

## **COUNCIL MEETING 22 APRIL 2003**

### **REPORT OF COUNCILLOR LIBBY LISGO – COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

#### **Sure Start**

Further public consultation has been undertaken with wider community in Priorswood area, regarding the possible use of public open space as a site for a new sure start building.

Sure start is a regeneration initiative aimed at improving opportunities for 0-4 year old and their families in areas of greatest need.

Outcomes of the consultation will be presented to Executive Councillors Croad, Henley and Lisgo on 24 April 2003, who will decide on the possible contribution of this land and related issues of play equipment, public conveniences and facilities on the site.

#### **Crime and Disorder Strategy**

The Taunton Deane Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy 2002-2005 was published in April 2002. The Crime and Disorder Partnership will be issuing an annual update, reporting on progress against the many targets contained in the strategy, in May 2003.

#### **“Nighthoops”**

A successful 10 week pilot of scheme promoting evening basketball sessions to young people at risk of offending has now finished. Funding for scheme came from Home Office safer communities initiative, allocated through the Taunton Deane Crime and Disorder Partnership.

Evaluation is now under way to inform decisions on what form the scheme takes in future

#### **North Taunton Participation Project**

Laura Hassall has started in the post of Community Participation Worker, working for the North Taunton Partnership. Laura’s role will be to promote greater participation in learning activities among people in the North Taunton area. She will be based at Deane House but spend much of her time within the community.

#### **Taunton East Action (TEA)**

TEA – the Partnership set up to promote regeneration and greater community involvement, is establishing itself as a “development trust” following the end of funding to the area under the RDA’s Single Regeneration Budget initiative. The Trust will continue to operate from the Link Centre in Halcon. The first meeting of the Development Trust is at The Crossways Centre, Halcon on April 24<sup>th</sup> .

**LIBBY LISGO**