

AREA COMMITTEE: WEST LUTON AREA COMMITTEE
CHALLNEY, LEAGRAVE & LEWSEY

DATE: MONDAY 24TH JANUARY 2005

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: CHALLNEY, LEAGRAVE & LEWSEY

PURPOSE

1. To bring before the committee an update on the issues that were raised following the last Area Committee held on the 13th October 2004.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. The Challney, Legrave and Lewsey 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. The issues for this area committee, which has been mentioned in paragraph 3 have been collated and are outlined in the attached plan shown as **Appendix A** of this report. This reflects the start of a new list following the implementation of the new committee structure on the 1st July 2004. However, it should be noted that the old action plans have been retained and progress on all issues will be reported back to this committee as and when they take place.
5. Members of the public who appear on the current database were informed of this meeting by post on the 17th December 2004 and publicity for this cycle of meetings appeared in the Luton News and Herald & Post during week commencing 6th December 2004 and 4th January 2005. Advertising also took place in the Luton on Sunday on the 12th & 19th December 2004 and the 9th January 2005.
6. Additionally, posters 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.
7. The Area Committee web site is regularly updated and can be accessed on www.luton.gov.uk

AREA PROJECTS

8. There is one new application for Members to consider at this area committee.

Project No	Project	Cost	Amount Required
LW 152	ELPIDA Foundation Trust ' Angel Voices ' To help create awareness of musical and singing talents of children in the 5 – 11 age group and young people from 12 – 25 years of age.	£7,500.00	£7,500.00

BUDGET UPDATE

9. Following the adoption of the new area committees that became effective on the 1st July 2004 and the view of the Area Committee Board on the 8th July 2004, that the budgets for the five new area committees should be aggregated according to the wards that the committee represent, this was subsequently endorsed by the Council's Executive Committee.
10. In addition the carry over of the 2003/2004 budget to 2004/2005 was approved by the Council's Executive on Monday 4th October 2004.

11. Therefore the budget for this area committee in 2004/2005 is as follows:-

Luton West – 2004/2005 Challney, Leagrave & Lewsey Wards	Balance
	£5,760.00

Members will need to be aware this latter balance does not include the following commitment or projects that were awarded in the most recent committee cycle, which are as follows :-

Project Number	Project	Amount Awarded	Budget balance
LW 128	Lewsey & East Central TARA Lewsey Park Pavilion	£1,000.00	£4,760.00
LE 123	Hockwell Ring – Ringo's Toys for Parents & Toddlers Group.	£500.00	£4,260.00

AREA TOURS

12. The area tours for the rest of 2004/2005 are set out below.

Challney, Leagrave & Lewsey Wards		
Ward	Date	Time
Leagrave	Date to be confirmed	09:30 Hrs
Challney	4th March 2005	09:30 Hrs

13. 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

14. It is proposed that Members of the Challney, Leagrave & Lewsey Area Committee note the report.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

15. 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

16. 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

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

ENVIRONMENT IMPLICATIONS

18. 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.

APPENDIX

19. Appendix A - Updates on issues from previous meetings

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

None