

Stourbridge Area Committee - 22nd January 2007

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Responses to Questions

Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Committee of a written response made to a question asked at a previous meeting.

Background

2. At a meeting of this Committee held on 20th November 2006, it was indicated that a written reply would be sent to the questioner on the following question.
3. A member of the public commented on a number of issues in respect of the Dell Stadium which was used by the Dudley and Stourbridge Harriers, including the fact that she considered the track to be falling apart, the need for the removal of dangerous tree roots from the track, the need for adequate security measures on the site, and that only a restrictive certificate had been awarded, which she believed would prevent children taking part in the events of the 2008 Community Olympics. The Head of Sport and Recreation has sent a written response confirming that although the track had been awarded a Class 5 Certificate in May 2006, due to deficiencies with the throwing circle and the pole vault landing bed, the circle had been re-laid and the extensions to the pole vault landing bed acquired. The Midland Counties Athletic Association had re-inspected the stadium on 23rd November 2006 and awarded a UK-A Class 1 Certificate which would be in place until late 2010, unless changes in equipment specifications necessitated further additions or alterations to premises or equipment. The Inspectors had considered the track surface to be in good condition for its age, which is 19 years. Consideration would be given to the future replacement or renovation of the track, as set out in the draft project plan for the Stadium, developed in 2006. With regard to the tree roots, following inspection by the Arboriculture officers it was considered that there was no threat of damage to the athletic track surface at present.

Finance

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

Law

5. Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972 enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

Equality Impact

6. The report takes into account the Council's Policy on equality and diversity.

Recommendation

7. The Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report.

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List of Background Papers

Question slip handed in at a previous meeting of the Stourbridge Area Committee.

Correspondence sent in response by Council Officers.