

NORTH LUTON AREA COMMITTEE

28th September 2010 at 8.00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM

2.1

PRESENT: Councillors Garrett (Chair); Councillors Bullock, Campbell, R. J. Davis, Foord, Hinkley, Pedersen, Simons, Titmuss and Worthing

26 MINUTES (REF: 2.1)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14th July 2010 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

29 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (REF: 8)

A member of the public raised concern that Compton Avenue had been made one way making access to Leagrave Railway Station difficult.

The Engineering Service Manager replied that Compton Avenue had been made one way under an experimental order, following the widening of the footpaths at the request of local residents. He added that the scheme was open to public consultation and urged residents to reply with their concerns and suggestions.

A member of the public enquired how the reduction in budget would affect residents.

The Chair replied that the Council would not know what affects the reduction in budget would have until the Government Spending review was announced on the 20th October 2010. A Member added that it was anticipated that Luton's income would be reduced by 35% which would mean cuts in services provided by the Council.

30 MARSH FARM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST (RE: 10)

Marie Bacon, Project Manager, Marsh Farm Development Trust, gave a presentation in regards to the Marsh Farm New Deal Programme. Since its inception in 2001 when it was awarded £48 million due to a poor public image of the area, it had funded over 90 projects covering the five theme areas of Health and Wellbeing, Education, Business and Employment, Crime and Community Safety and Housing and the Environment. She added that the programme was now in its final year and was currently working on fourteen projects with two ending imminently.

In regards to spend, between 2001 and 2010 the programme had spent £19m in Capital Projects, £26m in Revenue (mainly educational based), which equated to a total of £45m. In its final year of 2010 to 2011 it had spent £3.7m on Capital projects and £2.2m on Revenue projects totalling £5.9m. She added that although initially granted a budget of £48m over ten years the final total programmes spend was £50.9m, with the additional monies being provided via V. A. T returns.

As a result of the Marsh Farm New Deal Programme, educational attainment had improved, the area was no longer a priority area for health, it was no longer an unemployment hotspot, crime was below the Luton average although anti-social behaviour was still an issue, and had improved the environment.

She concluded that one of the key outcomes was the development of the Community Enterprise and Resource Centre (CERC).

Resolved: That the presentation (Ref: 10) be noted.

31 **INTEGRATED SERVICES – CHILDREN & LEARNING – BULLET POINT UPDATE (REF: 11)**

The North Team Manager updated the Committee on the work of Integrated Services.

A report was submitted (Ref: 11) detailing the current Integrated Services for Children and Learning Youth Service activities and developments in the Brammingham, Icknield, Limbury, Northwell and Sundon Park Wards.

Resolved: That the report (Ref: 11) be noted.

32 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – BULLET POINT UPDATE (REF: 12)**

The Senior Community Development Manager submitted an update (Ref: 12) on the current Community Development Service activities and developments in the Brammingham, Icknield, Limbury, Northwell and Sundon Park Wards.

Resolved: That the report (Ref: 11) be noted.

33 **AREA REPORT (REF: 13)**

The Area Committee Support Manager presented his report.

He informed the Committee of the latest position in regard to the area projects budget.

The Committee considered the following applications under the Area Project Scheme:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost of Project</u>	<u>Amount Requested/ Approved</u>
BR 377 *	<u>Warden Hill Community Centre</u> Internal decoration of the Warden Hill Community Centre to include the hall, kitchen and toilets. To also create a community notice Board and produce a newsletter to advertise and promote current groups and	£3,100	£3,100/ £3,100

	hall availability.		
NT 402	<u>Jubilee Community Centre</u> Sleep over for children between the ages of 8 years and 12 years at the Science Museum in London.	£822	£250/£250
NT 403	<u>Junior Warden Scheme</u> This project is targeted at a particular age group 8 – 12 year olds in the Marsh Farm Area. To provide educational activities in a fun and secure environment. The main objective is to highlight environmental and anti social concerns, it will also help develop/promote communication, social and life skills, a more active and healthier life style, interaction with the diverse community currently in the Marsh Farm and Luton area. Once funding is secure it will take approximately 1 – 2 months to start, allowing time to promote the scheme through local schools and other projects in the area.	£2,083	£700/£700

Resolved: (i) That the report (Ref: 13) be noted.

(ii) That the applications BR 377, NT 402, NT 403 be resolved as indicated in the table above.

(Note: The meeting ended at 9.20 pm).