

NORTHERN AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 25 AUGUST 2005

ISSUES RAISED DURING THE 15 MINUTE QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

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<p>Councillor O’Neill updated the Committee in relation to the issues previously raised by Community Representative Jim Miller as to whether fines relating to dog fouling fixed penalty notices were being adhered to. Councillor O’Neill informed the Committee that following a meeting with Superintendent Elizabeth Weir regarding the issuing of fixed penalty notices for dog fouling, he had been advised by Superintendent Weir that there was no guarantee that the Procurator Fiscal would prosecute, or give reason for not prosecuting, in such situations.</p>	<p>Councillor O’Neill further advised (i) he had requested a meeting with the Justice Minister with a view to obtaining a resolution to the matter; (ii) he would liaise with members of the Committee regarding suitable dates for the meeting; and (iii) a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.</p>	<p align="center">N/A</p>
<p>Community Representative Ashley Bell enquired (i) about the feasibility of discussing the current Local Government Boundary Review at a future meeting of the Local Committee; and (ii) about the possibility of discussing housing statistics, future housing and statistics which were utilised under the review.</p>	<p align="center">N/A</p>	<p>Bill Walkinshaw advised that the review was being carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland and gave a full verbal report on the review process which had been carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland.</p> <p>Bill reminded the Committee that whilst the review was the responsibility of the Boundary Commission for Scotland, the Council had supplemented the review by making widely available, in various venues, full information on the Boundary Commission Review and had organised a number of public information seminars to which all Community Councils, Community Representatives and the general public had been invited to attend.</p>

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		<p>Bill further advised that the review had been based on Local Committee areas and it had not been possible to liaise with Local Committees as the public consultation period concluded on 11 August 2005.</p> <p>Bill further advised that the Council would be carrying out a review of the Local Plan which would include consultation with Community Councils and would allow the opportunity to review housing development statistics.</p>

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