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COMMITTEE : **AREA BOARD – EAST LUTON**

DATE : **THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2014**

TIME : **7.30 P.M.**

PLACE : **WENLOCK JUNIOR SCHOOL,
BEACONSFIELD
LUTON
LU2 0RW**

COUNCILLORS : **SKEPELHORN (CHAIR) FRANKS
CATO HANIF
CHAPMAN MOLES
J. DAVIES RIVERS
DOLLING ZIA**

CO-OPTED MEMBERS: **Representative of Bedfordshire Police
Inspector JOHN MURPHY
Representative of Health Authority
(tbc)
Ward Forum Representative
(tbc)**

QUORUM : **3 MEMBERS**

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC

From 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Ward Forums will take place. The Forums will enable issues that are specifically relevant to each Ward to be discussed. The Area Board will commence at 7.30 p.m.

PURPOSE: To enable the Council to effect locally based communication, consultation and decision-making.

This meeting is open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

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	3. CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS	
(7.45)	4. FEEDBACK FROM WARD FORUMS (5mins per ward)	
(7.55)	5. POLICE AND PUBLIC QUESTION TIME	
(8.00)	6. PETITIONS	
(8.15)	7. NEIGHBOURHOOD GOVERNANCE - YOU SAY WE’RE DOING (Report of the Area Board Support Officer)	7/1 – 7/8
(8.30)	8. AREA BOARD REPORT (Report of the Head of Policy & Performance)	8/1/ - 8/8
(8.35)	9. DETACHED YOUTH WORK IN EAST OF LUTON (Report by Joan Bailey MBE- Safer Luton Partnership)	9/1 – 9/9
(8.45)	10. HOUSING ENVIRONMENTAL FUND (Report of the Head of Housing)	10/1 – 10/3
(8.55)	11. TIMWORTH CLOSE ‘GREEN’ (Report of the Head of Engineering & Street Services)	11/1 – 11/3
(9.05)	12. LUTON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP – UPDATE (Emma Dwyer, Luton Clinical Commission Group)	Oral Report
(9.15)	13. ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING	
(9.20)	14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 17TH MARCH 2015	

EAST LUTON AREA BOARD**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3RD JULY 2014
AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillor Skepelhorn (Chair); Councillors Chapman, J. Davies, Dolling, Franks, Hanif, Moles and Rivers

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (REF: 1)

None noted.

14. MINUTES (REF: 2.1 & 2.2)

Resolved: That the minutes of the meetings held on 18th March 2014 and the 20th May 2014 be taken as read, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

15. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENT (REF: 3)

None noted.

16. FEEDBACK FROM WARD FORUMS (REF 4)

The nominated ward representatives raised the following key issues:

CRAWLEY – COUNCILLOR FRANKS

- Crawley Green Road pedestrian crossing
- Abbotswood Road – No white lines on the road as you enter Abbey Drive roundabout
- Bus Stop – many bus stops in the area still carry reference to services which are no longer in service

ROUND GREEN – COUNCILLOR RIVERS

- Police Dispersal Order for Anti-Social Behaviour
- Grass cutting

STOPSLEY – COUNCILLOR J. DAVIES

- Luton Regional Sports Centre – demolition of building (resolution to Executive)

WIGMORE – COUNCILLOR CHAPMAN

- Grass cutting and maintenance of open spaces (resolution to Executive)
- Cycling symbols –causing confusion
- Library Closure (resolution to Executive)

Resolved: (i) That the issues raised in the Ward Forum meetings be noted;

(ii) That the East Luton Area Board approved the resolution below to Development Control Committee :

“That the Development Control Committee and the Development Control Manager be requested to institute enforcement action to ensure compliance with the conditions agreed in relation to the demolition of Luton Regional Sports Centre”.

(iii) That the following resolutions be submitted to the Executive:

“That the Executive notes the concerns raised by residents of the Wigmore Ward Forum meeting regarding the maintenance of grass cutting, the clearing of gutters and the removal of rubbish from open spaces. Executive is requested to comment on how future ground maintenance in the Wigmore area can be improved and maintained”.

“That the Executive is requested to clarify the situation of whether the commitment for half of the gift aid income from London Luton Airport Limited to Luton Cultural Services Trust would be used to fund libraries is correct or not”.

17. POLICE AND PUBLIC QUESTIONS

How do dispersal orders worked?

The Police advised dispersal orders would be dealt with by the Anti-social Behaviour Team and be effective from 28th July 2014 in time for the summer break.

Would dispersal orders be used to disperse gatherings of more than two people?

The Police advised they were enforceable to disperse 2 or more people from an area.

Were the Police still responsible for parking offences?

The Police were responsible for enforcing criminal offences but parking offences were now the responsibility of the local authority to enforce.

When would council tax collection rates go up from 90 to 100 per cent?

Councillor Rivers replied council tax collection rates had increased and most complaints that were received related to small amounts of money owed.

Who is Councillor Cato as he had not been present at any of the meetings this year?

Councillor Rivers replied Councillor Cato had some personal issues and would have attended today's meeting, but his father had fallen ill.

Why is the Busway Interchange not accessible from Guildford St?

Keith Dove, Service Manager, Transportation and Regulation replied the interchange was only used by buses and coaches. Hackney Carriages and private hire vehicles have access to the kiss and ride area only.

Can the Interchange be open for public use after 7pm as there was no way of accessing the East of Luton other than via Mill Street later in the evening?

The Service Manager replied the new road would provide access from Hucklesby Way and go under the train station car park. It will be a two-way road for vehicles to access the East of Luton.

What is the council policy on house with multi occupation and the dumping rubbish?

Councillor Rivers replied provision for houses with multiple occupation is outlined in the Local Plan and would require planning permission. Property owners are required to notify the council if property has more than 7 people occupying a property. It is the owners responsibility to ensure the surrounding areas of the property is kept tidy and the council would take action if that was not the case.

Councillor Chapman commented that fly tipping had increased since the bulky items removal charge was introduced.

Councillor Rivers replied that it was too early to speculate whether the increase in fly tipping was a factor to the charges introduced on 1st April 2014. The council would take action on fly tipping but it was difficult to find and prosecute the persons responsible which can be a time consuming process.

Resolved: (i) That the issues raised be noted.

(ii) That the Officer be requested to report back to the next meeting on options for the improvement to the interchange - Access to the busway interchange and hackney carriages use of bus lane down to Church Street.

18. NEIGHBOURHOOD GOVERNANCE – YOU SAY WE'RE DOING (REF: 7)

The following projects were highlighted by the Area Board Support Officer:

- **Community Speed Watch** – Is a community led scheme that is already in operating in Bedford and Central Bedfordshire. The scheme is

supported by the Bedfordshire and Luton Casualty Partnership, and enables volunteers to work within their communities to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and help control the problem locally. Volunteers are trained by Bedfordshire Police which covers the use of speed indicator devices and radar guns, conflict resolution and option for basic first aid.

- **Luton Volunteer Awards 2014** - Steven Dolby was congratulated for winning the Community Champion of the Year Award for his volunteering work for: Motor Neurone Disease Association, Street Pastors and St Thomas's Church

Resolved: That the report (Ref 7) be noted.

19. AREA BOARD REPORT (REF 8)

The following projects were approved by the Area Board:

Project Number	Project	Cost of Project	Amount Requested
CR 531	<u>Wenlock Junior School – Cooking Project</u> The project is a cooking club which is open to children and families in the school. Parents are invited to attend with their child and participate in cooking a healthy meal. Families experience the enjoyment of cooking a healthy meal together.	£1,000	£500 (Approved)
RG 532	<u>Ashcroft and Ramridge Tenants Association Ltd – Just a Treat Project</u> The scheme is open to anyone in need and accepts referrals from other organisations such as health and schools. The children centre is used to store donations received which is a struggle for storage space. The purchase of a storage unit would enable the scheme to continue accepting donations of larger items such as cots, buggies etc.	£955	£955 (Approved)
SP 533	<u>Putteridge Community Centre Nursery</u> To purchase an interactive whiteboard for children to	£2,592	£1,500 (Approved)

	deliver high quality training for staff on inset days.		
SP 534	<u>Active Luton Ltd Reducing Loneliness and Social Isolation Project</u> The application is for one year funding for the development of Full to Life in the Stopsley Ward, which is one of the two pilot wards of the Reducing Loneliness and Social Isolation project. The development work involves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piloting the project • Linking with the active retired club at Inspire • Recruiting and developing volunteers to take on the meet & greet work 	£3,600	£2,100 (Approved)
WI 535	<u>Raynham Way Users Association</u> The recent re-launch of the Raynham Way Users Association has attracted new members from across all user groups that operate from the centre. The project seeks to support the following events: Sunday – 30 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 20 th December 2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Christmas Party 	£1,380	£690 (Approved)

The Executive were praised by Councillor Davies for their quick response to remove the illegal encampment of travellers in the Stopsley area.

Residents of the East Luton Area Board were urged to continue to make strong representation to the Police to use their enforcement powers to remove travellers.

The following questions were raised:

A member of the public raised concerns regarding the total cost of the projects approved which were around £6,000 in total. He enquired what would happen to projects put forward at the November 2014 and March 2015 meetings.

Councillor Franks replied that an injection of money for housing projects completed in the East area was expecting to be released shortly.

The Area Support Officer advised on a late application received from the Safer Luton Partnership (SLP). Joan Bailey advised the SLP had been operating across the town since 1990 delivering a range of projects that prevent and reduce crime through multi agency and partnership working. The majority of the work was aimed at diverting young people away from anti-social behaviour and criminal activity by engaging them in meaningful activities. The activities were aimed at meeting personal, social and educational needs through one to one and group work.

The donation from the area board would be spent on providing a menu of services to tackle the increase youth incidents across the East area. Ward statistics for the Crawley, Round Green, Stopsley and Wigmore show an increase in anti-social behaviour, nuisance behaviour and criminal activity. A dispersal order had been sought from local people for the Wigmore area, which would tackle some of the issues in that particular ward, but would only result in some of the problems moving to other wards within the East area.

The SLP will use a tried and tested model working with a range of partners to seek to prevent and reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour and crime through a multi-faceted approach to ensure that the work is done holistically. A team of detached workers across the area will work to identify young people at risk of anti-social behaviour; those involved in criminal activity or need to be safeguarded against becoming involved in negative activities because of their vulnerability. The work would be supported by trained mentors who will work with the identified young people on a one to one basis or through group work activities. The young people would be given the opportunity to undertake the peer education training programme to develop their skills to access further education or training or to secure work.

Similar work had been carried out by SLP in the North and West area wards who pledged £65k over 2 years. The West area board is looking to take on detached work three nights a week across their area at a cost of £12k.

Resolved: (i) That the report (Ref 8) be noted.

(ii) That the East Luton Area Board relay its thanks to the Leader of the Council in supporting the Police to make use of their powers to remove the illegal encampment of travellers.

(iii) That the Board approves £20k be invested in the Safer Luton Partnership project following a meeting with Councillors Rivers, Franks and Skepelhorn with Joan Bailey.

20. HEALTH WATCH – LUTON GP REVIEW REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS (REF: 9)

Kay Kokabi, Health Watch Luton Project Officer presented the report which requested the Board to not the 8 recommendations for Luton Clinical Commissioning Group (LCCG).

He advised Healthwatch was created from the Health and Social Care Act and is an independent body. In England there were around 152 Healthwatch organisations. Healthwatch Luton specifically wanted to look at GP services in Luton.

A total of 39 visits were conducted by Healthwatch Luton to GP surgeries across Luton. The full report of with findings, recommendations and next steps has been published and reported to each Area Boards.

Some of the concerns raised were:

- people were happy with the GP services;
- 50% couldn't get an appointment with the GP;
- 4-% were unable to get through to their GP on the phone and
- the lack of access to GP surgeries for the disabled or those with buggies

The funding for GP practices is not governed by the LCCG but is held with NHS England which needs to invest more money in areas such as Luton that would into funding access to GP surgeries which are currently inaccessible to the disabled and those with buggies. Over 400 recommendations had been implemented and Healthwatch Luton requests the Area Board to support the 8 recommendations outlined in the report.

The following questions were made:

Can the money that GP's receive be used to improve access to surgeries?

The Health watch Project Officer replied the practice development budget received from NHS England could be used. However, two thirds of GP surgeries were found to have inadequate access for disabled people.

Are GP surgeries covered under the disability legislation?

The Project Officer replied the disability law states reasonable adjustments to buildings but it is not specific in that means and is therefore makes open to misinterpretation.

Dr Sims commented on the premises issued and advised that LCCG welcomed the reports recommendations which would be taken seriously. GP premises is an issue of concern that is being raised by LCCG with NHS England. Luton Clinical Commissioning Group were in the process of looking at co-commissioning work with NHS England and working collaboratively with other areas.

Resolved: That the East Luton Area Board supports the eight recommendations for Luton Clinical Commissioning Group and partners to progress.

21. LUTON CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (LCCG) – UPDATE (REF 10)

Dr Sims gave advised on the following priorities for LCCG:

- Patient participation groups – the LCCG Board meeting agreed that every GP practice should have a patient participation group
- LCCG group GP practices into clusters in Luton – GP practices were working together to bear influence on each other. There would be an expectation that care quality will increase. Which will influence commissioning and the priority will be to integrate services for the elderly and frail
- The procurement process for mental health is on-going
- Priority had been given to improve services and prevention of strokes

Resolved: That the oral update be noted.

22. MAJOR TRANSPORT PROJECTS – UPDATE (REF 11)

Keith Dove, Service Manager Transportation and Regulation gave an oral updates:

Luton Town Centre Transport Scheme – To be completed in two weeks' time

- Next phase - Access to Guildford Street up to the Job Centre would be permanently closed once new road open;
- Road resurfacing work of Bute Street in front of the Hat Factory to pedestrianize the area is due to start shortly;
- New Travel Centre – The contract had now been signed and work is due to start shortly.

Junction 10a –

- The temporary road is now in place to enable contractors to take out and build a new tunnel.
- Work is due to be completed late November early December. The next phase will be changes in traffic flow taking into account Airport Traffic, the removal of old roundabout which will take place around January/March 2015. The new road is due to open in April 2015 and further work to the overhead gantry is needed.

Resolved: That the Officer be thanked for the oral update.

23. ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING (REF 12)

Resolved: That a report back to the next meeting on options for the improvement to the interchange - Access to the busway interchange and hackney carriages use of bus lane down to Church Street.

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING (REF 13)

Thursday 6th November 2014 at Wenlock Junior School

(Meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.)

**YOU SAID
WE'RE DOING**



East Area Board

Neighbourhood Governance

Progress Report: July – November 2014

Date: Thursday 6 November

Name of Chair: Councillor Alan Skepelhorn

Reporting Officer: Gary J. Roberts

(On behalf of the East Luton Partnership Group)

This report gives an overview of progress on addressing community priorities in East Luton under the themes of 'safer and stronger communities', 'health and wellbeing' and 'environment and economy' as agreed by local people, councillors and council partners as part of the 'Your Say, Your Way' programme.

Successful community festival

A new successful approach was explored this year when Raynham Way Community Centre joined forces with Ramridge Primary School to deliver the East Luton Community Festival. Staff from the centre along with colleagues from the neighbourhood governance team worked closely with staff and parents from the school to plan June's event.

The sun was out as staff and volunteers descended on the school to set up in the morning of the event and the temperature kept rising as the day went on. Everyone was focused on making this a great event for the local community and things really could not have gone better. The community came along to enjoy an array of stalls, entertainment, dance displays, bungee run, bouncy castles, an obstacle course, gladiator duel, face painting and even a reptile show. The pupils also participated in their version of the world cup, using 'Your Say, Your Way' funding voted for by local residents.



Archery at Hart Hill Adventure Playground

A pilot archery event was organised at the adventure playground in August. The event was inspired by the London 2012 Olympics as it's recognised that the sport is highly valued across many faiths and cultures.

Luton Central Mosque, St Margaret Methodist Church, Beech Hill Methodist and All Saints Church have also come together to trial the sport. As a result the All Saints Church now has their own archery club. Work has also started on a project to attract children on the streets to the sport.

The main aims of the archery projects are to:

- target communities (particularly BME) to be more active and play sport
- promote families and provide opportunities for women to take part
- tackle isolation and promote cohesion
- make Luton a safer place and raise the confidence of people.

The Community Games will be held in Luton in November and Paralympian Champion Danielle Browns is expected to attend.

Powers boost antisocial behaviour fight

Police, councils and housing associations across Bedfordshire are to take advantage of new powers aimed at helping them to fight antisocial behaviour.

The powers came into effect on Monday, 20 October and are made possible following the Government's new Antisocial Behaviour Crime and Police Act 2014.

It was agreed to use the powers in Bedfordshire following a series of dedicated meetings between the police, councils and housing associations who agreed the key benefit of the legislation is that it helps 'put victims first' by making partnership working more effective and enforcement measures easier to implement.

New 'Community Protection Notices' will allow police and local authorities to tackle environmental antisocial behaviour such as noise or fly-tipping and issue fixed penalty tickets to those who breach them.

Local authorities will be able to impose new Public Space Protection Orders to prohibit certain kinds of behaviour, such as drinking and nuisance gatherings, within defined areas. Police and PCSOs will then be able to issue tickets to anyone who breaches them.

Under the legislation any victim who is unhappy with the response to an ongoing problem by police and partners can apply to pull a new "community trigger". The trigger requires partners to meet, review their response and consider what more can be done. Ways to apply the trigger will be advertised via the partners' websites and marketing materials.

For further information contact the antisocial behaviour team on **01582 394485** or email: **communitysafety@luton.gcsx.gov.uk**

Health and wellbeing



Improving GP services

Luton Clinical Commissioning Group has developed a new way of improving GP services in Luton.

The 31 GP practices have formed four clusters, each containing between seven and nine GP practices, with 40,000 – 60,000 patients. The aim is to deliver better joint-working for more joined-up services to Luton patients.

The development of clusters ensures practices come together and are supported in understanding their role as commissioners and to consider how best to improve the health and social care system.

One of the main functions of this new system is the two-way commissioning dialogue between the CCG and practices. GPs are our front-line clinicians and can help to shape commissioning through their day-to-day experience of health and social care services.



Council partners with CCG

A new partnership between Luton Borough Council and Luton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will mean that certain services such as complaints handling and communications will be provided by the local authority.

NHS customers can expect a continuing excellent service from this arrangement which represents better value for the tax payer.

Women-only health and fitness programmes



Active Luton's successful 'Me Time' programme is encouraging more and more women to take part in sport and physical activity.

'Me Time' offers a variety of women-only sports and fitness programmes across the town and in various community settings.

Activities are during the day, in the evening and at weekends so that everyone has the opportunity to participate.

As well as the physical activities, the programme also provides links into coaching and mentoring to help

develop local female leaders, mentors and coaches who can then encourage others to take part.

Helen Barnett, Chief Executive of Active Luton, said:

"We are very proud of this programme which ensures more local women are able to improve their health and wellbeing by taking part in sport and physical activity.

"There are a number of reasons why participation levels are low amongst women and this is all about working in a variety of community settings to not only make it easier for them to get involved, but also to give them the confidence to take part."

For more information contact Active Luton on 01582 40 02 72 or visit www.activeluton.co.uk



One of many 'Me Time' programmes taking place across Luton. This group has been presented with their learn to swim certificates.



Stronger and safer communities

The Big Iftar



REMEMBERING SREBRENICA



A multicultural event honoured the victims and survivors of the Srebrenica genocide and marked the breaking of the daily fast of Ramadan.



Dignitaries, community leaders, visitors to the town and Luton's citizens came together at the Chaul End Centre in July to honour the victims and survivors of the 1995 Srebrenica genocide - the worst attack on citizens suffered anywhere

in Europe since the second world war. The event also marked the breaking of the daily fast of Ramadan with a feast prepared by the Chaul End Nursery and friends.

This unique event, which brought people from different backgrounds and cultures together, was hosted by Luton in Harmony in association with Luton Borough Council, Bedfordshire Police, Luton Culture and the Remembering Srebrenica charity.

The memorial evening featured welcoming remarks by the Mayor of Luton, Cllr Mohammed Farooq, followed by Communities Minister Stephen Williams who spoke about his recent visit to Bosnia.

Visitors listened to emotional first-hand accounts from the 'Mothers of Srebrenica' survivors of the Bosnian genocide as well as Luton-based survivor of the war, Kelima Dautovic



(Community Centre Development Officer, Luton Culture), who spoke about the generosity of Lutonians and the support she received in the town. Her talk showed everyone both the horrors of war and how we as united communities in Luton can, should and did help.

LiveWellLuton

Steps to a healthier you

Weight Management programme

Live Well Luton is currently running a child weight management programme at Barnfield West Academy on Fridays from 5-6:30pm. This is a free 24-week programme for overweight children aged 5-15 years (and their parents and carers). The aim of the programme is to provide the knowledge and support needed to empower families to make healthier lifestyle choices.

For details call 01582 757635 or visit www.livewell-luton.org.uk.



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Remembrance Parade

As Luton commemorates the 100th anniversary of the start of World War 1, you may want to join in Luton's Remembrance Parade 2014 in November or help organise some commemorative event yourself.

If you would like to know more about this event or become part of the organising group please email one of the following people:

**Sandra.Hayes@luton.gov.uk,
Ann.Loeffler@luton.gov.uk or
David.Graves@lutonculture.com**

Stronger and safer communities

DON'T WAIT TO
**STOP THE
HATE**



Hate crime update

A Bedfordshire-wide hate crime strategy was launched in May and Luton has its own action plan. One of the main aims of the strategy is to increase reporting of hate crime.

Hate crime is nationally underreported. In fact, some studies estimate that four times as many hate crimes take place than are reported; other organisations put this figure much higher.

Hate crime includes physical attacks to people or property, threats such as offensive letters or phone calls, verbal abuse and mimicking, arson, graffiti, bullying at work or school and more.

These incidents are motivated by prejudice, bigotry or intolerance on the grounds of disability, ethnicity,

gender, race or ethnicity, religion or belief or sexual orientation.

So far in Luton the work on hate crime has resulted in an increase in the number of incidents reported.

Key work on the action plan includes training frontline council staff and groups within the community. Some local businesses have been contacted including bus companies and taxi firms to raise awareness of hate crime and to advise where to report and get support.

There has also been a Bedfordshire-wide communications campaign with new literature available, including an easy read leaflet on reporting hate crime and how victims can get support.

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**"Don't tolerate
Hate Crime"**

Hate crime includes incidents relating to
Disability, Race, Religion, Gender identity,
Sexual orientation



Report it to Bedfordshire Police so they can support you

Call them on 101 or 999 if you are in danger.

Or you can text them on: 07786 200011.

Send them an email: enquiries@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

Or find out more about the help available by going to:

www.bedfordshire.police.uk

Or call Crimestoppers anonymously



For more information about or if you want to attend a training session contact Laura Chalmers on **01582 394194** or email: laura.chalmers@luton.gcsx.gov.uk



Volunteer scheme continues to shine

The summer months have been a busy time for the Council Volunteer Scheme, which has seen over 4,000 volunteer hours contributed to the local community.

It also saw the hosting of the inaugural Luton Volunteer Awards. More than 200 people attended the event at the University of Bedfordshire which showcased Luton's very best volunteers who stand out for the unpaid work they do in the community.

The event, which was timed to coincide with National Volunteering Week, was organised to recognise, appreciate and thank volunteers for all the good they do in Luton.

Awards were made in 12 categories, recognising the hard work and dedication of Luton's best volunteers which has brought so many benefits to the town and its residents.

A range of local public, private and voluntary organisations came together with the Council to organise the inaugural awards. TUI UK & Ireland was the event's main sponsor, with a number of other organisations stepping in to fund individual award categories.

Other activities have seen pupils at Cheynes Infant School enjoying a revamped local play facility thanks to generous volunteers from TUI UK & Ireland.

Employees from the Luton-based holiday company braved the heat to give the local play area in the nearby Grampian Way Park a much needed makeover.

The project came about after Year 1 pupils at the school wrote to the Council and a local MP expressing their concerns about the condition of the park.

The pupils then liaised with the Council's Parks Service which contacted the authority's volunteering coordinator for assistance in finding an organisation to support the project.

The pupils were then given the opportunity to choose a colour scheme and make suggested improvements to the play area.

If you are a resident or a local business and want to get involved, email us on volunteering@luton.gov.uk or visit www.luton.gov.uk



Economy and environment

Adult Learning update

Luton Adult Learning and the Learning Partnership have provided funding support to 20 local projects which have been supported by the Community Learning Fund during 2013-14.

The fund was launched to support and encourage the voluntary and community sector and other third sector and not-for-profit organisations within Luton to deliver innovative learning which supports disadvantaged adults and addresses key local priorities.

The major fund bidding round is closed for now but the 'Small Grants Fund' will remain open to monthly applications until March 2015. For more information please visit www.lutonacl.ac.uk.

In addition, Luton Adult Learning has worked with the local community

and groups to provide upskilling opportunities in capacity building which includes education and training, bid writing, application workshops and presentation skills to enable them to apply for funding to support group activities and provide learning opportunities.

For more information contact
clt@lutonacl.ac.uk or call
01582 49 00 33.



Thanks for talking!

The '**We need to talk**' campaign on Luton Borough Council's budget was one of the largest consultations ever undertaken by the authority.

The questions were simple, the answers much less so, and we are currently analysing the mountain of responses received.

Having already saved £72million over the last four years, the Council has to identify further savings of £33million. Residents' suggestions have given Councillors valuable feedback about what they feel is important and which services they would choose to maintain or cut.

The Council would like to thank everyone who filled in an online or paper survey, recorded their views on the special display boards or chatted to Councillors on the sofa in the Mall. Feedback will be provided later this year.

East area update



Coming together to reduce loneliness and social isolation in Luton

Most people understand the emotional pain that loneliness can cause, but evidence shows it can also harm our physical and mental health too. In fact, research reveals that the impact of loneliness and social isolation on early death is equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day.

A project designed to reduce loneliness and help residents feel included in their communities has started in Luton. The aim of the project is to engage with residents and encourage them to find innovative ways of drawing lonely people into community life.

Initially focusing on Stopsley and Biscot, Luton Borough Council is working with volunteers to develop community-led solutions to the problem of loneliness and social isolation.

The idea is for volunteers to look into the nature and extent of loneliness in their areas and work with local organisations and communities to identify solutions to the problem.

We're looking for volunteers for the project so please get in touch if this sounds like something you would like to be involved in.

For more information or to get involved in the project contact Joe Biskupski on 01582 548774 or email: joe.biskupski@luton.gov.uk

Tribute and memorial to James Dyer F.S.A MA

There was a small gathering in October at Inspire: Luton Sports Village for the unveiling of a commemorative stone to celebrate the life of James Dyer and to mark his extensive research into the Stopsley National School which once stood on that site.

Stopsley National School stood on this spot from 1858 to 1912, when it was relocated in the centre of the village and the old building was retained as a meeting hall for the parish. The adjoining School House was occupied until his death.

After occupation by the Civil Defence during World War II, both School and House were demolished in 1956.

The memorial was funded by the East Luton Area Board and can be found on the left hand side of the road as you approach the gates to the crematorium. The stone bears a picture of James and one of the old school.



GreenHouse Mentoring café project

GreenHouse Mentoring (GHM) is an organisation which seeks to help young people to cope better with the stresses and strains of modern day living. They do this by providing quality, trained and screened volunteers to mentor and help these young people to reduce antisocial behaviour, adapt into society and unlock their potential.

GHM were recipients of 'Your Say, Your Way' participatory budgeting funding back in February to upgrade the computer systems they made available for the young people. However, shortly after this was announced, they lost a large proportion of their funding and it was agreed the funding could be allocated to supporting the GHM Café. The Café provides a safe and encouraging environment for all mentoring and training activities provided by GHM and is central to everything they do.

It's 'mind, body and soil' at Colwell Court

Groundwork Trust received 'Your Say, Your Way' participatory budgeting funding to run a project aimed at older people from Colwell Court sheltered housing scheme and day centre. The purpose of the venture is to train, encourage and support them to grow their own vegetables and soft fruit. The project is based on Groundwork's 'mind, body and soil' model.

The residents taking part have noticed physical and mental health benefits from getting involved. The project encourages gentle outdoor exercise and social interaction, which has proven successful.

The gardening tasks have been extremely good for residents who suffer from arthritis or bad joints as it encourages them to do light exercise.

The project has encouraged residents to interact with each other and new friendships have been formed as a result.

One participant commented: "I know we all have aches and pains but my arthritic wrists feel better after doing the gardening – it proves it can help. I do all sorts, like weeding, cutting things back, and harvesting vegetables. I'd never enjoyed gardening in all my life until I did this. Everyone can join in, it's everybody's to share."



Prevention and early intervention update

Between June and August Ashcroft Youth Zone had had more than 300 visits from families, children and young people. The activities were delivered by Ashcroft High School as well as the stronger families and targeted youth service teams. The Targeted Youth Work team are working intensively in the evening and weekends with 12 young people and their families who are some of the most vulnerable residents located in the East Area.

YOUR SAY YOUR WAY

...in East Luton

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Upcoming events in East Luton

All events at Raynham Way
Community Centre, 66 Eaton
Green Road, LU1 9JE

Christmas Faye

Saturday 29 November 2014,
12-4pm
Santa's grotto ★ Christmas crafts
Tombola ★ Bric-a-brac
Christmas raffle ★ Refreshments
Mulled wine ★ Hot spicy cider
★ and lots more

Community Children's Christmas Party

Saturday 20 December 2014,
1-3pm
■ Tickets £4 each
■ Children's entertainer
■ Grotto
■ Food and drink
■ Christmas gift for every child

50+ Community Christmas Party

Monday 22 December 2014,
4-8pm
■ Tickets: £6 each
■ Entertainer (DJ)
■ Bring your own favourite tipple
■ Buffet
For tickets and further information
contact the centre on
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AREA BOARD: EAST LUTON
CRAWLEY, ROUND GREEN, STOPSLEY &
WIGMORE WARDS

DATE: 6TH NOVEMBER 2014

SUBJECT: AREA REPORT

REPORT BY: HEAD OF POLICY & PERFORMANCE

CONTACT OFFICER: GARY J. ROBERTS 01582 546985

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	<p><u>Raynham Way Users Association – Bowls Group</u></p> <p><u>To supply</u> – Bowls Mat</p> <p>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.</p> <p>1 x Pair Regulation Rubber Delivery Mats</p>	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.

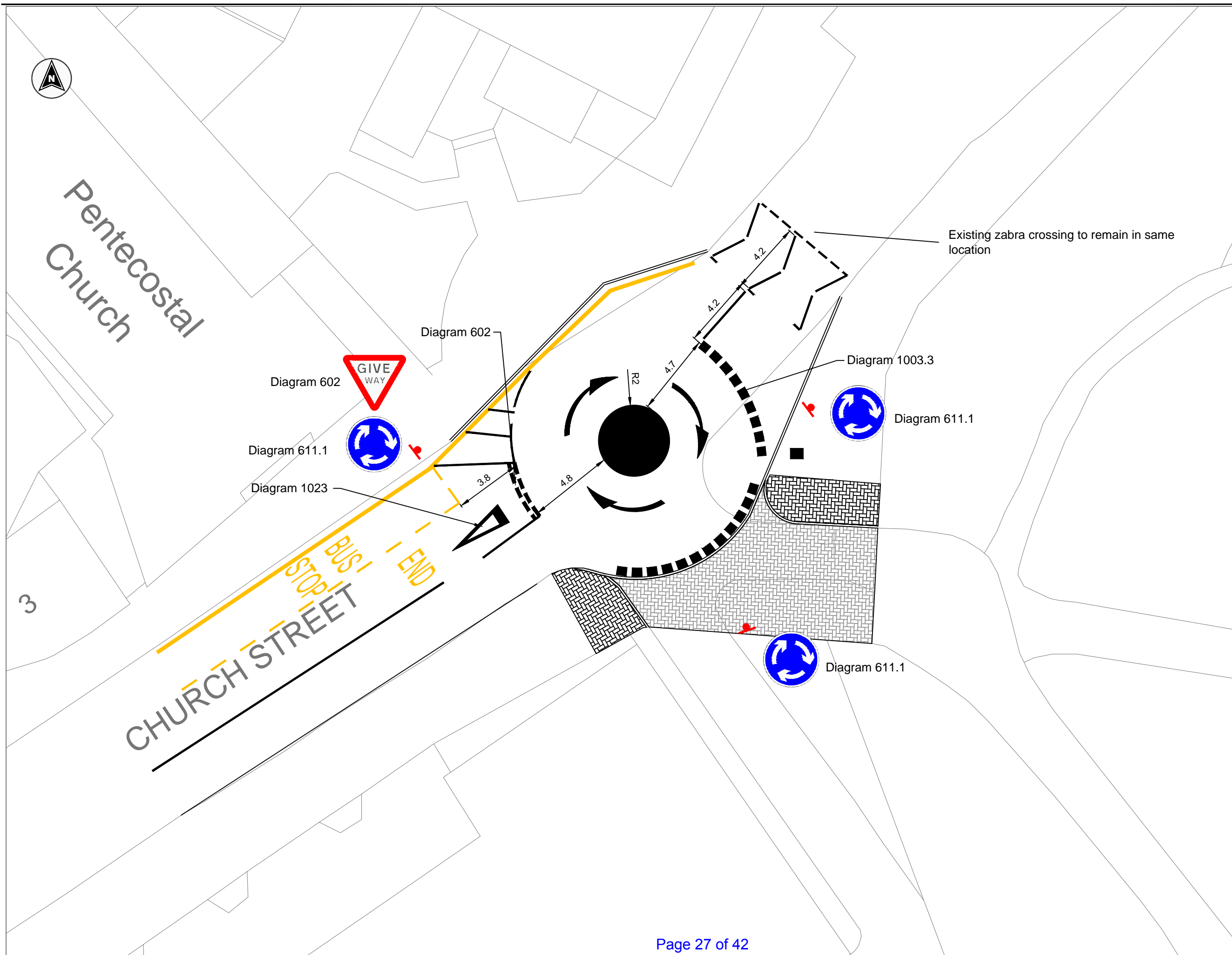
ENVIRONMENT IMPLICATIONS

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



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COMMITTEE: EAST LUTON AREA BOARD

DATE: 6TH NOVEMBER 2014

SUBJECT: DETACHED YOUTH WORK IN EAST LUTON

REPORT BY: JOAN BAILEY MBE
SAFER LUTON PARTNERSHIP

CONTACT OFFICER: GARY ROBERTS
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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL	COMMUNITY SAFETY	✓
EQUALITIES	ENVIRONMENT	✓
FINANCIAL	CONSULTATIONS	
STAFFING	OTHER	

WARDS AFFECTED: CRAWLEY, ROUND GREEN, STOPSLEY & WIGMORE

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report to offer the East Luton Area Board an update on the youth work being carried out in the East Luton area by the Safer Luton Partnership.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. East Luton Area Board is asked to note the report and to make any further recommendations that may address the issues of antisocial behaviour in the area.
3. East Luton Area Board may also wish to consider that in light of recent developments of antisocial behaviour in and around the vicinity of the Hart Hill Adventure Playground, whether the youth work resources which have been commissioned by this board need to be redirected to support the work at the playground.

BACKGROUND

4. In the latter part of June concerns were raised by the local community regarding varying degrees of antisocial behaviour that were being carried out by young people in the Round Green and Wigmore wards.

On the 30th June the Council's Executive gave consent to the local Divisional Commander, of Bedfordshire Police, giving an authorisation that the powers conferred by s30 (3) – (6) of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 are to be exercisable for a period of six months in respect of the area in Round Green and Wigmore as was then outlined

5. Following this decision the East Luton Area Board commissioned the support of the Safer Luton Partnership to carry out some youth intervention in the said areas as a means of interacting and addressing the problems that were taking place.

REPORT

6. Following confirmation of funding detached youth workers were employed to work in the East area (Crawley, Round Green, Stopsley & Wigmore wards)

A meeting was held with the local councillor reps to identify areas of concern and on the basis of this the detached workers have been out two or three nights a week covering the areas where there are groups of young people hanging out but not always necessarily causing a nuisance.

The initial areas covered as identified were:-

- Stopsley
- Hart Hill Adventure Playground
- Round Green
- Wigmore (around shops)

Particular Roads were

- Thurston Green
- Abbotswood Road
- Hart Lane
- Ashcroft Road
- Turners Road

7. Staff from the detached team worked in these areas each week making links with young people, building a relationship and talking about issues and concerns. This work resulted in a piece of work with a group of young people on drinking and health information, another with a group of younger individuals on smoking and related issues.

8. The SLP has liaised with Laura Chalmers the ASB officer for this area and a number of individuals have been identified and signposted to projects to undertake one to one work
9. We utilise information from the ASB team to direct the focus of the work and to make sure that we are lining to the local youth issues

HART HILL ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

10. We have met with the Business Development Coordinator at Hart Hill Adventure playground who has shared major concerns regarding levels of antisocial behaviour that are taking place at the playground and in the neighbourhood. As a result we will be extending the hours of the detached team so they can start their evenings at the playground on Thursdays and Fridays to:-
 - Work with young people are have not been excluded but are acting out challenging behaviour.
 - Focus on the 10 – 12 year olds who need more than play work but are in danger of following in the footsteps of older siblings and other local young people who are/have demonstrated antisocial behaviour.
 - Carry our detached work in the local area and engage with those who have been excluded from the playground until such time that issues with the playground staff have been amicably resolved.
11. The staff at the playground are seeking to start a youth club in the New Year aimed at this age group and we have agreed to support this initially until March 2015.

MENTORS

12. We have recruited six young people who are being trained as mentors to support individuals brought to our attention.

ALDWYCK HOUSING

13. Aldwyck Housing is seeking to do some work in the Stopsley area and an initial meeting with them has taken place to look at joint working to ensure sharing of resources and to eliminate any duplication in work. We are looking to develop some youth focus work to build on what they have already started
14. Future work consists of:-
 - Ongoing Detached Work in targeted areas

- Working with local police officers
- Priority working with ASB officers
- Running workshops to address identified issues
- Mentoring identified young people
- Assisting at the Hart Hill Adventure playground youth club

PROPOSAL/OPTION

15. Members are asked to note the report.

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

None

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Subject: APPLICATION FOR A DISPERSAL ORDER UNDER SECTIONS 30 TO 36 (PART 4) OF THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACT 2003 (For Executive Only) Lead Executive Member(s): Cllr N. Ayub Wards Affected: Round Green, Wigmore	Consultations: Councillors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scrutiny <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholders <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/>	(x) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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Recommendations 1. Executive is recommended to consent to the local Divisional Commander, Bedfordshire Police giving an authorisation that the powers conferred by s30 (3) – (6) of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 are to be exercisable for a period of six months in respect of the area in Round Green and Wigmore as outlined on the map attached as Appendix A.
Background 2. Part 4 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 introduced the power for a “relevant officer” i.e. a Police Officer of or above the rank of superintendent, with the consent of the local authority to authorise uniformed constables to give directions requiring the dispersal of groups and to remove persons under 16 years of age to their place of residence. 3. The power can be applied where a relevant officer has reasonable grounds for believing: a) That any members of the public have been intimidated, harassed, alarmed or distressed as a result of the presence or behaviour of groups of two or more persons in public places in any locality in his Police area (the “relevant locality”), and b) That anti-social behaviour is a significant and persistent problem in the relevant locality. 4. If a constable in uniform has reasonable grounds for believing that the presence or behaviour of a group of two or more persons in a public place has resulted, or is likely to result, in any members of the public being intimidated, harassed, alarmed or distressed he/she may give one or more of the following: (a) a direction requiring the persons in the group to disperse (either immediately or by such time as he/she may specify and in such way as he/she may specify); (b) a direction requiring any of those persons whose place of residence is not within the relevant locality to leave the relevant locality or any part of the relevant locality (either immediately or by such time as he/she may specify and in such way as he/she may specify); (c) a direction prohibiting any of those persons whose place of residence is not within the relevant locality from returning to the relevant locality or any part of the relevant locality for such period (not exceeding 24 hours) from the giving of the direction as he/she may specify; 5. Furthermore, if between the hours of 9pm and 6am, a constable in uniform finds a person in any public place in the relevant locality who he/she has reasonable grounds to believe; -

- (a) is under the age of 16; and
- (b) is not under the effective control of a parent or a responsible person aged 18 or over.

he/she may remove the person to the person's place of residence unless he has reasonable grounds for believing that the person would, if removed to that place, be likely to suffer significant harm.

6. The Act requires that the relevant officer seek the consent of the relevant local authority (or local authorities) and that upon that consent being given an authorisation notice should be published in a local newspaper and/or by posting a notice in a conspicuous place or places within the relevant locality.
7. A dispersal order may be exercised for a maximum period of six months, although an extension may be applied for and authorised at a later date.

The current position

8. Council officers received a formal request on the 5th June 2014 authorised by Superintendent David Boyle of Bedfordshire Police seeking the Council's consent to the making of a Dispersal Order under the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 for an area of Round Green and Wigmore.
9. As a result of reviewing the reported incidents in the area, the dispersal order is sought for an area smaller than that originally requested by Bedfordshire Police. The area for which the application is made can be seen on the map at Appendix A.
10. A copy of the Police information on the incidents occurring in this area has been made available to the portfolio holder and to the leader of the Council, but this information is not included within the report or available for members of the public.
11. There has been a significant amount of anti-social behaviour reported from residents in the area over the last year with an escalation experienced in the last 4 months. The Council's community safety team has been working with Bedfordshire Police to collate details of this anti-social behaviour and has assessed the number of reports. This assessment shows an increase of 30% in reported incidents between February 2014 and May 2014 when compared to the same period last year.
12. The types of anti-social behaviour reported are:
 - aggression and intimidation to local residents by males in the area
 - youth related nuisance – including rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour
 - threatening behaviour to vulnerable residents
 - abusive behaviour
 - damage to property and vehicles
 - drug dealing and use
 - littering and detritus
 - criminal damage
 - inappropriate uses of public spaces.
13. The residents in the area are reporting a high level of impact on them stating they are intimidated, anxious, scared and very nervous due to the ongoing anti-social behaviour. They report that they feel like prisoners in their own homes, some residents stay away at friends to avoid confrontation with the group, elderly residents have reported fear of visiting local shops or

inviting visitors to their homes. They report that they fear that the issues are escalating. Many residents are too fearful to make formal complaints about the group.

14. Ongoing work is taking place in the location by agencies across the soLUTiONs Community Safety Partnership. This has included:

- Interventions deployed to identify perpetrators – including warning visits, acceptable behaviour contracts and housing related action.
- Engaging with parents of youths involved in the unacceptable behaviour.
- Police patrol and visible uniformed police presence.
- Liaison with other agencies including Youth Offending Team to identify alternative intervention options.
- Deployed additional CCTV in the location.
- Residents have identified, and paid for, some environmental improvements.

Goals and Objectives

15. The main goal of the Dispersal Order is to tackle the anti-social behaviour being reported and to reduce the fear of crime and the number of further incidents. By approving the Dispersal Order residents in the area would feel reassured and confident that agencies are doing what they can to tackle the issue proactively and to reduce the threat, harm and risk currently being caused in the area.
16. The legislation gives additional powers to deal with the anti-social behaviour occurring in the area. The ability to disperse those in a group and involved in anti-social behaviour, and for it to be an offence for them to return will be an invaluable tool to enable Officers to tackle the issues more effectively. It will provide residents with a relief from the constant anti-social behaviour they have been subjected to.
17. As well as reducing the offending in the area, a further goal would be to converse with the young people and divert them away from being involved in the anti-social behaviour. Whilst enforcing the Dispersal Order, Officers will be able to engage with any young people, and potentially divert them from being involved in more serious incidents.
18. A further goal of the Dispersal Order would be to identify those involved in the behaviour for consideration for further action. By stopping individuals in the area and obtaining their details further tools and powers could potentially be used to tackle the behaviour.

Proposal

19. It is proposed that;
- The Council gives support and consent to allow the implementation of a Dispersal Order in the Round Green / Wigmore area as specified at Appendix A.

Key Risks

20. Whilst there is an issue around civil liberty and the potential for people not involved in the anti-social behaviour to be affected by these orders, should the Executive fail to support the applications for a Dispersal Order there is a risk that the Council will be viewed as not being responsive to the concerns of local people about anti-social and criminal behaviour. This could lead to criticism and a negative public reaction. It may also impact adversely on the Council's community cohesion initiative.

Consultations
<p>21. The following partners have met or been consulted on the tactics available to address the issues in the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bedfordshire Police • Youth Offending Service • Probation • Housing • Community Safety Team • Ward councillors & the Community Safety Portfolio holder
Appendices attached:
Appendix A- Map of area subject of the Dispersal Order
Background Papers:
None

IMPLICATIONS

For Executive reports

- grey boxes must be completed
- all statements must be cleared by an appropriate officer

For CLMT Reports

Clearance is not required

		Clearance – agreed by:
Legal	Save for those identified in the body of the report there are no direct legal implications to the report.	Clive Tobin Senior Solicitor (litigation) on the 13 th June 2014
Finance	There are no financial implications to the Council as this dispersal order will be enforced by the Police.	Darren Lambert, Finance Manager for Environment & Regeneration, on 12 th June 2014

Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) – Key Points

Equalities/ Cohesion/Inclusion (Social Justice)	<p>Residents from a broad range of characteristics have been affected by the ongoing anti-social behaviour – including young and older persons, ages, races and sexes.</p> <p>Ongoing anti-social behaviour negatively affects people's sense of community and their ability to function normally as individuals and collectively. The continuation of anti-social behaviour in this area will adversely affect the community cohesion and inclusion in this area. There is already evidence that residents are changing their daily behaviour and are unable to use public spaces.</p> <p>The dispersal order is a positive step to alleviate some of this behaviour and in giving residents more confidence and satisfaction with their area has the potential to improve community cohesion.</p>	Agreed Sandra Legate Equality and Diversity Policy Manager 12 th June 2014
Environment	Reports of anti-social behaviour have included littering, criminal damage, and the impact being to	Agreed by Strategy & Sustainability Officer on

	cause residents to feel that they are unable to enjoy their local area. A reduction in these incidents would positively impact the local environment and improve the image of the locality.	the 13 th June 2014
Health	This will have a potential positive impact for communities experiencing anti-social behaviour.	Chimeme Egburah Advanced Health Improvement Specialist on the 13 th June 2014
Community Safety	The authorisation of this dispersal order will, it is felt, have a positive impact on improving the quality of life of the residents and users of the area covered by the order.	Sarah Hall, Service Manager Public Protection 12 th June 2014
Staffing	N/A	
Other	N/A	

FOR EXECUTIVE ONLY - Options:

- (a) Reject the proposals
- (b) Approve the proposals with a modification
- (c) Approve the proposals subject to them meeting a specific condition (conditional approval can only be granted in the limited circumstances specified in the regulations).

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

DATE: 6TH NOVEMBER 2014

SUBJECT: Housing Environmental Fund Projects

REPORT BY: Head of Housing

CONTACT OFFICER: Sarah Markham 01582 547276

IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL

COMMUNITY SAFETY

EQUALITIES

ENVIRONMENT

FINANCIAL

CONSULTATIONS

STAFFING

OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: CRAWLEY, ROUND GREEN, STOPSLEY,
WIGMORE

PURPOSE

1. To advise the Board of the process for the identification, prioritisation, selection and delivery of Council Housing environmental projects at ward level; and ask approval from members to proceed with the proposals for projects within their ward area.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

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

BACKGROUND

3. There is currently an amount of £40,000 allocated for the provision of Housing Environmental Fund projects throughout Luton. This allocation is available for the provision of small improvements on housing land for the benefit of the council tenants in the area. The budget is allocated across the ward on a per council property basis. Wards with less than 100 council housing properties would 'partner' with another ward
4. The decision on spend will be made by the ward councillors and local tenants, including any tenant representative for that area.
5. If there is excess budget remaining members can agree for this to be used by another ward to support any possible overspend.

6. Distribution across wards is as follows:

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Biscot	£593.47	Hightown	£1,562.81	Round Green	£2,294.76
Bramingham	£326.41	Icknield	£1,320.47	Saints	£875.37
Challney	£316.52	Leagrave	£4,634.03	South	£4,223.54
Crawley	£1,350.15	Lewsey	£5,865.48	Stopsley	£959.45
Dallow	£652.82	Limbury	£964.39	Sundon Park	£2,576.66
Farley	£5,123.64	Northwell	£4,530.17	Wigmore	£1,829.87

REPORT

7. The process is as follows:

- The relevant Generic Housing Officer (GHO) will coordinate requests for projects from local ward Councillors, local tenants and tenant representatives; or project suggestions from the GHO which have been consulted on with tenants on ideas for suitable schemes to put forward as proposed projects.
- The Housing Services Team will collate the proposed projects for each ward and arrange for costs to be obtained.
- Once costs are obtained the proposed project will be presented to the Area Board for approval to proceed.
- Approved schemes will be commissioned through BTS or other approved contractors.
- Proposed projects that are identified but cross ward areas will be highlighted and managed appropriately by the Housing Services Team on a case by case basis (e.g. discussion & consultation with both ward Councillors etc.).
- Ward councillors will ensure that proposed projects approved benefit Council Tenants and or estates and are an appropriate use of Housing Revenue Account (HRA) funding.
- Details of scheme spend will be kept to facilitate appropriate auditing as required.

8. Final sign off /approval of schemes through the Head of Housing.

PROPOSAL/OPTION

9. The following projects have been proposed for the East Area:

PROPOSED PROJECTS – Crawley Ward

Cllr. Melvin Cato, Cllr. David Franks

Position	Requested by	Proposed Project	Estimated Cost
		None received	£ Nil
		Total Costs	£ Nil
		Total Ward Allocation	£ 1,350.15
		Remaining Balance	£ 1,350.15

PROPOSED PROJECTS – Round Green Ward

Cllr. Yaqub Hanif, Cllr Mark Rivers, Cllr Mohammed Zia

Position	Requested by	Proposed Project	Estimated Cost
		None received	£ Nil
		Total Costs	£ Nil
		Total Ward Allocation	£ 2,294.76
		Remaining Balance	£ 2,294.76

PROPOSED PROJECTS – Stopsley Ward

Cllr. Jenny Davies, Cllr. Michael Dolling

Position	Requested by	Proposed Project	Estimated Cost
		None received	£ Nil
		Total Costs	£ Nil
		Total Ward Allocation	£ 959.45
		Remaining Balance	£ 959.45

PROPOSED PROJECTS – Wigmore Ward

Cllr. Peter Chapman, Cllr. Diane Moles, Cllr Alan Kepelthorn

Position	Requested by	Proposed Project	Estimated Cost
		None received	£ Nil
		Total Costs	£ Nil
		Total Ward Allocation	£ 1,829.87
		Remaining Balance	£ 1,829.87

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D

There are no background papers to this report.

COMMITTEE: EAST LUTON AREA BOARD
DATE: 6TH NOVEMBER 2014
SUBJECT: TIMWORTH CLOSE - SHRUB PRUNING
REPORT BY: HEAD OF ENGINEERING AND STREET SERVICES

CONTACT OFFICER: BARRY TIMMS 546702

IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL		COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES		ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	✓	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING		OTHER ✓

WARDS AFFECTED: WIGMORE

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this report is for Members to consider a request from residents for heavy pruning/removal of shrubberies in Timworth Close to permit more surveillance to try and reduce the problems being experienced by youths.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. East Luton Area Board is recommended to instruct officers to:
 - (i) Carry out work on extra heavy routine prune (paragraph 10) and as soon as possible
 - (ii) Bring a report back to the East Area Board if problems in this area continue.

BACKGROUND

3. Timworth Close is an area of 2200 square metres open space with 437 square metres of shrubbery, planted previously to control the playing of football on the grass area.
4. During the summer residents have reported problems with nuisance youths congregating in the shrubberies and one serious incident in late summer.
5. Since January 2011 the parks section has received five complaints with regards overgrown shrubs on Timworth Close.

REPORT

6. As residents have requested that the shrub beds/trees be removed to give improved views when their children are playing on the green. Officers are of the view that the extent residents have requested, that the pruning/ removal should be discussed with the local residents, ward councillors and the Police and the best opportunity for this is this meeting of the area board.
7. The Parks Manager has inspected the open space and reports that the area is overgrown with the shrubs up to 2 metres in height and reports that:
 - a) With the budget reductions in parks the number and frequency of visits to shrubs beds has been reduced to once during the winter.
 - b) The current practice involves a winter visit when the shrubs will be reduced by 50%, followed by an application of a residual weed killer, then the pruning's shredded on site and returned to the bed in the form of mulch.

PROPOSAL/OPTION

8. Listed below are the options available to assist in creating a more open aspect to the park;
9. Instruct that the normal winter visit next week when the shrubs will be reduced by 50%, a residual weed killer applied then the pruning's shredded on site and return to the bed in the form of a mulch (within existing budgets).
10. To request that the parks department make their annual visit from next week and reduce the shrubs by 75% and lift the lower branches from

the trees to open the view across the open space (within existing budgets).

11. Or remove four of the shrubberies in the park and sow to grass. As the parks has no budget provision for such work an estimate of the cost is £1500 which would needs to be funded.
12. Alternatively remove four of the shrubberies in the park and replace with smaller low growing shrubs. As the parks has no budget provision for such work an estimate of the cost is £1750 which would be needed to funded.
13. Instruct either as an alternative or in addition further work on the trees again lifting all the lower branches and thinning where sensible at a further cost of £2000.
14. Officers recommend that the option given at paragraph 10 be accepted in the first instance and its effect should be monitored to see what effect it has on the activity of the youths.
15. If problems continue a further report is required then these other options could be considered at a future meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

16. As stated previously with the budget reductions the number and frequency of visits has now been reduced from four a year to once.

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

There are no background papers.