

AGENDA ITEM NO.15

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

STOURBRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE – 21st March 2005

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform the Committee of the written responses made to questions asked at previous meetings.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 At a meeting of this Committee held on 31st January 2005, it was indicated that written replies would be sent to the questioners concerned. The responses are as indicated.

2.2 In response to a request as to when the Sir Cedric Hardwicke Memorial was due to be erected in Lye, the Borough Artist has advised that there has been a delay in the completion of the artwork, but that it is anticipated that it will be completed in Spring 2005.

2.2 In response to the Chairman's comments regarding litter in Stourbridge High Street, the Head of Street Care has written, advising that additional litter bins have been installed, particularly near the Subway fast food outlet. General standards of cleanliness are being closely monitored, although parked vehicles often impact on the cleansing operations in the High Street.

2.3 In response to Councillor Attwood's comments regarding the locking and unlocking of the Stanley Road car park, the Head of Arts Heritage and Parks has written, advising that a revision of these duties is underway. Groups using the park will in future be requested to ensure that their members park their cars more considerately when using the park for fixtures.

3.0 PROPOSAL

3.1 That the Committee notes the contents of this report.

4.0 FINANCE

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

5.0 LAW

5.1 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.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

6.1 The report takes into account the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

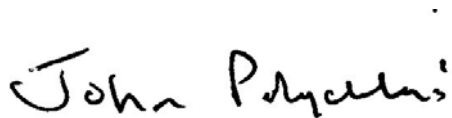
7.0 RECOMMENDATION

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

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Pink slips handed in at previous meetings of the Stourbridge Area Committee.

8.2 Correspondence sent in response by Council Officer.



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