

COUNCIL MEETING – 15 OCTOBER 2002

REPORT OF COUNCILLOR LIBBY LISGO - COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Building Communities

The Taunton Deane Local Strategic Partnership decided (on 17 September) to submit an Expression of Interest to the Regional Development Agency, under its new “Building Communities” regeneration initiative. The Expression of Interest (EoI) will focus on Lyngford ward (one of two Taunton wards eligible under this funding stream), and will include innovative proposals for tackling the particular needs of this North Taunton neighbourhood. The Council will play a key role in developing the EoI by the end of November with local partners and agencies.

Community Strategy

A community strategy for Taunton Deane will be completed before Christmas. This strategy, to be published on behalf of the Taunton Deane Local Strategic Partnership, provides a broad framework for measuring and improving quality of life across Taunton Deane. The Community Leadership Panel will consider the strategy on 24th October.

Grant Giving

Practical proposals for reforming the Council’s grant giving practices and procedures will be considered by the Community Leadership panel on 24th October.

Equalities Review

Several key meetings take place in October as part of the Council’s review of its performance in promoting equality across all service areas and in the wider community. A ‘challenge’ event with local groups and agencies takes place at the Albemarle Centre on 21 October, and the Community Leadership Panel is holding a special meeting to consider the issue on 29 October.

Councillor Libby Lisgo

