

AREA COMMITTEE: EAST LUTON

**CRAWLEY, ROUND GREEN, STOPSLEY &
WIGMORE WARDS**

DATE: THURSDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2006

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: CRAWLEY, ROUND GREEN, STOPSLEY &
WIGMORE WARDS**

PURPOSE

1. To bring before the committee an update on the issues that were raised following the last Area Committee held on the 1st June 2006.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. **The East Luton Area Committee are 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 by 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 7th September 2006 and publicity for this cycle of meetings appeared in the Luton News and Herald & Post during week commencing 11th and 25th September and the 2nd October and in the Luton on Sunday on the 17th and 24th September and the 8th October 2006.
5. 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.
6. The Area Committee web site is regularly updated and can be accessed on www.luton.gov.uk/areacommittees

AREA PROJECTS

7. At the time of writing this report there were no applications for Members to consider under the Area Project Scheme.

BUDGET UPDATE

8. The following table depicts the budget at the start of the 2006/2007 financial year including the carry over from 2005/2006. However, Members attention is drawn to the 'Reference' from the Executive Committee being presented to the meeting this evening regarding the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund.

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| <u>East Luton – 2006/2007</u> | |
| Crawley, Round Green, Stopsley & Wigmore | |
| Balance brought forward :- | £7,524.00 |

AREA TOURS

10. 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.

PROPOSAL/OPTION

11. It is proposed that Members of the East Luton Area Committee note the report.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

13. 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

14. 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 which may be under consideration or being implemented.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

ENVIRONMENT IMPLICATIONS

16. 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

17. None.