

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Rugby Area Committee

Date of Committee 24 May 2007

Report Title Electoral Divisional Panels

Summary This report provides an update on actions agreed at recent Electoral Divisional Panels, and introduces a timetable of future meetings.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No

Background papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Cllr John Vereker, Chair – Rugby Area Committee
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal Peter Endall, Solicitor
- Finance
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by this Committee

To Council

To Cabinet

To an O & S Committee

To an Area Committee

Further Consultation

Rugby Area Committee – 24 May 2007

Electoral Divisional Panels

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

That members comment on this report as they see fit.

1.0 Introduction

This report updates Rugby Area Committee on issues which have been discussed at recent Electoral Divisional Panel meetings, and provides a timetable of future meetings.

2.0 Overall Summary

2.1 Since March's report, Panels have met in Admirals, Eastlands & Hillmorton, Dunchurch, Fosse and Earl Craven. Minutes of these meetings are available from the Rugby Area Office.

2.2 The Rugby Area Office has continued to support Electoral Divisional Panels in line with the arrangements agreed at March's Area Committee.

We are continuing to work with Councillors and partners to look at how meetings can best be publicised in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

We are also working to make sure that all partners and stakeholders are fully engaged in the process, and that appropriate representatives report to and attend the meetings.

2.3 Members will be aware that we were unable to hold public meetings after the announcement of the local elections.

The Police, however, did organise a Rugby Town West Panel meeting on 29th March, where local community safety issues were discussed. In future the Rugby Town West Panel will be organised by the Rugby Area Office, and progress will be reported to Area Committee.

Please note also that due to the election period the Earl Craven Panel on 29th March was closed to the general public.

3.0 Key actions agreed at meetings:

3.1 Admirals (14th March)

3.1.1 Attendance: 24

3.1.2 Actions agreed:

Partners to continue to work together to resolve anti-social behaviour issues in the Admirals area.

3.2 Eastlands & Hillmorton (20th March)

3.2.1 Attendance: 40

3.2.2 Actions agreed:

- 'Quality Bus Corridor' consultation to link in with EDP Roadshow on 23rd June.
- Tackling anti-social behaviour in the High Street and Hoskyn Close area of Hillmorton:
 - Police to increase patrols
 - WCC and RBC to investigate closing alley-way
 - All agencies to consider any other possible actions

3.3 Dunchurch (21st March)

3.3.1 Attendance: 33

3.3.2 Actions agreed:

- CAB to lead a campaign regarding the future of rural post offices, involving all Parish Councils in the Dunchurch Division.
- The Panel was satisfied with the Police's response to the situation regarding offroad motorbikes on the disused railway line between Marton and Draycote, and will agree further local policing priorities at its next meeting.
- Sustrans to notify Parish Councils (via WCC Rugby Area Office) of improvements to cycle-routes.
- WCC to give Parish Councils advance warning of Blue Boar closure
- County Highways will investigate and report back directly to the Parishes regarding Highways issues raised at the meeting.

3.4 Fosse (26th March)

3.4.1 Attendance: 15

3.4.2 Actions agreed:

- Signage on A5/Magna Park roundabout to be improved by the Highways Agency
- The meeting received information around speeding and road accidents, Regional Spatial Strategy, Parish Plans, and 'Special Expenses'.
- The meeting discussed 'community safety' issues, and strongly requested Police attendance at future meetings.

3.5 Earl Craven (29th March)

3.5.1 Attendance: 27

3.5.2 Priorities agreed for the Safer Neighbourhoods Police Team (progress to be reported at next meeting):

- Under-age drinking
- Anti-social behaviour, particularly in Wolston (to include graffiti removal project through Probation Service)

- Off-road bikes in Brandon Wood

3.5.3 Progress reported against previously agreed priorities:

Police Safer Neighbourhood Team - improved communication and visibility:

- Police Sergeant & Team visiting villages
- CAPS messaging scheme to Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators
- PCSO or PC to attend all Parish Council meetings

Issue around footpath gap in A46 to be resolved as part of Tollbar island works

3.5.4 The meeting also noted:

- The Borough Council is in process of purchasing a permanent site in Ryton for dedicated Traveller use

4.0 Forthcoming Panel meetings:

Date	Time	Division	Venue
Tues 12th June	7.30pm	Earl Craven	Brinklow Church Room
Wed 13th June	7.30pm	Dunchurch	Willoughby Village Hall
Mon 18th June	6.30pm	Brownsover	St Andrews Benn School
Sat 23rd June (roadshow event)	11am-2pm	Eastlands & Hillmorton	St George's Hall, Hillmorton
Wed 4th July	7pm	Rugby Town West	To be confirmed
September			
Wed 12th September	7.30pm	Dunchurch	Grandborough Village Hall
Monday 17th September	6.30pm	Brownsover	TBC
Thurs 20th September	7.30pm	Earl Craven	TBC
Wed 26th September	7pm	Eastlands & Hillmorton	Eastlands Primary School
Tues 30th October	7.30pm	Fosse	TBC
TBC	TBC	Rugby Town West	TBC
December			
Wed 12th December	7.30pm	Dunchurch	TBC
Thurs 13th December	7pm	Eastlands & Hillmorton	Abbots Farm Infant School
Thurs 10th January 2008	7.30pm	Earl Craven	TBC
Mon 21st January 2008	6.30pm	Brownsover	TBC
TBC	TBC	Rugby Town West	TBC

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