

ROCHDALE BOROUGHWIDE HOUSING

MIDDLETON AREA PANEL

MONDAY, 2 JUNE 2008

1 NOTES OF LAST MEETING

2 MATTERS ARISING

Chair – BB has resigned as Chair. Connor was elected unopposed as Chair. RT raised training for chairs. AW reported that TPU arranging at next chairs' meeting this month [for information *training to take place 10.0am- noon, 3rd July Old Post Office*].

LT queried whether BOTPE under-spend was sent.

DH reported it had not.

JH queried her application, being dated 13 March.

AW agreed it would be funded from another central policy budget.

RT raised Estate Inspection Programme; issue of low attendance.

DH explained scale of programme.

AW agreed publicity would be improved.

DM suggested publicity on Township basis.

Notes of previous meeting were agreed.

2 ONE-OFF TP GRANTS

a) Alkrington – Fencing and gate at Community Centre. To be paid from a central policy budget.

Agreed £150

b) Norman Weall – large screen TV for communal lounge. £500 applied for.

Agreed £250

DH to speak to P Smith re match funding.

3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMME & QUICK WIN SCHEMES

PD presented the report.

CM queried play areas being a lower priority than car parking. AW explained that the Quick Wins are mainly HRA (rents) funding. HRA cannot be spent on play areas.

SW asked how much is from non-rent sources. AW a small percentage is made up from the proportion of RTB receipts over the last 3 years.

PD and DH emphasised that decisions will be made by this panel. If tenants don't want to spend on particular areas they can simply reject the scheme.

DH reported on the Council's £2m programme for play areas and the importance attached by the Council to resolving kick pitch provision.

DM informed the panel about the play strategy presented to Middleton Township at which a Council officer advised that £800k already allocated to Falinge.

MC asked how often are panel meetings?

PD. Quarterly.

MC. Asked who decides? Where do suggestions come from? What about emergencies?

DH. Who - this group of tenants and residents (in accordance with the terms of reference).

PD. Where - Estate Inspections, Councillors, individual tenants, etc.

4 **QUICK WINS 2008/09**

DH presented the report.

The priority estates in Middleton are: Hollin, Baytree, Middleton Junction and Brookside. Environmental improvements for these estates are funded from the main Environmental Improvement Programme.

Barleyfield unanimously agreed as a priority area within the Quick Win estates areas, due to anti-social behaviour etc.

All priority 1 and 2 schemes were approved.

Priority 3 schemes.

Scheme 15 – Poplar Street approved to proceed + consult.

Scheme 16 – Need RTB members, rejected.

Scheme 18 – Cedar Road rejected.

Scheme 17 – Davidson Drive approved. The estimated total cost of schemes approved was £116,200.

5 **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

AW presented the final terms of reference for information.

6 **AGENDA FUTURE MEETINGS**

Progress on Quick Wins will be reported as standard.

To invite Highways to attend to discuss bulk buying of dropped kerbs.

7 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

Next meeting 6.00- 8.00pm Monday 8th September Middleton Civic Centre.

Agreed: Buffet for next round of evening meetings.

**ATTENDANCE LIST
MIDDLETON AREA PANEL MEETING
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Name	Group, organisation or area	Tenant or resident eligible to vote
A Wadsworth	RBH	-
D Hopwood	RBH	-
J Law	RoFTRA	-
C McPartland	Hollin EMB (Chair)	T
S Worsley	Hollin EMB	T
M Collinge	Hollin EMB	R
L Tinker	Hollin EMB	T
P Dockerty	RBH	-
D Martin	RMBC Councillor	-
N Stokes	RBH	-
N Marchant	NWCR	T
Roy Thompson	RBH Board	T
Ken Wilson	Middleton (Vice Chair)	T