

Meeting of the Cabinet – 13th December 2006

Recommendations from Central Dudley Area Committee

Report of the Director of Law and Property

Purpose of Report

1. To consider recommendations made at a meeting of Central Dudley Area Committee held on 7th November 2006.

Background

North Priory Regeneration Scheme

2. Arising from discussion on the Ward Issues item on the agenda of its meeting held on 7th November, 2006 the Central Dudley Area Committee agreed that the following proposal be approved and in addition to its referral to the Cabinet Member for Housing and the Director of Adult Community and Housing Services be referred to Cabinet.

It was accordingly

RESOLVED

That Central Dudley Area Committee reject the Cabinet Report of 1st November regarding the North Priory Housing Project on the grounds that

- a) It gives no guarantees whatsoever to valued residents/tenants and does not allow any final vote on this vital issue; and
- b) The refusal to allow proper democratic representation of local councillors on the project board, despite pleas by residents.

Ward Member Involvement In Consultation On Major Schemes Within Their Wards

3. Central Dudley Area Committee also considered recommendations from a meeting of the Central Dudley Area Committee Community Plan Working Group held on 26th October 2006. One of the recommendations approved by the Working Group, arose from concerns expressed by some members that Ward Councillors were omitted from initial discussions regarding major issues, including those relating to regeneration, in their Wards.

On consideration of the recommendations of the Working Group, Central Dudley Area Committee approved the following recommendation and that, in addition to its referral to the Cabinet Member for Housing and the Director of Adult Community and Housing Services that it also be referred to Cabinet. It was accordingly

RESOLVED

That the Cabinet give consideration to a request of Central Dudley Area Committee that in respect of all future major regeneration schemes and any other major schemes out for consultation that all Ward Members be included in such consultations at the initial stages.

Finance

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

Law

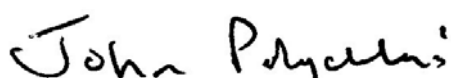
5. Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972, enables the Council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

Equality Impact

6. This report complies with the Council's policies on equal opportunities and diversity. The issues raised will have a direct impact on children and young people, especially in relation to the impact on families of the North Priory Regeneration Scheme.

Recommendations

7. That consideration be given to the recommendations of Central Dudley Area Committee arising from their meeting held on 7th November, 2006, as set out in paragraphs 2 and 3 above.



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List of Background Papers

Minutes of the meeting of the Central Dudley Area Committee held on 7th November 2006.

Minutes of the meeting of the Central Dudley Area Committee Community Plan Working Group held on 26th October, 2006.