

AREA COMMITTEE: SOUTH LUTON
DALLOW, FARLEY & SOUTH WARDS

DATE: TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER 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: DALLOW, FARLEY & SOUTH WARDS

PURPOSE

1. To bring before the committee an update on the issues that were raised following the last Area Committee held on the 8th June 2006.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. The South 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 12th 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, Chiropractors, 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 was one application for Members to consider under the Area Project Scheme.

Project Number	Project	Cost of project	Amount requested
FA 215	To re-launch the Farley Stakeholders Group by means of an open day with the aim of getting more members of the local community involved with the project.	£1,000.00	£1,000.00

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.

<u>South Luton – 2006/2007</u>	
Dallow, Farley & South	
Balance brought forward :-	£16,950.00
SO 185 – Park Town Community Centre £5,000 committed by this area committee towards the resurfacing of the play area at the community centre.	£11,950.00

FAIR VISITS TO MANOR ROAD RECREATION GROUND

9. At the last meeting of this area committee the Parks, Sports and Events manager reported on the future visit of the fair to Manor Road Recreation Ground and the proposed consultation that was due to take place with local residents. I am able to report the last area committee a report & feedback questionnaire was distributed to all residents of Presentation Court and also delivered to every home in the immediate vicinity of Manor Road Recreation Ground. The results were in favour of a return of annual fair visits to this venue.

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 South Luton Area Committee note the report.

In terms of each of the applications under the Area Committee Projects Scheme

◆ Reference FA 215

Members may consider the following: -

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

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12. 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

13. 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

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

ENVIRONMENT IMPLICATIONS

15. 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