

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING
20TH DECEMBER 2007

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMUNITY AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE 5TH DECEMBER 2007

LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP REVIEW PANEL

The LSP Review Panel was established by the Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee on 13th June 2007. The Review Panel was requested to look at how effectively the Local Strategic Partnership had delivered the neighbourhood renewal agenda.

The overarching objective of the scrutiny exercise was to review the capacity of partner agencies to deliver the Local Public Service Agreement 2 (LPSA 2) crime and fire targets in the Horsefair, Broadwaters and Greenhill areas of Kidderminster, which, if achieved by 31st March 2009, would contribute towards bringing a Reward Grant of £1 million.

Members felt that a key issue was that part-time officer support for the Horsefair / Broadwaters and Greenhill areas was provided by the Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder, which has its own LPSA 2 targets to deliver for the Oldington and Foley park Ward.

The Panel drafted a set of questions for partners to respond to in order to answer the questions raised in the Review Panel's Terms of Reference. The following individuals / organisations were invited to make a presentation to the panel:

- Walter Delin, Chief Executive, Wyre Forest District Council
- Chief Inspector J Baker, Wyre Forest Constabulary
- Councillor J P Campion, The Leader of the Council
- Ms M Bryan, Worcester County Council
- Mr P Amos, Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service
- Councillor P Gretton
- Mr J Taylor Smith, Head of Community Partnership
- Dr Banerjee, Worcestershire Primary Care Trust
- Councillor N Desmond, Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET

- 1 The District Council develop a clear position statement for the economic regeneration and neighbourhood renewal of the Horsefair area of Kidderminster, to ensure there is a strategic and co-ordinated approach between all partners, thus maximising potential resource investment.**
- 2 The positive commitment and contribution being made to the delivery of the LPSA 2 targets from all agencies and in particular the work of the**

Worcestershire Primary Care Trust, West Mercia Constabulary and Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service in the delivery of community focused projects be noted.

- 3 It be acknowledged that the economic regeneration and urban renewal of the Horsefair must be a prime driver in the Local Development Framework and that the provision of a Project Co-ordinator would help to ensure that all sectors of the community are fully represented.**
- 4 From the evidence provided by partners, the key risk identified was the lack of capacity from within existing resources to deliver the LPSA 2 targets for Horsefair, Broadwaters and Greenhill. A full time Project Co-ordinator be appointed specifically to manage the Horsefair, Broadwaters and Greenhill Project and that the salary together with the on-costs do not exceed £30,000. Support for the funding of the post be sought from other partners, for example Worcestershire County Council, although the post should not be made dependant on joint funding. It is also recommended that the post be advertised on a three year contract and that funding in the first year is supplied by the District Council and County Council with years two and three being supplied from the reward grant. This post is based on the 'invest to save principle' and would compliment and work alongside the Neighbourhood Management Pathfinder programme.**
- 5 In view of concerns raised regarding the sustainability of some community initiatives, identified in the scrutiny exercise, and in particular Children's Centres, as Government funding will expire in 2011, sustainability be addressed at County level and that the District Council seek clarification.**