

	LADYWOOD WARD FORUM	
	Wednesday 11 November 2015 at 7pm at Ladywood Health & Community Centre, St Vincent Street West.	
	ACTION NOTES	
In Attendance	<p>Councillor Kath Hartley Councillor Sir Albert Bore</p> <p>Norman Bartlam, TNT News Ashley Skinner, Property Services James Brereton & Adam Jinks, West Midlands Fire Service</p>	
Apologies	Councillor Carl Rice	
Agenda Item		Action
1.	<p><u>Election of a Chair for 2015/16</u></p> <p>Cllr Sir Albert Bore gave an explanation in respect of changes to ward meetings made in response to recommendations in the Kerslake report. Residents expressed concern at the lack of budget and formal minutes and felt this contradicted recommendations to increase public engagement and give residents more input as there would be fewer meetings and asked that those concerns be registered.</p>	Councillor Kath Hartley elected as Chair
2.	<u>Notice of Recordings</u>	Noted
3.	<u>Petitions</u>	None Submitted
4.	<u>Ladywood TV News</u>	Film of recent events shown
5.	<p><u>Fire Service Update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In view of reducing resources important partners worked together therefore Ladywood Fire Station could be used, free of charge for future Forum meetings. The room was also available for community use. - Working to combat increase in arson fires by referring dumped rubbish. Referral forms could be made available. - Home safety checks name change to 'safe and well visits' – contact number available to arrange visits - Free AED training would be offered from the Station and specific dates would be made available. Residents would be able to take part and would receive a certificate upon completion - Arrangements were being made to organize a food bank 	

	from the station and a winter coat campaign on 2 December, distributing warm clothes.	
6.	<p><u>Update on Icknield Port Loop</u></p> <p>Ashley Skinner gave a short presentation on the plans for the Icknield Port Loop, advising that the developer Urban Splash had teamed with Places for People and were hoping to exchange contracts after Christmas. The developers would then welcome the opportunity to attend a Forum meeting to provide more details.</p> <p>Residents made the following points;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There needed to be a balance between residential and business use - The Friends of Edgbaston Reservoir would welcome discussions with the developers re use of the reservoir as a selling point - Less emphasis on cars, more on bikes and cycling - Wider planning brief for the Ladywood area required to prevent and 'old and new' element in the area. - Name of new pool to reflect local heritage - Developers should consult with residents/groups in the part of the area not being redeveloped (ie other side of Wiggins Street). Request for developers to attend North Summerfield Residents meeting to discuss. - Dedicated website required with 'dash board' data to keep residents informed. - Watch needed on influx of 'buy to let' landlords - Emphasis on architectural heritage and history of the area, suggested that developers use a community architect to work with the community. - Suggested developers should meet with Norman Bartlam/TNT re history of the site. - Request for the canal banks along the new development to be maintained and cleaned. - Request for developers to meet with the Housing Liaison Board. 	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Ashley Skinner for developers</p>
7.	<p><u>Issues to be Discussed at Future Meetings</u></p> <p>The following suggestions were made;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Cabinet Members invited to discuss policy decisions on waste management and on the private rented sector. The Chair advised that the District Committee's initial Neighbourhood Challenge was the Private Rented Sector. b) Community Safety c) Ward Boundaries Update d) Implications of the new hospital in Sandwell e) Health inequalities and discussion around ways services could take a joined up approach eg healthy villages 	

8.	<p><u>Residents Issues/Concerns</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A petition was being circulated in respect of the continuation of PCSO services. b) Potholes in Shetland Close required attention c) Ladywood Development Trust AGM – 2 December at 6pm at Ladywood Health & Community Centre. 	
10.	<p><u>Authority to Act</u></p>	Agreed

Meeting ended 9pm