

REFERENCES FROM COUNCIL/COMMITTEES/GROUPS ADDENDUM

7f **Local Committee Funding – Bids for Grants from the Witham Local Committee – recommendations from the Witham Local Committee 23rd September 2008**

RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL ACOUSTICS

As Cllr Abbott had declared a personal & prejudicial interest, he spoke in favour of the application before leaving the meeting. Sally Anderson of Rivenhall Playing Fields Association (RPFA) presented the bid.

It was noted that the Council had refurbished the hall to a high standard but it had been left with severe acoustics problems. The RPFA was therefore seeking funding of £10k to rectify the problem.

The Committee noted that Rivenhall Parish Council would be prepared to fund up to half of the cost as they felt that the need to have this problem rectified was too great to be left much longer.

Having carefully considered the bid, the Committee expressed concerns that the Hall had been left in this condition and felt that the Council should fund this matter centrally. Monies should therefore be made available as soon as possible for funding to be requested from Cabinet as part of the budget estimates.

Decision:

1. That the bid be refused.
2. **That it be recommended to Cabinet** that urgent funding be requested as part of the budget estimates to rectify the acoustic problems at Rivenhall Village Hall.

7g **Local Decisions - recommendations from the Witham Local Committee 23rd September 2008**

ALLOTMENT PROVISION IN THE WITHAM AREA

Nick Day, Area Manager for Street Scene outlined a report to determine which, if any, of the improvement projects outlined could be brought forward into the current financial year by the allocation of funds from the Local Committee. It was noted that John Ray Gardens in Black Notley had been added to the request for funding.

The Committee evaluated the level of priority attached to each scheme and felt that the Silver Street site was the most urgent. Members agreed that The Cut Throat Lane site was a high priority, but it would not be possible to deal with this work quickly as plans to extend the site were still waiting for planning approval and would need to go out to consultation. Members proposed that Cut Throat lane go ahead as soon as possible in the 2009/10 budget provision.

Decision:

1. That funding of £20k be agreed to fund Silver Street allotment improvement
2. **That it be recommended to Cabinet** to fund the Cut Throat lane improvements as soon as possible from the 2009/10 central budget.