

**AYLESTONE, EYRES MONSELL AND FREEMEN AREA COMMITTEE**

**12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

**RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE MEETING ON**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2007**

At the last meeting of the Area Committee the following questions were raised.

**94) Development of former Newry and Southfields Schools sites**

What is going on the school sites at Newry and Southfields. Rumours are Refugee Housing, Health Centre, and Flats for the Homeless.

**Response**

**A response will be provided at the meeting**

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Children and Young  
People's Services

**95) Social Housing**

Could a report be made concerning social housing and what will be done in respect of (the provision of) one-bedroom and two-bedroom houses, not flats, in the Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Freeman area.

**Response**

**A response will be provided at the meeting**

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Adults and Housing

**96) Replacement of Building - Goldhill**

We're looking to replace a Council Building (Goldhill) that is falling down/unusable to present users. We are asking Property Services to repair and replace said building at Goldhill.

**Response**

**A response will be provided at the meeting**

Corporate Director of  
Children and Young  
People's Services

**97) Cricket Parking**

Cricket Parking - what are you going to do.

**Response**

The City Council intends to offer residents in the Aylestone area the opportunity to have a residents parking scheme. Such a scheme would reserve the majority of on

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street parking places for local residents and their visitors.

Work on introducing residents parking schemes in the Highfields South, West End and Riverside areas of the City is currently underway and schemes are likely to be in place in all of those areas by June 2008.

Parking Surveys and consultation with residents in the Clarendon Park area regarding a residents' parking scheme is scheduled to start in October. This will be followed by similar consultations in the Belgrave, Aylestone and Highfields North areas of the city. This sequence of work has previously been approved by Cabinet.

I anticipate that consultation work might commence in Spring 2008. If residents indicate that they are in favour of a residents parking scheme it is likely to take between nine and eighteen months to introduce such a scheme.

**98) Adult Education Classes**

I understand that arrangements for Adult Education Classes will be announced soon. How can Southfields Drive Community Centre make late representations about the need for Adult Education Classes at this local Centre (to start in September 2007).

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Services

**Response**

**A response will be provided at the meeting**

**99) Replacement of Fire Escape Stairs**

I am a member of the Knighton Lane Artists Group, based on Knighton Lane, Aylestone next to the Lansdowne Centre. We have recently put in a budget proposal to have our fire escape stairs replaced because they are currently unsafe, and without them we cannot use the upstairs of the building.

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Resources

Following conversations with Jerry Connelly it seems that funding is not available through the Area Committee for the fire escape, meaning that several members cannot continue with their professional practice.

It seems that there is a large focus on sporty facilities in the area, but the Arts are somewhat neglected. If this artists group were to provide regular arts workshops for local people, young and old, would there be a greater possibility/inclination to fund the continuation of our group, especially bearing in mind there are so few such groups in Leicester.

**Response**

The Fire escape is a property services issue and I have referred their request on to them.

Property Services,  
Resources  
Department

We have received a proposal from Knighton Lane Studios on this subject. This is currently being evaluated and we will respond in due course.

**100) Community Arts - Local involvement**

As there does not appear to be much provision for community arts in the local area; would there be any interest in our Artists Group, Knighton Lane Artists on Knighton Lane becoming more involved in the community to improve provision in this area. A lot of our members are already working with young people in the wider community.

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**Response**

We welcome any initiatives to become more involved in the community to improve visual art provision and we are pleased to hear that members of Knighton Fields studio are working with young people.

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Cultural Services

We suggest you contact Kevan Grantham, our Arts Manager on 0116 222 1904 or email

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