

AREA BOARD: EAST LUTON
CRAWLEY, ROUND GREEN, STOPSLEY &
WIGMORE WARDS

DATE: 6TH NOVEMBER 2014

SUBJECT: AREA REPORT

REPORT BY: HEAD OF POLICY & PERFORMANCE

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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 Board an update on the issues that were raised following the last Area Board held on the 3rd July 2014

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. The East Luton Area Board is recommended to note the report and make recommendations on further action where required.

BACKGROUND

3. This report encapsulates the progress of the area board 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 24th October and publicity for

this cycle of meetings appeared in the October edition of Lutonline, the Luton on Sunday and Luton & Dunstable Express during week commencing the 5th October 2014. 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 Board across the town.

5. The Area Board web site is regularly updated and can be accessed on www.luton.gov.uk/areacommittees
This address is soon to be changed to www.luton.gov.uk/areaboards

COMMUNICATION

6. I would like to remind the Area Board that the web pages on www.luton.gov.uk/areaboards are regularly updated and members of the public can access all of the following on these pages:-

- Information – What are area boards? What are ward forums?
- Dates of all meetings
- Ward Forum issues/updates
- Agendas
- Minutes
- Reports
- Area project proposal form

CHURCH STREET – CHANGES

7. At the last meeting of this area board a question was raised regarding the new layout of Church Street, Luton.

With regards to the proposed changes these have now been approved by Head of Service and the Portfolio holder for Environment.

- Attached as **Appendix A** is a copy of the proposed mini roundabout adjacent to the access lane to St. Mary's Church
- Accommodation works have begun with the relocation of the CCTV camera and post.
- Footway and kerbing re-alignment works are due to start week commencing the 13th October for approximately 4 weeks. These works will take place at night
- Once the footway works are complete, the carriageway along Church Street will be resurfaced and the new mini roundabout will be installed. These works are programmed to start on the 10th November for 5 nights.

It is therefore anticipated that the mini roundabout will become operational from 15th November.

AREA BOARD ATTENDANCES

8. The following are up to date attendances at the East Luton Area Board for the period June 2012 to June/July 2014.

Area Board cycle	June 2012	October/ November 2012	February/ March 2013	June/July 2013	October/ November 2013	February/ March 2014	June/ July 2014
East Luton	41	50	45	110	89	56	71

BUDGET UPDATE

9. The following table shows the budget for the East Luton Area Board.

<u>East Luton</u>		
Crawley, Round Green, Stopsley & Wigmore Wards		
Allocation 2014/2015		£10,000.00
Projects supported in this financial year		
CR 531	Wenlock Junior School – Cooking Project	500.00
RG 532	Ashcroft and Ramridge Tenants Association Ltd – Just a treat Project	955.00
SP 533	Putteridge Community Centre Nursery	1,500.00
SP 534	Active Luton Ltd Reducing Loneliness and Social Isolation Project.	2,100.00
WI 535	Raynham Way Users Association Saturday 29 th November 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Fayre Saturday 20 th December 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children's Community Christmas Party Monday 22 nd December 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Christmas Party 	690.00
Total spend		£5,745.00
Balance		£4,255.00

AREA PROJECTS

10. There are three applications for Members to consider at the meeting this evening.

Project Number	Project	Cost of project	Amount requested
RG 546	<p><u>Somerset Avenue, Stanford Road and Turners Road South</u></p> <p><u>Somerset Avenue.</u> To supply and install 1No. 2.85m wide x 2m tall galvanised and green tri-point Palisade gate, the gate is to be hung on the right and will swing open out wards, it will have a lockable pad bar and also have a drop bolt to hold the gate in the open position, the hanging and catch posts will be set into high strength rapid set concrete, as the width is an issue the posts will be 80 x 80mm box section giving the maximum width possible, this should give a rough clear gap of around 2.690 meters. Price £1,300.00 + vat</p> <p><u>Stanford Road.</u> To supply and install 1No. 2.6m wide x 2m tall galvanised and green tri-point Palisade gate, the gate is to be hung on the left and will swing open inwards, it will have a lockable pad bar and also have a drop bolt to hold the gate in the open position, the hanging and catch posts will be set into high strength rapid set concrete, as the width is an issue the posts will be 80 x 80mm box section giving the maximum width possible, this should give a rough clear gap of around 2.440 meters. Price £1,250.00 + vat</p> <p>Supply and fitting of 2No. locks and chains to the Palisade gates for Somerset Ave and Stanford Road, to include the provision of 45 keys as per your information. Price £250.00p + vat.</p>	£2,800	£1,400

Project Number	Project	Cost of project	Amount requested
CR 547	<p><u>Wenlock C of E Junior School</u></p> <p>This project is part of a wider plan to redevelop part of the grounds for school and community use. It will improve an under used area, which can then be accessed by the pupils and their families.</p> <p>We are seeking to create a well being garden which involves completely refurbishing a neglected pond area. The second phase includes the development of a trim trail from which fitness sessions can be offered to parents and other members of the community.</p> <p>The well being garden will contain a pond with fish which will attract wildlife. A herb garden will also be planted, this will complement our existing allotment. Also, a range of sensory plants, a hydroponic bed, water feature, garden ornaments and a seating area will be installed to create a quiet, soothing space in which pupils and parents can spend time reading, relaxing and learning about the outdoors and nature. The pond itself will have a decked viewing platform to enable access for pupils and parents with disabilities. The school has a behavioural provision on site and it is hoped that this area can be used as a tranquil retreat when parents and pupils are stressed or just need to spend quality time together. Much of the work carried out by the family worker involves supporting parents with children who have behavioural and anger issues. The well being garden will provide an outdoor space where such families can relax and benefit from a calm environment.</p> <p>We have already developed a wild area and allotment as a means of encouraging families to enjoy the outdoors. However, this project will further enable pupils and their parents to take part in outdoor activity, which can increase their skills and knowledge about the local environment, in addition to providing a safe and tranquil space in a busy built up residential area.</p> <p>School staff and pupils have been working closely with Groundwork Luton & Bedfordshire to develop this project. The total cost of the Well being Garden is approx £8,700. We have already raised £6000 towards the cost of the project. A contribution of £2000 from the Area Board would enable us to excavate the pond and construct a timber viewing platform, which is a key aspect of the project</p>	£2,037.00	£2,000

Project Number	Project	Cost of project	Amount requested
WI 548	<u>Raynham Way Users Association – Bowls Group</u> <u>To supply – Bowls Mat</u> Made from a three colour blend of polypropylene fibres needled and through latex bonded to give fibre lock and consolidate the structure. Bonded to a C.M.H.R. polyurethane chip foam backing in our own workshops. Standard sizes are: 40ft x 6ft - 45ft x 6ft (Bespoke sizes available). Carpets supplied marked out and complete with a fire wrapper. 1 x Pair Regulation Rubber Delivery Mats	788.00	788.00

PROPOSAL/OPTION

11. It is proposed that Members of the East Luton Area Board note the report.
12. In terms of the application under the Area Board Projects Scheme
 - ◆ Reference RG 546
 - ◆ Reference CR 547
 - ◆ Reference WI 548

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

13. Much of the work conducted by the Area Board 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 that may be under consideration or being implemented.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

15. Any contribution made by the Area Board 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

None