

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

3rd November 2010

ALVECHURCH MULTI-USE GAMES AREA INQUIRY REPORT

Responsible Portfolio Holders	Councillor Mike Webb – Portfolio Holder for Community
Responsible Head of Service	Mrs. A. Heighway – Head of Community Services
Responsible Head of Service for Overview and Scrutiny	Mrs. C. Felton – Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to allow Cabinet to consider the findings and recommendations of the attached Joint Overview and Scrutiny Board (JOSB) report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Cabinet is requested to:
- (a) consider the attached Joint Overview & Scrutiny Board report (Appendix 1) and the recommendations contained within it;
 - (b) to either agree, amend or reject each of the recommendations contained in the report; and refer, where appropriate, recommendations to external community partners for a decision;
 - (c) provide an Executive Response to the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Board report and recommendations, which may include an Action Plan to summarise how and when each of the agreed recommendations will be implemented.
 - (d) request the relevant Portfolio Holder in consultation with appropriate officers to indicate the expected implementation dates, as appropriate.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the Meeting of the JOSB on 15th June 2010, in response to 3 public petitions and a referral from the Cabinet, it was decided that an Inquiry should be established to consider the reported crime and disorder problems around the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) site at Swanslength, Alvechurch. The terms of reference and membership of the Inquiry were also agreed. The full terms of reference agreed by the JOSB for the Inquiry are included within the report attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2 The Inquiry has involved interviews with a wide selection of stakeholders, examination of relevant data, site visits and testimony from local residents.

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3.3 At the end of this process a report and recommendations were drafted and key stakeholders were invited to comment on the technical accuracy of the report and feasibility and costs of the draft recommendations. These included comments and costings from different directorates within the council, West Mercia Police and other relevant stakeholders. A response to the draft report and recommendations from Alvechurch Communities Together is attached for information (Appendix B)

3.4 The Inquiry report and recommendations were agreed by the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Board at its meeting on 5th October 2010 and referred to Cabinet for consideration.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The estimated Financial and Resource implications of the recommendations are detailed in the Summary of Recommendations of the appended report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications relating to this report.

6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

6.1 This report links to the Council's Objectives of Improvement and One Community.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 The risk of not implementing the recommendations contained within the attached overview report is that the Council may not comply with its statutory duties under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 If the recommendations were approved and implemented, residents living in Alvechurch may benefit from improved wellbeing and a reduction in anti-social behaviour, which would have an emphasis on customer satisfaction.

9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no implications directly relating to this report for the Council's Equalities and Diversity Policies. Equalities issues relating to amenities to young people and the fear of crime and disorder, especially to older people,

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have been taken into consideration within the body of the report attached at Appendix A.

10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no value for money implications directly relating to this report.

11. CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARBON IMPLICATIONS

11.1 None

12. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues – None
Personnel – None
Governance/Performance Management – None
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998 These are addressed within the body of the report attached at Appendix A
Policy – None
Biodiversity – None

13. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	No
Chief Executive	No
Executive Director (Leisure, Environment & Community Services) and Deputy Chief Executive	No
Executive Director (Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory, Housing Services)	No
Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)	<i>Consulted on the financial and resources implications set out in the summary of recommendations.</i>
Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	No
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes

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Head of Resources	No
Head of Environment	No
Head of Leisure	No
Head of Community	Yes
Head of Housing	No
Head of Business Transformation	No
Corporate Procurement Team	No

14. WARDS AFFECTED

Alvechurch.

15. APPENDICES

Appendix A Report of the MUGA Inquiry.
Appendix B Response for Alvechurch Communities Together

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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