

COMMITTEE: WEST LUTON AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY 15th JUNE 2011

SUBJECT: INCENTIVES FOR RESIDENTS ATTENDING
CONSULTATION EVENTS

REPORT BY: INTERIM HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL		COMMUNITY SAFETY	
EQUALITIES	√	ENVIRONMENT	
FINANCIAL	√	CONSULTATIONS	√
STAFFING		OTHER	

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE

1. To inform the West Area Committee that a revised policy on payments and incentives to residents attending consultation events is being considered by the Executive on 20 June 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

2. The West Area Committee is recommended to note this report.

BACKGROUND

3. At the West Area Committee on the 25th January 2011 a member of the public queried the payment of incentives to residents attending certain consultation events.

REPORT

4. It is important to ensure that a representative range of views is heard in public engagement. We recognise that some people incur costs and may be unable to participate unless financial assistance can be made available to help them.
5. There is a need to balance the need for such payments from time to time alongside prudent management of public funds.
6. The policy on payments and incentives to residents attending consultation events is being revised. A report is due to be considered by the Executive on 20 June 2011.

PROPOSAL/OPTION

7. It is proposed that members of the West Area Committee note this report. The revised policy, once considered by the Executive on 20 June 2011, will be considered as an information item at the next meeting of this Committee.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

8. An Equalities Impact Assessment will be carried out on the revised policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The financial implications of the revised policy will be reported to the Executive on 20 June 2011.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no direct legal implications of this report. This was agreed with the Interim Principal Solicitor on 31st May 2011.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D

None