

**AREA COMMITTEE: NORTH LUTON**

**BRAMINGHAM, ICKNIELD, LIMBURY,  
NORTHWELL & SUNDON PARK WARDS**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2010**

**SUBJECT: AREA REPORT**

**REPORT BY: HEAD OF LOCAL DEMOCRACY**

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**IMPLICATIONS:**

**LEGAL**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY**

**EQUALITIES**

**ENVIRONMENT**

**FINANCIAL**

**CONSULTATIONS**

**STAFFING**

**OTHER**

**WARDS AFFECTED: BRAMINGHAM, ICKNIELD, LIMBURY,  
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### **PURPOSE**

1. To bring before the committee an update on the issues that were raised following the last Area Committee held on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. **The North Luton Area Committee is recommended to note the report and make recommendations on further action where required.**

### **BACKGROUND**

3. This report encapsulates the progress of the area committee since the implementation of the initiative in October 2001. In addition it includes information on projects and activities supported by the committee and following liaison and mediation with both internal and external service areas, pursues the concerns raised by both the local community and Members of the council.

## **REPORT**

4. Members of the public who appear on the current database were informed of this meeting by post on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and publicity for this cycle of meetings appeared in the July edition of Lutonline, the Luton & Dunstable Express on the 30<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and the Luton News and Herald & Post during week commencing the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010. Additionally, posters in keeping with the new style advert and corporate approach to area committees were also dispatched to every General Practitioner, Dental Practice, Chiropodists, Chiropractors, Educational establishment, Library, Sports Centre, Community & Youth Centre, Day Centre, Places of Worship and Sheltered Housing provision, across the borough. The information gave dates for every Area Committee and was then followed up with specific information about the Area Committee, relevant to that area.
5. The Area Committee web site is regularly updated and can be accessed on [www.luton.gov.uk/areacommittees](http://www.luton.gov.uk/areacommittees)

## **COMMUNICATION**

6. I would like to remind the area committee that the area committee web pages on [www.luton.gov.uk/areacommittees](http://www.luton.gov.uk/areacommittees) are regularly updated and members of the public can access all of the following on these pages:-
  - Information – What are area committees? What are ward forums?
  - Dates of all meetings
  - Dates and information of all area tours
  - Ward Forum issues/updates
  - Agendas
  - Minutes
  - Reports
  - Area project proposal form

## **AREA COMMITTEE ATTENDANCES**

7. The following are up to date attendances at the North Luton Area Committee for the period May/June 2008 to January 2010.

Area Committee cycle	May & June 2008	September & October 2008	January 2009	March 2009	July 2009	October 2009	January 2010
North Luton	40	54	40	55	79	52	71

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD CRIME & JUSTICE - PUBLICATION OF SENTENCING OUTCOMES**

8. The last Government outlined the case for all criminal justice services to be open transparent and accountable to the people they serve. The police, the prosecution, the courts, probation and prison services should work together to help people understand their work and what the public can expect of them. They should be open about how they are performing and should strive to build confidence in criminal justice services that are fair, effective and above all, working for the public.
9. These expectations were captured in the Government's criminal justice Public Service Agreement target *Justice for All*. The 2008 Cabinet Office Review 'Engaging Communities in Fighting Crime' (the Casey Review) found that the Criminal Justice System (CJS) can feel too remote from people's everyday lives and that the justice it delivers is not visible enough. The report concluded that:  
  
*" Too often the public don't believe that their voice is heard, don't believe wrongdoers face adequate consequences for the crimes they commit, don't believe they are told enough about what happens in the system and, perhaps because of this, they don't believe that crime has fallen when they are told so."*
10. Research shows a strong link between the extent to which the public receive accurate information about the CJS, and their confidence in it. Based on their consultations, the Casey Review team identified 'Justice seen to be done' as a priority for the public, who want: *"to see and hear more about arrests, charges, decisions and sentences...to reassure them that crimes are being brought to justice and to deter potential offenders or re-offenders.*
11. To this end Luton Borough Council now publish sentences which have been passed at Luton Magistrates' Court on a monthly basis and these can be found at [www.luton.gov.uk/solutions](http://www.luton.gov.uk/solutions)
12. Once published these results stay on the web site for a maximum of 30 days and are then removed, making way for the results for the following month.

## **AREA PROJECTS**

13. There are seven applications for Members to consider at the meeting this evening.

<b>Project Number</b>	<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b>Cost of project</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>
SP 352	<p><b><u>Sundon Park Youth Centre</u></b>  The project is an extension of the current award winning Friday Night Football Project provided in conjunction with Lealands High School and Nacro. The aim is to provide a more diverse program that will attract and engage young people in a range of positive activities. There is a need and a focus on providing activities that will attract and engage girls to participate in. We are hoping to secure funding to build upon the success of the current program for a year.</p> <p>◆ The application is being made on the basis that the North Luton Area Committee made an award of £3,000 in the 2009/2010 Financial Year. Members suggested to the applicants that they should evaluate how the programme progressed and then consider applying again to the North Luton Area Committee for the remainder i.e. 50% of the original amount they requested.</p>	£9,360	£3,000
SP 376	<p><b><u>Gating Scheme rear of 99 to 169. Sundon Park Road</u></b>  To supply and install 2 Palisade gates both with short infill panels to the left hand side. The gates and panels to be 2.1 metres tall with tri-point tops, finished in galvanisation and PPC green.</p>	£3,400	£1,700
BR 377	<p><b><u>Warden Hill Community Centre</u></b>  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 hall availability.</p>	£3,100	£3,100
LI 382	<p><b><u>Limbury 50+ Group</u></b>  The application is to support the ongoing work of the Limbury 50+ Group. The group started in 2003 with approximately 20 Members and now has expanded to over 100. Due to this success and the extra space required the group is now located at the St. Augustine's Church Hall, in Catsbrook Road. The group offers socials, outings, activities and advice for older people.</p>	£2,250	£2,250

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NT 389	<p><b><u>Marsh Farm Fireworks Festival</u></b>  The project is a free community firework festival that will take place on Lea Manor Playing field on the 5th November. It will also include a lantern parade and various information stands and stalls.</p> <p><b><u>Justifying The Project?</u></b>  The project will impact on Community Safety Community cohesion and activities for young people as they are the main target audience. The project in previous years has dramatically reduced anti social behaviour and arson by diverting young people into positive activities and a free fireworks event. The event is also attended by various groups and communities living in the north of Luton and last year attracted over 5000 people</p>	£6,350	£4,000
LI 390	<p><b><u>St. Augustine's Scout Group</u></b>  The scout group has been undertaking internal improvements to the building and now wishes to replace the 30 year old Markey tiles in the male and female toilets whicg are broken and cracked in places and are becoming unhygienic.</p>	£870	£870
NT 391	<p><b><u>Jubilee Community Centre</u></b>  We would like to organise a family trip to Yarmouth for the Marsh Farm area and would like some financial assistance with the event.</p>	£700	£700

### **BUDGET UPDATE**

14. The following table shows the budget for the North Luton Area Committee as at the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010.

<b><u>North Luton</u></b> <b>Bramingham, Icknield, Limbury, Northwell &amp; Sundon Park Wards</b>	
<b>Balance brought forward from 2009/2010</b>	<b>£5,290.00</b>
<b>Allocation 2010/2011</b>	<b>£12,000.00</b>
<b>Total B/F</b>	<b>£17,290.00</b>

### **AREA TOURS**

15. The Action Plans and issues that were raised during the course of past area tours can be viewed in the folder at the back of the hall. The new

dates for the 2010/2011 Municipal Year have been set and have been circulated to Members and respective officers. These dates are also accessible on the area committee web pages.

### **PROPOSAL/OPTION**

16. It is proposed that Members of the North Luton Area Committee note the report.

In terms of the application under the Area Committee Projects Scheme

- ◆ Reference SP 376
- ◆ Reference BR 377
- ◆ Reference LI 382
- ◆ Reference NT 389
- ◆ Reference LI 390
- ◆ Reference NT 391

Members may consider the following: -

- (i) Granting the full application.
- (ii) Making a different contribution towards the scheme.
- (iii) Deferring the application for future consideration.
- (iv) Refusing the application

### **EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

17. Much of the work conducted by the Area Committee will have an impact on Council services and will address issues such as accessibility, local participation and the general quality of life within the Borough.

### **COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

18. A large amount of the work being pursued and undertaken by service areas and other outside agencies will make a major contribution to community safety and need to be considered alongside other schemes that may be under consideration or being implemented.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

19. Any contribution made by the Area Committee will be met from existing budgets.

### **ENVIRONMENT IMPLICATIONS**

20. The implications of the work being undertaken will address and improve the environment, create safer communities and address the quality of life for local people.

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

There are no background papers to this report