

Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership Meeting – 23 November 2017

UPDATE – Ward Plans 2017/18

Background

- The Assistant Leaders have been working with Councillors over the last year to develop ways to strengthen local leadership, with the overriding purpose to enhance the ability of Councillors to respond to the concerns of residents and to drive the improvement of services at a local level. They also emphasised the need for Councillors, in their local leadership role, to identify clear strategic priorities in their wards, working with residents as well as looking at how to effectively deploy scarce resources as effectively as possible.
- A key part of this was the request for the production of a short Ward Plan for 2017/18 using current ward boundaries.

Ward Plans

- An e-mail was sent out to all councillors requesting the production of a short Ward Plan on 6/9/17 to be returned by Friday, 13th October 2017.
- Attached to the e-mail was a simple Ward Plan proforma for use alongside an Action Plan template.
- Also included for councillors to assist them in the writing of their ward plans was improved ward data and useful information provided by the Council's Strategic Research Team and the Neighbourhood Development and Support Team (NDSU). This included:-
 - Ward Demographic Profiles, as well as their segmentation profile and Pen Portraits (Mosaic Public Sector)
 - Ward IMD (Indices of Multi-Deprivation) information
 - 2016-17 Ward Action Tracker Information
 - Tableau on-line resource
 - Links to the on-line toolkits produced by the NDSU in 2016 – The Neighbourhood and Community Planning toolkit and the Local Leadership toolkit
- In addition 2 drop in sessions were offered to all Councillors on Thursday 21 September at 1pm-2pm and again at 5pm-6pm

Returns

- 15 out of 40 completed Ward Plans were returned by the end of October (**See Appendix 1**)

- Ward Plans and/or Actions template were received from the wards of Bartley Green, Brandwood, Edgbaston, Erdington, Harborne, Hodge Hill, Kings Norton, Perry Barr, Shard End, Sparkbrook, Sutton Four Oaks, Sutton New Hall, Sutton Vesey and Weoley
- The NDSU have read and analysed all of the plans/ action templates to see if there are any key priorities emerging. There are a multiplicity of strategic priorities and hyperlocal desired actions as outlined in **Appendix 2** but the main ones emerging from the 15 sent in were :-
 - On-going support for local voluntary and community groups in the ward
 - Highways and Parking Issues
 - Environmental including Rubbish and Litter
 - Policing
 - Young People
 - Health
 - Older People

Going Forward

- The aim is to develop the Ward Planning process further in 2018-19 with the new ward boundaries following the familiarisation with councillors of all of the data and information that can assist and inform local strategic planning at a local ward level this year.

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