

Brierley Hill area Committee, 1st September 2005.

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Responses to Questions

Purpose of Report

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

Background

- 2 At a meeting of this Committee held on the 7th July, 2005, it was indicated that written replies would be sent to the questioners concerned, if not responded to by officers at the meeting. The responses are as indicated
- 3 In response to a letter submitted to the committee by a member of the public registering his disapproval and alleging that Members had done a "u-turn", when voting at Council on the proposed closure of Brierley Hill Leisure Centre; Members responded to the written accusation and clarified their own personal positions with regard to the voting that had taken place.
- 4 In response to a query regarding the issue of publicity when sites for the erection of mobile telephone masts were proposed, and requesting that alternative means of advertising be looked at to ensure local residents were aware of the proposals; the Area Liaison Officer responded that the comments would be forwarded onto the Directorate of the Urban Environment for consideration.
- 5 In response to several residents concerns with regard to the purchase of 44 Cot Lane, Kingswinford by Social services as a residential care home for looked after adults and the possibility of increased volume of traffic, fall in value of their properties and the possibility of disruption from the residents of the home; the representative of Social Services responded to the questions raised. He stated that the increase in traffic would be similar to that of an average family moving into the house with two or three cars. With regard to a fall in house prices, that was a matter for the housing market and the possibility of disruption from the residents was deemed to be negligible. The representative of Social

Services also responded in writing to residents who had submitted letters after the meeting raising further queries with regard to the sale of 44 Cot Lane, Kingswinford.

Finance

6 There are no direct financial consequences arising from this report

Law

7 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

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

Recommendation

9 The Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report



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List of Background Papers

Question forms and letters as submitted from members of the public