

WITHAM AREA PANEL
19th July 2006

Present

Graham Eavery Chairman
Valerie Ahern
Carol Suttle
Shelia Vincent

Ian Marshall
Richard Scott
Miriam Clarke
Arthur Dunn

Apologies

Keith Bigden

Neil Coughlan

Notes from Previous meeting

The panel agreed the notes from the previous meeting

Witham Library Project

The panel considered the report on the library project. Richard highlighted a number of issues around the project, the main two being the unreliable computer link and the lack of depth of staffing to deal with unexpected busy times. However Richard also explained that the links between the two organizations are developing for the benefit of the customer and that visitor numbers has shown an increase during May over the previous year.

Action: Richard to update the panel at a future meeting on the problems at the library.

Tenancy Enforcement

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Richard explained to the Panel the process that Housing Services follow when taking legal action via tenancy agreements. He highlighted the issues that are faced including lack of evidence but also explained that there are other options available such as mediation.

The panel noted the report

Performance indicators

The Panel considered the performance indicators provided

The panel noted the report

Any Other Business

Environmental improvements Mr. Dunn raised the issue of parking in Honeysuckle Way and presented a scheme for alleviating the problems. Mr Dunn also asked for information on the funding available for environmental improvements this year and the schemes that are being undertaken.

Action: Richard to bring an interim report on environmental improvements to the next meeting

Date of next meeting Wednesday 18th October 2006
Graham Eavery
Chairman