

REPORT OF DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE SADDLEWORTH AND LEES AREA COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2004/2005

PURPOSE

To review the work of the Saddleworth and Lees Area Committee.

BACKGROUND

This report summarises the work of Area Committee during the municipal year 2004-05 under 5 headings:

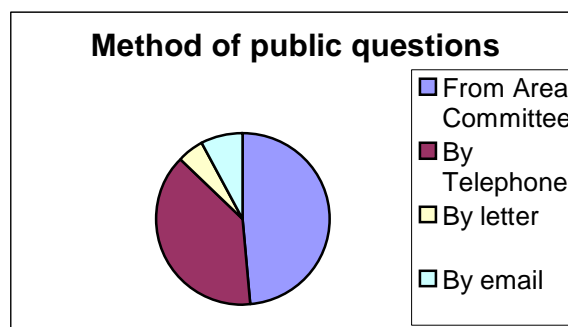
- Public Question Time
- Influencing Services
- Using Area Committee budgets to support the community and voluntary sector and other priorities.
- Key achievements.
- Key issues and further actions required

1.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public question time is the half hour allocated at Area Committee Meetings to receive general questions from the members of public. The following figures give an idea of the main concerns raised at the Area Committee. Some questions are received before the area Committee Meeting in writing or over the telephone.

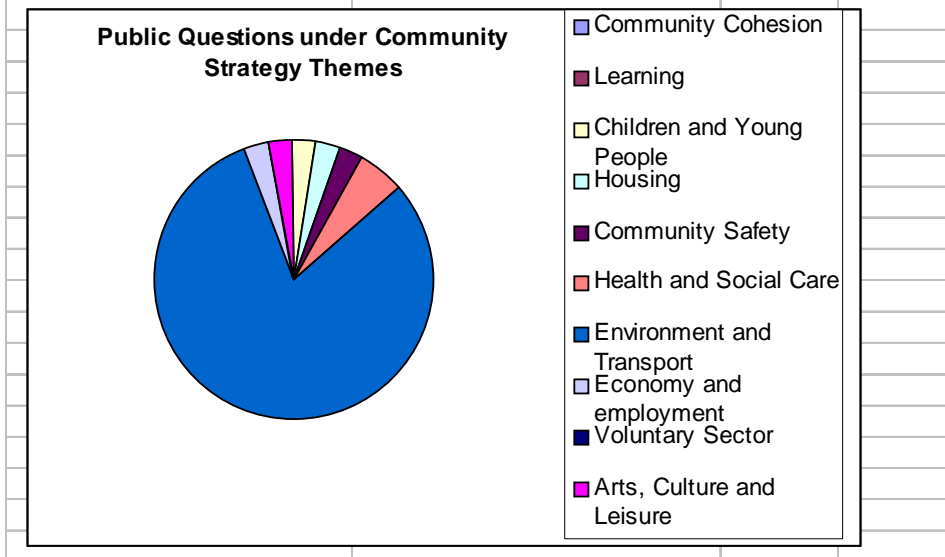
The chart below shows how many public questions were received and by what method

	Number of Public Questions received
From Area Committee	19
By Telephone	15
By letter	2
By email	3
TOTAL	39



The Chart below shows the number of public questions received broken down into the Community Strategy themes.

Community Strategy Theme	Number of questions received		
Community Cohesion	0		
Learning	0		
Children and Young People	1		
Housing	1		
Community Safety	1		
Health and Social Care	2		
Environment and Transport	29		
Economy and employment	1		
Voluntary Sector	0		
Arts, Culture and Leisure	1		
Miscellaneous	3		
TOTAL	39		



The information above demonstrates that the main concerns reported by members of public were to do with environment and transport. Many of these related to issues such as litter, graffiti and the poor condition of various roads in the area, along with related issues such as signage and parking.

The health and social care issues reported by members of public were largely centred around the issue of overall health provision being insufficient to cope with the increasing population of the area.

The miscellaneous questions included questions about the running of the Area Committee, such as issues around how the meetings are publicised.

A breakdown of the public questions asked can be seen at Appendix 1.

2.0 INFLUENCING SERVICES

2.1 Commission

A Commission including the team of Area Managers and Area Chairs was set up to explore how the Area Committees could be improved. Five main issues were

identified that required examination in order that recommendations could be made to improve the future role of the Area Committees. These issues were:

Issue 1: To decide on the extent of the delegation and the nature of decision making by Area Committees

Issue 2: To clarify the relationship with the Parish Councils which exist within two parts of the borough

Issue 3: To determine the role co-optees should play in the Area Committees

Issue 4: To decide on the style of the Area Committee e.g. a local element of the LSP or Council Committee?

Issue 5: To consider the extent to which Area Committees should be strategically focused.

The following actions were carried out:

The Commission examined of the arrangements by other Local Authorities in framing delegation arrangements to Area Committees or similar Local Assemblies were examined and the findings disseminated.

The Commission consulted future proposals and included:

- The views of the appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Commission were sought
- The corporate legal, financial and managerial implications of any delegation proposals were considered
- Public opinion in relation to the proposals was obtained through the co-optees
- The views and recommendations of the Oldham Partnership were also sought.

The Commission produced a report for Cabinet with recommendations on the nature and extent of the delegation and decisions allocated to Area Committees. A brief summary of those recommendations include:

- To give the Area Committee constitutional powers to influence services at a local level
- To support the arrangement of a 'compact' between the Area Committees and Parish Councils
- To keep the current arrangements for co-optees but engage co-optees in sub-groups of the Area Committee
- To retain the Council Committee style of meeting but allow a more informal approach to the proceedings
- For the Area Committee to focus on the Area Action Plans.

The outcome of the Commission can be viewed in a more detailed report at www.oldham.gov.uk/council/decision_recording

2.2 Neighbourhood Solutions

The second part of the Commissions work was to examine the 'New Localism' agenda and report on how problems could be resolved quickly and effectively at the neighbourhood level.

Neighbourhood Solutions is an approach which combines Reassurance Policing (successfully piloted in Failsworth and St. Mary's) and the work of the Community Safety Panels. The Area Managers Team will bring together a number of agencies to act as one team. There will be a neighbourhood problem solving team in each Area Committee area to be called 'Area Action Teams'. Each team will work at a neighbourhood level to seek solutions to local problems to ensure that there is a quick and co-ordinated response from all the relevant agencies.

Area Committees will be integral to this process and based on information they receive from local residents and agencies such as the Police will prioritise the work of the Area Action Teams. Under the 'scheme of delegation' the Area Committee would also be able to help solve issues by directing local services to the area of need or by buying in additional resources using their budgets.

2.3 Work with other partners

The Area Committees have worked with Council Departments and other Agencies to tackle issues raised at their meetings. The Area Committees have worked with:-

- Community Safety Panels and Police to resolve crime issues in the area. The main focus has been on reducing the number of reports of youth nuisance. Work has also been carried out to combat the problem caused by off-road bikers.
- Regular work is carried out with Environmental Services and includes works to roads, signage and bridges within the area.
- Education and Culture, specifically the Youth Service, in setting up youth sub groups across each Area Committee area. There are also regular meetings of the Youth Alliance in which the Area Committee is represented to share information.
- Regeneration. The Area Committee has worked and consulted closely with the Regeneration Department on a number of issues, such as Section 106 monies and the Unitary Development Plan, as well as issues around specific sites, such as Fletcher's Mill.
- Oldham Partnership, specifically the Community Cohesion Partnership where the Area Managers were requested to attend meetings of the partnership to report on activities in the areas. The Area Managers have also been liaising with Oldham Partnership in relation to implementing 'neighbourhood solutions' across the Borough.
- Linking with Greater Manchester Police Authority to support their role in consulting with members of public. A weeklong consultation period within Saddleworth and Lees is planned to take place over the summer of 2005.
- Through the Reassurance Policing Pilot in several wards, a good working relationship has been established with the Police and Community Safety Unit. This has led to the establishment of a solid problem-solving approach. Reassurance will be 'rolled out' in Saddleworth and Lees over the summer of 2005.
- Effective consultation. A variety of departments and agencies have attended the Area Committee to consult them on a number of issues. For specific examples, see the table in section 4.

Key achievements developed with partners are listed in Section 4 of this report.

3.0 USING THE AREA COMMITTEE BUDGETS TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY, VOLUNTARY SECTOR AND OTHER PRIORITIES

The information below is a summary of how the various budgets have been used. The summary confirms that most projects have a strong community cohesion theme. There are also clear links between the projects and the Area Committee priorities and Corporate Plan themes.

DELEGATED AND MINOR GRANTS BUDGET 2004/05

<u>DELEGATED BUDGET</u>	<u>Delegated MINOR Budget GRANTS</u> £	<u>Minor Grants</u> £
Budget for the Year 2003 / 04 (including 02/03 b/f)	59,501	13,182
<u>Less:</u>		
Actual Expenditure to 31st March 2003	-24,292	-13,182
Balance being underspending for the Year Carried Forward	35,209	0
<u>Add:</u>		
Budget for the Year 2004/04	18,832	4,300
Total Funds Available 2003 / 04	54,041	4,300
<u>Actual Expenditure from 1st April 2004 to 31st March 2005</u>		0

	£		
Street Cleansing (03/04)	-4,369	Diggle Band	-1,845
Friarmere Cricket Club (03/04)	-1,500	Denshaw	-970
Austerlands Cricket Club (03/04)	-734	Community Association	
Uppermill CCTV Camera	-1,336		
Greenfield Cricket Club	-1,150		
Banners	-460		
Boarshurst Brass Band (03/04)	-3,000		
Lydgate Band - Musical instrument	-1,872		
Saddleworth Museum & Art Gallery-CCTV	-2,497		
Yorkshire Day Group	-286		
Uppermill Brass Band	-426		
Food Hygiene Course	-420		
G M Police Grant	-94		
Uppermill Football Club	-894		
ARA Community Association	-3,000		
Play Equipment St Chads	-3,500		
Play Equipment Lees	-3,500		
Diggle Residents Association	-4,000		
Oldham Band,Lees	-195		
Dobcross Band & social Club	-1,191		
G M Police Grant	-460		

Denshaw Scout Group (purchase of flags)	-605	
Lees and Springhead Band (PA System)	-511	
Winter Wonderland	-666	
Cooptee Training Contribution	-150	
Sub Group / other expenses	-351	-37,166

Cash paid in 24

Outstanding Commitments Not Yet Paid

2003 / 04

St.John's Baptist Church	-600	
SK 8 Skateboarding Park Project	-2,000	-2,600

2004/05

Street Cleansing (£5,800-£4,369)	-1,431	
Winter Wonderland (£3,000 - £666)	-2,334	
Saddleworth & Lees Safety Committee	-800	
Greenfield & Grasscroft Residents Assoc.	-1,000	
Royal Legends Rounders	-589	
Greenfield Cricket Club	-1,000	
Saddleworth Olympics	-3,000	
Community Safety Unit (CCTV equipment)	-3,272	
Oldham Scouts	-200	
Uppermill Community Rounders	-500	
Sub Group Expenses	-70	-14,196

Balance of available funds for 2004/05

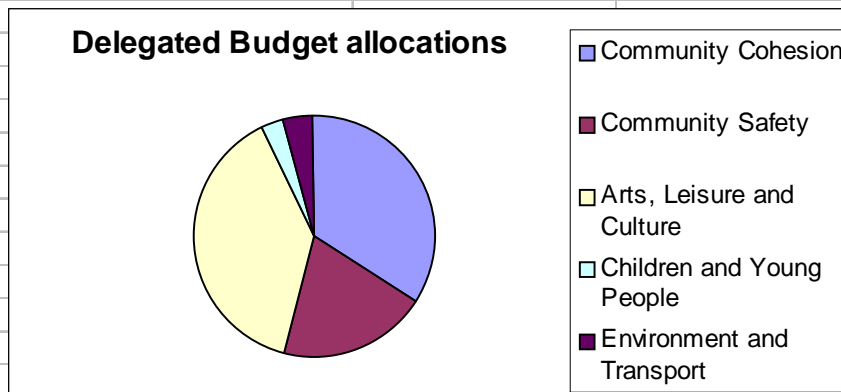
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The Area Committee has awarded grants throughout the year. A total of **24** grants were made, amounting to **£26,122**. The chart below shows the amount of money broken down by Community Strategy themes. Please note that though each grant has only been allocated to one theme, there are several that could be considered to fall into more than one theme. A breakdown of the grants awarded can be seen at Appendix 2.

The largest proportion of the budget has been spent under the 'Arts, Leisure and Culture' theme. This is largely due to the number of sports teams and bands that have received assistance from the Area Committee. It is important to note that a high proportion of these grants could also be seen as contributing to community cohesion. While the 'Children and Young People' theme looks to have received the lowest amount of funding, a great deal of the grants counted under the other headings (such as those to bands) also directly benefited the younger members of the community.

Community Strategy Themes	Number of Grants	Funding Allocated
Community Cohesion	11	£8,904
Community Safety	3	£5,068
Arts, Leisure and Culture	8	£10,350
Children and Young People	1	£800
Environment and Transport	1	£1,000
TOTAL	24	£26,122



4.0 KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Co-optee Training

Area Committee co-optee/newly elected members induction took place on Saturday 9th and Thursday 28th October. The events proved to be relatively successful with 36 out of 62 co-optees attending.

Following on from the success of the co-optee training in October, another session was held on Tuesday 22nd February. A total of 34 co-optees and 4 newly elected Councillors attended this session and found the training to be interesting and beneficial.

The training consisted of an overview of the Councils organisational structure and an introduction to all departments. This was followed by a detailed description of the Environmental Services Department and an overview of the Regeneration Department.

Feedback from the session has generally been good, showing an average satisfaction rating of 8 out of 10 for the programme as a whole.

Youth Sub Group

A Youth Advisory Group has recently been established. This has been a particular success, and should help to give the young people of the area an opportunity to express their views and have them heard by local decision makers. It will also make it easier to engage the young people of the area on a variety of issues. This will allow decision makers to help develop initiatives that will benefit the youths of the area.

Mediation Northern Ireland

Ward Councillors, Area Managers and local residents from Hathershaw have actively participated fully in the Mediation Northern Ireland programme – Phase 2.

Civic Leadership and Citizen's participation was the theme covered over 4 workshops and 2 meetings. Planning for Phase 3 is underway.

Area Action Plan

An Area Action Plan for each Area Committee was approved as a working document. The plan put together by the Area Committee, will help to drive the priorities within the area and may influence the work of the new Area Action Teams.

Grant Scheme

The Area Managers on behalf of the Area Committees have succeeded in amalgamating the Minor Grants scheme and grants awarded by the Area Committee whereby all grants will be decided at the Area Committees.

Other Achievements

Below is a resume of the specific achievements of the Saddleworth and Lees Area Committee within the Community Strategy headings.

Community Strategy Theme	Action Plan reference	Achievements and influencing Services
Community Cohesion		<p>Supporting many local groups. In total, the Area Committee has given £26,122 in 24 grants to local groups during 2004/05.</p> <p>Establishment of various sub-groups – Youth, Action Planning and NRF. Sub-groups can be set up as short-term entities, to deal with single issues (such as the NRF sub-group), or to look at ongoing issues (the Youth sub-group, for example).</p> <p>Contribution towards Christmas lights. The Area Committee granted £3000 to the Winter Wonderland group, to help light up Uppermill at Christmas.</p> <p>Effective consultation. A variety of agencies have visited the Area Committee to consult them on a number of issues. For example, in November, the Chief Executive of the PCT visited the Area Committee and took away a number of concerns about healthcare provision in the area. As a result, this issue has been included in the PCT's 'Primary Care Services Strategy', the aim of which is to address disparity of health care service provision via a coordinated programme of health equity audit. Also stemming from this visit, the Chief Executive of the PCT met with the Ward Councillors for Saddleworth West and Lees and toured</p>

		the Ward, to gain an overview of the issues in the area. It is planned to repeat this process in the other two Wards of the area during 2005/06.
Learning		
Children and Young People		The Skate park at Churchill Playing Fields. The Area Committee has been instrumental in advancing the cause of the skate park, and getting the project back on track after initial setbacks. A special Area Committee was held, where local people were able to voice their concerns and/or their support for the project. The Area Committee has also set-up a group to consult with the local young people about the proposed designs for the park. The application will be heard by the Planning Committee in early May 2005. If passed, members of the Area Committee will meet with a user group composed of local young people to discuss the layout of the skate park. If not passed, plans for the initiative will be revisited.
Housing		The Area Committee meeting in January received a presentation on the proposed Housing Allocations Strategy from OMBC's Housing Strategy Team. The Committee was able to express a number of concerns about the proposed strategy, and outline the specific needs of the area.
Community Safety		<p>Close working with the Community Safety Unit. The Area Committee has given money to provide a CCTV camera in Uppermill, to help the local police deal with the youth nuisance issues in the area. The Area Committee has since paid to relocate the camera to the new Police Station on High Street.</p> <p>Close working with the local Police and Sports Development. The Area Committee, via grant aid, has helped fund work that Police officers and PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers), in conjunction with Sports Development have done with local youths – football coaching, rounders coaching, cycle rides, etc. This is in addition to other diversionary activities that the</p>

		Police have instigated in line with the Area Action Plan, such as the recent trip with young people to the skateboard park in Bolton.
Health and Social Care		As mentioned earlier, the Area Committee is developing close links with the PCT, and has been able to influence their 'Primary Care Services Strategy'.
Environment and Transport		<p>GMPTE Local Link. This successful service was brought in after the Area Committee expressed concerns about the isolation of certain areas within Saddleworth. GMPTE recognised the need to improve transport provisions within the area, and agreed to set up this subsidised minibus service, which has recently been extended to encompass further locations, including Ogden Edge, Denshaw, Grains Bar and Slackcote.</p> <p>NRF £30,000 - The Area Committee selected three projects to each receive £10,000 of Neighbourhood Renewal Fund money. The projects chosen were the installation of play equipment at the Woolpack in Dobcross, the improvement of the path at Thornley Brook(from Grotton to Springhead), and improvements to the Sam Road car park in Diggle.</p> <p>Also the Area Committee have been supporting the £68,000 total refurbishment of the children's playground at St Chads in Uppermill.</p> <p>Bridge at Diggle. Thanks to concerns expressed by the Area Committee, a new bridge has been ordered, and is due to be installed by the end of May 2005, barring any unforeseen circumstances.</p> <p>Denshaw Signage. As a result of the Area Committee input, five new road signs have been placed at the approaches to Denshaw Junction (Rochdale Rd, Huddersfield Rd, Delph Rd, Ripponden Rd and Oldham Rd).</p>
Economy and Employment		Fletcher's Mill – the Area Committee has played an important role in stressing the potential that this site holds for the whole of Saddleworth, and is a crucial conduit for

		keeping the public informed of any progress.
Voluntary Sector		Voluntary Groups such as Saddleworth Voluntary Services and Saddleworth & Lees Safety Committee have been supported by Area Committee funding
Arts, Culture and Leisure		The Area Committee has been eager to support leisure and arts events within the area, as can be seen by the number of grants given towards such groups such as Saddleworth Olympics, various band clubs, Royal Legends Rounders and Denshaw Scouts.

5.0 FUTURE CONSIDERATION

5.1 Scheme of delegation

The Area Managers Team will be working to develop and put into practice the scheme of delegation, linking this to Neighbourhood Solutions. This will give the Area Committee more control over the issues that affect its area.

5.2 Neighbourhood Solutions

The newly formed Area Action Teams will need to develop a close working relation and agree with the Area Committees the initial 'hot spot/s' to address in their areas. Actions will be developed to tackle specific problems and the Area Committees will be able to influence the outcomes.

5.3 Co-optee Development

It will be important to further develop Co-opted Members through training programmes so that they have the capacity to play an active role on the Committee. They will need the skills to contribute to the increasing role the Committee will play in local decision making. Following on from the success of the initial sessions, it is intended to hold another three training sessions during 2005/06. The first of these is planned to focus on Neighbourhood Problem Solving and on the work of the Oldham Partnership.

5.4 Marketing of the Area Committees

Although Area Committees now feature on the Council website there is a need to further improve the way Area Committee meetings and their work is promoted.

5.5 Other considerations, specific to the area

Youth Mapping - The mapping of youth activities within the area will continue, with the support of partners such as the Youth Service.

School-linking project – The Area Manager is currently investigating the possibility of organising a school-linking project between schools in the area and their

counterparts in East Oldham, as a method for promoting community cohesion and learning.

PCT visits – As mentioned earlier, the Chief Executive of the PCT will be invited to tour Saddleworth North and Saddleworth South during 2005/06, with the Ward Members, in order to assess health needs within the area.

PCT Health advice ‘drop in’ sessions – The Area Manager is currently liaising with the PCT and The Sports Development Team on providing ‘drop in’ sessions within the area, in conjunction with West Oldham. These will primarily focus on the importance of a healthy lifestyle, good diet, exercise, etc, and will be delivered through schools and other existing facilities.

Fletcher’s Mill – The development potential of this site as a major economic and leisure driver which respects the unique location and landscape quality of the site, is something which the Area Committee remains eager to see realised. A special meeting has been requested to take place to consult on this issue, once the inspection report into the Replacement Unitary Development Plan has been received (expected to be Summer 2005).

Area Action Team – the development of the Area Action Team will be fundamental to improving the quality of life of people within the area. A number of key partners have already signed up to the team, including the Police, Environmental Services and the Community Safety Unit. The action team will target ‘hot spots’ in the area, looking at improving the area, not just in terms of crime but also other quality of life issues, using a multi-agency approach. At the start of 2005/06, the Action Team is in the process of identifying hot spots and gathering information about these areas.

Area Action Plan

To re-visit the Area Action Plan and include the work of the Area Action Team. Also to encourage ownership of the action plan by the various LSP partnerships.

The Area Committee will continue to develop the Area Action Plan, to ensure that it reflects priorities within the area, and provides a means by which progress on these priorities can be monitored.

GMPC Consultation – The Greater Manchester Police Authority will be carrying out a weeklong programme of consultation events within the area over the summer. The Area Manager will be providing support to these events, in order to assist with any issues relating to Area Committees and OMBC provision.

Neighbourhood Policing Roll-out – The Neighbourhood Policing Launch on Saturday June 25th, will take the form of a multi-agency open-day, offering a wide variety of consultation and information to the people of the area. The Area Manager will be working closely with the Police Township Inspector to help facilitate this event, and Ward Councillors will be asked to consider taking part in the open-day. Following the launch 3 events will be held in each of the wards.

Festival of Diversity – The Area Manager will be working with the Community Links organisation to develop and support an initiative in the area as part of the Festival of Diversity programme of events, aimed at promoting community cohesion across the Borough.

Clean up campaign – Following on from this last years successful SLAM (Saddleworth and Lees Against Mess) Campaign, the Area Manager will be proposing that the Area Committee considers another such campaign in the Autumn of 2005, to be arranged in conjunction with the Chadderton Area Committee.

Capacity building – Oldham Council, in conjunction with Salford City Council, are introducing an ambitious programme to develop comprehensive neighbourhood management. Both authorities have recognised that one of the keys to the delivery of services that respond to the needs of citizens (as expressed at a local level), is recognising the impact it has on all aspects of the way the Council operates.

‘Partners in Change’ will provide a training programme, running in three phases:

- Phase 1 Shared learning events for managers with specific responsibility for local areas and managers with specific responsibility for service delivery in local areas
- Phase 2 Skill building for local Elected Members to develop community leadership
- Phase 3 Designing a programme that can be delivered in each Local Authority area for middle and senior managers and managers from partner organisations which will create a short feedback loop from the emerging practice in the new area arrangements and develop the skills and knowledge base of managers in all services

It is expected that 100 Council managers, up to 50 managers from partner agencies and 50 Elected Members will participate in the programme commencing delivery in July 2005, with cohorts of participants undertaking learning until September 2006.

Learning Partnership

The Area Manager met with the Learning Partnership Co ordinator and was informed that the Saddleworth & Lees Area had a very good achievement and progression rates compared to the rest of the Borough and at a National Level. The Learning Partnership have successfully implemented a wide range of programmes and initiatives which will benefit each area such as the development of the University Centre Oldham. There are currently no specific elements within the “Learning Plan” that are targeted at an area committee level. However the Learning Partnership welcomed any proposals coming from an Area Committee relating to strategic learning issues. The Learning Partnership will developing a new three year plan over the next 12 months and would welcome any feedback from the Area Committees.

The Learning Partnership will be hoping to seek funding to support the capacity of individuals and voluntary/community sector individuals which will aim to support delivery of learning opportunities delivered in communities.

Appendix 1

Saddleworth and Lees Public Questions Breakdown for 2004/05

Date raised	Questioner	How raised	Question	Community Strategy	Date of reply	How replied	Resolution
01/04/2004	Resident	At Area Committee	A local resident mentioned the problems being caused by local youths and asked what strategies were in place to deal with them	Com Safety	01/04/2004	At AC	Inspector England gave a detailed reply, highlighting the importance of multi-agency working, as well as specific schemes such as Acceptable Behaviour Contracts and Contact Cards. He also praised the diversionary activities taking place in the area, such as the football coaching scheme being run by local Police officers.
01/04/2004	Resident	At Area Committee	A member of the public expressed his concern at the confusion over the date of this meeting, with different dates having appeared on the website on a number of occasions	Misc	01/04/2004	At AC	The Area Manager stated that the original date of the meeting had been altered and that the new date had appeared both on the council's website and in the local press.
01/04/2004	Resident	At Area Committee	A member of the public asked how questions were dealt with when raised directly with the Area Manager	Misc	01/04/2004	At AC	The Area Manager responded that questions of an individual nature were initially referred to the appropriate department. If there is a lack of response from that department, the question would be referred back to the Area Committee / Area Manager to deal with.

22/07/2004	Dr Atherton	At Area Committee	PCT provision	Health	22/07/2004	At AC	Resolved to ask the Chief Executive of the PCT to attend a future meeting. Gail Richards attended on 18/11/04 to address these queries.
22/07/2004	Cllr McInnes	At Area Committee	Diggie Bridge	ENV	20/08/2004	Letter	The new bridge is estimated to be in place by the end of May 2005
22/07/2004	Andrew Hall	At Area Committee	S106 consultation / historic	Misc	26/08/2004	Letter	While the planning committee believes that decisions on S106 spending are not for the determination of the Area Committee, the Ward Councillors receive weekly updates on planning applications, and are welcome to speak to individual case officers to suggest uses for the money.
22/07/2004	Cllr	At Area Committee	Problems with washing facilities in Uppermill public toilets.	ENV	14/09/2004	Email. Answer given at AC 23/09/04	The problems were temporary, due to a local problem in June. They are now fully functional.
22/07/2004	David McNeeney	At Area Committee	Drainage in Greenfield	ENV			Mr and Mrs McNeeney met with the head of Planning on 11th October, to discuss the situation.
22/07/2004	David McNeeney	At Area Committee	Crossing point - Chew Valley	ENV	06/08/2004	Letter and at AC	Counts undertaken indicate there is no need to introduce extra pedestrian facilities. However, the situation will continue to be monitored.

04/08/2004	Andrew Hall	Email	S106 - youth shelter	CYP	26/08/2004	Letter	At the time of response, it was too early to say what the S106 money would be used for.
23/09/2004	Elizabeth Hardie	At Area Committee	No flowers in planters	ENV	11/10/2004	Letter	The planters have not been planted due to a budget reduction. It was suggested that the Area Committee could be asked fund some of these.
23/09/2004	Chris Wright	At Area Committee	Parking on Mellor St.	ENV	06/10/2004	Letter	A new parking scheme has been put in place.
18/11/2004	Mike Rooke	At Area Committee	Shaw Hall Bank Car Park - possibility of Highways department carrying out this work.	ENV	29/11/2004	Via Support Officer	Central funds would not cover this work, but a contribution of £2000 can be offered from the Local Transport Plan funds. The Area Committee were asked to fund the shortfall, and agreed to do so at the meeting in January 2005.

18/11/2004	Mike Rooke	At Area Committee	Fletcher's Mill - Special Meeting	ECON	18/11/2004	At AC	Andrew Fletcher, Assistant Chief Executive, Corporate Policy informed the meeting that Officers had met with the owners on site, for discussion, the outcome of which had been that the owners were still intending to pursue the housing alternative. A Public Inquiry was scheduled to take place in the New Year commencing on 25th January. He pointed out that this would be an opportunity for local residents to make their thoughts known. In view of the date of the Public Inquiry it was not considered beneficial to hold a Special Meeting at this stage.
18/11/2004	Area Committee	At Area Committee	Drains/Gullies - Chew Valley Road	ENV	25/11/2004	To go to AC, also letter sent to all councillors	Road gullies are cleaned annually. In 2004, Chew Valley Road was done in April. It was also done in August, at the request of Councillor Knowles. However, if Councillors wish an inspection on specific gullies to be carried out, they can alert the department to such locations.
18/11/2004	Area Committee	At Area Committee	Denshaw Signage - when will it be complete?	ENV	22/12/2004	To go to AC	The signage was completed by the end of January 2005
18/11/2004	Mr C Smith	At Area Committee	Trees outside Zion - can they be removed?	ENV	05/01/2005	Phone / site visit	The Arboricultural officer arranged to meet Mr Smith on site to investigate the situation and possible solutions. Unfortunately, do to restrictions imposed by a Tree Preservation Order, work was unable to be carried out.

07/01/2005	Jeremy Thomas	Email	Saddleworth running track - are there any plans to renovate this?	ALC		Email	Current resources did not allow for such work to be carried out in the near future.
10/01/2005	Mrs Johnson	Letter	Complaining about state of road	ENV	07/02/2005		Works were completed by the first week in February
28/12/2004	Frazer Clayton	Email	Woodend St, Springhead - possibility of preventing vehicles from parking on the grass.	ENV			Though there is currently no budget to prevent such occurrences, emergency enforcement work was scheduled in the area. The Highways and Engineering Dept. is looking at providing a budget to combat this in future
20/01/2005	Mr McNeeney	At Area Committee	Planning application relating to fencing on Chew Vale Council Estate	HOUSING	20/01/2005	At AC - Councillors agreed to look into the matter	Mr McNeeney would not be able to ask for this application to be considered at the Planning Committee, as the deadline for such requests had passed. However, Mr McNeeney was informed of a First Choice Homes meeting in Grotton, which he was able to attend to put forward his worries.
17/03/2005	Mike Rooke	At Area Committee	Could Consideration be given to surfacing works on Clough Lane, Chew Vale and Kinders Lane?	ENV			These requests were passed on to the Highways and Engineering Department.
17/03/2005	Mike Rooke	At Area Committee	Could Gail Richards be asked to respond to the question put to her by Mr McNeeney in November?	Health	17/03/2005	At AC	The Chair agreed to write to Ms Richards. A letter was sent on 22/03/05

29/03/2005	Mr M Johnson	Letter	Asking for a pothole to be filled, and compensation for a burst tyre.	ENV	04/04/2005	Letter from ENV	Passed on to ENV services, who have arranged to inspect pothole and assess legal claim
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Through the year	Varied	By Phone	15 general queries relating to litter, graffiti, signage, etc	ENV			These issues were passed on to Environmental Services to be dealt with as appropriate
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Appendix 2

Saddleworth and Lees Area Committee - Summary of grants for 2004-5				
Date Considered at AC	Organisation	Request for	Community Strategy Theme served	Amount Awarded
MINOR GRANTS				
	Diggle Band		Arts, Leisure and Culture	£1,845
	Denshaw Community Association		Community Cohesion	£970
DELEGATED BUDGET GRANTS				
01/04/2005	Community Safety Unit	CCTV	Community Safety	£1,336
01/04/2005	Greenfield Cricket Club	Grounds maintenance equipment	Arts, Leisure and Culture	£1,150
01/04/2005	Lydgate Band	Musical Instrument	Arts, Leisure and Culture	£1,872
01/04/2005	Saddleworth Voluntary Services (WVRS)	Training - food hygiene	Community Cohesion	£420
22/07/2004	Uppermill Brass Band	Travel to National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain	Arts, Leisure and Culture	£500
22/07/2004	Yorkshire Day Group	Marquee/Banners for Yorkshire Day	Community Cohesion	£315
22/07/2004	Greater Manchester Police	Sponsored Cycle ride- bike hire	Community Cohesion	£94

23/09/2004	Uppermill Football Club	White line marker / fertiliser spreader	Arts, Leisure and Culture	£894
23/09/2004	Winter Wonderland	Xmas lights - Uppermill	Community Cohesion	£3,000
18/11/2004	Oldham Band Lees	Uniform ties	Community Cohesion	£195
18/11/2004	Dobcross Band and Social Club	External Refurbishment	Community Cohesion	£1,400
18/11/2004	Greater Manchester Police	Football Coaching	Community Safety	£460
18/11/2004	20th Oldham Scouts	Scouting Equipment	Community Cohesion	£200
20/01/2005	Saddleworth and Lees Safety Committee	Transport for schools to the safety exhibition.	Children and Young People	£800
20/01/2005	Greenfield and Grasscroft Residents Association.	Work on Shaw Hall Bank Road Carpark	Environment and Transport	£1,000
20/01/2005	Saddleworth and Lees Band Contest Committee	New PA system	Community Cohesion	£600
20/01/2005	Greenfield Cricket Club	Pitch maintenance equipment	Community Cohesion	£1,000
20/01/2005	Saddleworth Village Olympics	Sports Equipment	Arts, Leisure and Culture	£3,000
20/01/2005	Denshaw Scouts	Scout flags	Community Cohesion	£710
20/01/2005	Uppermill Community Rounders	Rounders Equipment	Arts, Leisure and Culture	£500
20/01/2005	Community Safety	CCTV resiting	Community Safety	£3,272
17/03/2005	Royal Legends Rounders	Rounders Equipment and training	Arts, Leisure and Culture	£589
TOTAL		22 x Delegated budget grants	DB Grants Total	£23,307
		2 x Minor grants	Minor Grant total	£2,815

Total, All Grants

£26,122