

**People and Places Delivery Group
15th July 2010**

Report of: Leicestershire County Council

Brief Summary of issues impacting on Charnwood

Community Engagement

We have almost completed the latest round of Area Forum meetings; the last one is to take place on the evening of 15th July 2010 (Loughborough East).

One difference to note is that, at the request of the Loughborough North West Area Forum, a community-type event will be held on Saturday, 10th July, at Rosebery St Peter's Community Centre, instead of the more traditional meeting. Brief feedback can be given at the meeting.

NB Feedback from two Forum meetings has highlighted significant dissatisfaction with the maintenance of the River Soar and surrounds. This will be a key subject for those respective meetings next Autumn.

It is also worth noting developments in Shepshed to date;

- At the request of Charnwood Borough Council, the RCC (Hazel Fish) are supporting the development of a Community-led Plan for Shepshed
- A Community Plan Group has been formed and is being supported by Hazel.
- They will be seeking funding for doing a widespread consultation/questionnaire in Shepshed (this being a pre-requisite to the possibility of gaining further funding)
- County and Borough Councillor Mrs Radford has been notified
- Hazel Fish has presented to the Shepshed and Hathern Area Forum and invited the widest possible involvement and engagement with the process

Better Places

Consultation has commenced on budget proposals relating to funding for community centres. Letters have been sent to funded centres in Charnwood setting out proposals and beginning a process of consultation extending to the beginning of October 2010. Centres have been invited to respond to proposals by carrying out an impact assessment. The County Council Cabinet will consider the outcome of consultation and the needs and wishes of service users before making a final decision on future savings proposals. The centres that have been contacted are Fearon Hall, Loughborough, Syston Community Centre, Ashby Estates Community Centre (The Hut), Loughborough, Roseberry St Peters Community Centre, Loughborough, the Sikh Centre, Loughborough, the Shree Ram Krishna Centre, Loughborough and Gorse Covert Community Centre, Loughborough.

New Growth Point Funding

It has been announced by Central Government that New Growth Point funding for 2010/11 is confirmed, subject to consideration of a statement on how the funding will meet localism priorities. It is now anticipated that funding for projects for Leicester and Leicestershire might be received in August 2010, following submission of a statement later in July. Green Infrastructure projects in the proposals for Leicester and Leicestershire include the acquisition of land at Syston by the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust. This would

be developed as a nature reserve, with public access and enhanced and co-ordinated signage extending along the Soar Valley from the City to Watermead Country Park.

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