
Halesowen Area Committee – 7th November 2012

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Responses to Questions Raised at the Halesowen Area Committee Meeting held on 4th July 2012

Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Committee of the written responses made to questions asked at the previous meeting.

Background

2. Councillor Body referred to railings on Abbey Road that had been placed because of the height differential in part of the road and indicated that Hillbank also had similar or greater slabs and queried why that particular road did not benefit from the railings. In responding it was indicated that work on Abbey Road could have been undertaken as part of a road safety scheme, however the Assistant Director of Economic and Regeneration undertook to look into the matter. The response to the query is that Hillbank Road, is one of a number of sites across the borough where there is a raised footway running parallel with the carriageway and where there are interlocking sets of steps. The locations are identified for future improvement works in consideration of public safety and ongoing risk. The improvement budget for 2012/13 has been committed, however improvement works on Hillbank Road will be considered as part of the 2013/14 funding allocation.
3. Councillor Body again requested for the installation of a barrier at the entrance of West Road to Homer Hill Park. The response from the Directorate of the Urban Environment is that it is proposed that details of the request be discussed with Council Officers at the next scheduled Friends of the Park meeting so that any proposals can be considered as part of the overall management plan for Homer Hill Park.
4. Councillor Taylor referred to the Friends of Leasowes Park Planting Board and indicated that the Board should be changed to show that work had been undertaken by the members and not sponsors. The Chair of Halesowen in Bloom has paid for the changes to be made.

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

Recommendation

8. That the Committee notes the contents of the report.



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List of Background Papers

Minutes of the Committee held on 4th July 2012