

# **REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO COUNCIL - 18 JULY 2006**

## **AREA FORUM PILOTS - UPDATE REPORT**

1. The three pilot area forums have all held their second meetings. Feedback from the public at all three sessions was very positive and there was a good attendance overall.

### **Coppull**

2. The Coppull Area Forum was held on Tuesday, 13 June at the Royal British Legion Club, Coppull. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting.

### **Clayton-le-Woods North**

3. The Clayton-le-Woods Area Forum as held on Wednesday, 21 June at the Clayton Brook Village Hall. Approximately 30 members of the public attended the meeting.

### **Lostock**

4. The Lostock Area Forum was held on Thursday, 6 March at Bretherton. CE Endowed Primary School. Approximately 15 people attended.

### **Key Issues from the Public**

5. A wide range of issues were raised by members of the public at all three meetings. They included the following:
  - Problems with the recycling containers
  - Street cleanliness following recycling collections
  - Lack of activities for teenagers
  - Juvenile nuisance
  - Under age drinking causing disturbance
  - Anti-social behaviour
  - Opening times for Astley Hall
  - Motorcyclists using open land
  - Traffic speeding and potential traffic calming schemes and more speed cameras
  - Dog fouling
  - Health services in local areas
  - Poor public transport in some areas
  - Reduced bus services recently
  - Funding required for local groups
  - More information required on the new concessionary fare scheme
  - Ambulance response times in rural areas

### **Neighbourhood Newsletters**

6. Publicity leaflets were hand-delivered to each household in the three pilot areas for the first round of meetings held in February/March 2006. For the second round of meetings neighbourhood newsletters were produced and delivered to every household.

7. The newsletters included feedback on the first round of Pilot meetings and highlighted the details of the forthcoming meeting. It also included details of activities for youngsters and an update on improvements to the recycling scheme. The 'You said, we did' feature gave direct feedback to issues raised at the previous meetings and contact lists to help local people contact the right people at the Council as well as in the community.

### **Next Steps**

8. The third and final round of the Pilot Scheme meetings are planned for:  
  
Coppull - 20 September  
Clayton North - 12 October  
Lostock - 8 September
9. Comprehensive evaluation of the pilot will take place following the completion of the final round of the meetings in October 2006.
10. The Area Forum Working Group will hold a meeting in September to receive details of the views expressed by the former Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel during the scrutiny inquiry and feedback from the meeting to be held with Partner organisations in early September. These findings should also inform the process of establishing new structures for neighbourhood engagement across the Borough. A report outlining these recommendations will be presented to Council in November/December 2006.

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There are no background papers to this report.