considered as part of a local safety scheme in the next financial year.

The petition was also referred to the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services and the Cabinet Member for Housing, Libraries and Adult Learning with regard to the alleged lack of internal and external modernisation of council owned homes in Townsend Avenue, Sedgley.

The Team Manager for Tenancy and Estate Management (North) Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services, has sent a written response to the first named person on the petition advising that following investigations by the Housing Team, it is anticipated that the remedial work required would be undertaken over the summer of 2010, and that once the exterior works are completed, the exterior painting, which had been deferred to allow the aforesaid work to be completed, will be undertaken.

The Team Manager also advised that during the first week in December 2009, a survey of the internal communal area doors did not identify any of the doors as being in need of repair or replacement. Should this situation change, then the matter would be reconsidered.

With regard to the nuisance, referred to in the petition, allegedly caused by youths in the area, the Team Manager has advised that the Housing Manager, following discussions with local tenants, has referred the matter to the local police, who would be contacting the tenants shortly regarding their concerns. The Housing staff will be working closely with the Police and tenants, to alleviate any disturbances which the tenants suffer due to youths congregating under the canopies at the front of the buildings in Townsend Avenue.