

Halesowen Area Committee – 1st July 2009

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Report of Halesowen Area Committee Working Groups

Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Committee of issues raised and matters recommended for approval (if any) arising from meetings of the Working Groups.

Background

2. Attached at Appendix 1 is a summary of the work undertaken by the Halesowen Area Committee (Cradley/Windmill Hill Regeneration Plan Delivery) Working Group to date.
3. There is no information to report at this time with regard to the Halesowen Area Committee (Community Renewal) Working Group.
4. An update will be given at agenda item No 19 of this meeting with regard to the Halesowen Area Committee (Halesowen Town Centre) Working Group.

Finance

5. There are no direct financial implications arising from the report.

Law

6. 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

7. This report takes into account the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy and there are no direct implications for children and young people in the report.

Recommendation

9. That the Committee notes the contents of the information as contained in the appendix to this report.



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List of Background Papers

None

APPENDIX TO HAC CRADLEY WORKING GROUP REPORT – 1st JULY 2009

During the 2009/10 Municipal Year the Cradley/Windmill Hill Regeneration Plan Delivery Working Group has considered the following issues

The Council has allocated £30,000 capital funding towards implementing public realm and transportation improvements identified in the Regeneration Plan. The Working Group has been engaged in the preparation of proposals for signage and footpath improvements, and the implementation of these improvements is well underway.

The Chief Executive of Dudley Infracare Ltd has attended a number of meetings of the Working Group in order to inform Members of the progress in identifying sites and proposals for a LIFT Health and Social Care centre, for which the Primary Care Trust's Strategic Partnership Board has stated a preference for a facility in the Cradley/Windmill Hill local centre. Options for location on a number of sites in the local centre have been considered, as have the development constraints of Tree Preservation Orders, site size, highways matters, rights of way and historic buildings. The Strategic Partnership Board considered the future of the Colley Gate site for a LIFT proposal at their meeting on the 10th June 2009 and wished to see the continuation of the development of proposals for this site, or at another suitable site in the vicinity.

The Group has been consulted on proposed improvements to the A458 at Colley Gate which have been prepared to assist traffic movement, and the views of the Group have been of assistance in finalising the proposals

The Group has been advised of a number of other development proposals planned for the local centre, including the site at 118-122 Windmill Hill and the Development Brief being prepared for the site at Foredraft Street

The Group has been engaged in the preparation of a draft Area Community Renewal Plan, which has been produced by the Council's Community Renewal Team