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To: Members of the Baldock and District Committee of North Hertfordshire District Council

(Councillors M.E. Weeks (Chairman), A.D. Young (Vice-Chairman), S.K. Jarvis, Marilyn Kirkland, I.J. Knighton and M.R.M. Muir)

You are invited to attend a meeting of the
BALDOCK & DISTRICT COMMITTEE

to be held at

**BALDOCK COMMUNITY CENTRE, SIMPSON DRIVE
BALDOCK**

on

MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2007

at

7.30 p.m.

Yours sincerely,



David Miley
Democratic Services Manager

AGENDA
PART I

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2. MINUTES To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meetings of this Committee held on the 15 January 2007.	-
3. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS Members should notify the Chairman of other business which they wish to be discussed by the Committee at the end of the business set out in the agenda. They must state the circumstances which they consider justify the business being considered as a matter of urgency. The Chairman will decide whether any item(s) raised will be considered.	-
4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive from Members of the Committee any Declarations of Interest in respect of business set out in the agenda. Members should either declare a prejudicial or personal interest and are required to notify the Chairman of the nature of any interest declared. Members declaring a prejudicial interest should not seek to influence the decision and leave the room during that particular item of business.	-
5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION To receive petitions, comments and questions from members of the public. No requests to speak have been received to date. Any public participation requests received within the agreed time will be notified to Members as soon as practicable.	-
6. CHAMPION NEWS REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & CULTURAL SERVICES <i>A summary of the activities undertaken by the Community Development Officer for Baldock since the meeting of the Committee held on 15 January 2007 and events taking place in forthcoming months.</i>	1

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	<i>The current budget balances for the Committee. There are no grant applications for determination.</i>	
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	<i>There are no planning applications for determination by the Committee.</i>	
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	<i>An update for the Committee on any Planning Appeals that have been lodged or determined, and any Planning Enforcement action that has been authorised or taken since the meeting of the Committee held on 15 January 2007.</i>	

The next meeting of the Baldock & District Committee will be held on:

2 April 2007

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BALDOCK & DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE

MONDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2007

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

AGENDA ITEM No.

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TITLE: CHAMPION NEWS

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL SERVICES

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the activities and schemes with which the Community Development Officer has been involved during the past month.
- 1.2 To bring to the Committee's attention some important community based activities that will be taking place during the next few months.

2. FORWARD PLAN

- 2.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Not Applicable

4. ISSUES – PROJECT / ACTIVITY / SCHEME DETAILS

4.1 Area Visioning

4.1.1 Baldock Town Hall Feasibility Study

Officers are continuing to take forward the recommendations as agreed by Members at the Area Committee meeting held on 25 September 2006.

An officers group met with the Baldock Town Hall group on Monday 22 January 2007 to discuss the format and options available re the production of a Community Use business case for the facility.

4.1.2 Baldock Town Centre Enhancement Scheme

At the time of the production of this report a formal update was not available. However, a verbal update will be given to the Area Committee on the night.

4.1.3 Urban Design Workshop

The Community Development Officer joined elected Members, other officers of the Council and representatives from local community groups at the workshop held at St. Mary's Church Hall on Thursday 18 January 2007.

The event was coordinated by Planning Officers and facilitated by external Urban Design Consultants and it formed part of a series of similar workshops programmed for the other towns of the District.

4.1.4 Development of Town Partnership for Baldock

The group is next due to meet on Monday 12 February 2007. At the time of the production of this report the meeting had not taken place, therefore a verbal update on the main items discussed will be given to the Area Committee on the night.

4.2 **Festivals/Fairs/Events – Diary Dates**

4.2.1 North Herts Book Festival & World Book Day - 1 to 17 March 2007.

4.2.2 Baldock Festival - 5 to 20 May 2007
Saturday 19 May 2007 - Medieval Street Fair.

4.2.3 Baldock Chartered Street Fair – Target dates: 2 – 6 October 2007.

4.3 **General**

4.3.1 Local Organisations and Community Groups Support

Clothall Village Hall

The project group has now secured just over £100,000 of external funding to go towards the associated site works and rebuilding of a new village hall. Additional applications for Lottery, Biffa and other grant making charitable trust funds have also been developed for submission.

4.3.2 Clothall Common – Environmental projects

The projects and initiatives resulting from the Community Open evening are being developed and costed by officers and external partners following a site visit just prior to Christmas.

The projects currently being considered are:-

- Roundabout at start of estate, planted & sponsored by Country Properties
- Shrub Planting to soften fencing either side of the old Wallington Road
- Possible relocation of Post Box
- Installation of 3 – 4 more Dog waste bins
- Installation of bench & waste bin overlooking old Wallington Road
- Bat & Bird Boxes put up around open spaces
- Nature Areas – Insects, flowers & wildlife spaces with signage
- Enhanced Lighting around the area of Bush Springs Play Area

- Wallington Road ditch wildlife reinstatement & bridge crossing
- Removal of Chain Linked Fencing – Maltings Close
- Repair bare patches of Grass Area near Play Area
- Old Wallington Road Fence Extension
- Clothall Common – Welcome road sign
- Community Information Notice Board near Shop
- Pathway to Play Area & instate pathway Stain Street to Wyn Close
- Possible road access point from old A505
- Pedestrian crossing scheme Whitehorse Street & A505

4.3.3 Baldock Bowls & Social Club

The Community Development Officer in conjunction with other officers of the Council is assisting the Club in the renewing of both the Building & Ground leases. In addition, assistance is also being given with regards to bringing the club's current arrangements inline with those enjoyed by other similar clubs in the District.

4.3.4 Ashwell Stores

The Community Development Officer is advising and assisting the Store's proprietor in the endeavour of securing external funding and potential review of the business rates associated to village & community shops.

5. CONSULTATION WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AND WARD MEMBERS

- 5.1 Consultation with the respective agencies, organisations and Ward Members has taken place with regards to the projects, activities and events mentioned in section 4 of this report.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 That the Committee endorses the actions taken by the Community Development Officer to promote greater community capacity and well being.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 That the Committee enforces the actions and policies involved in the tasks and projects undertaken by the Community Development Officer.

8. CONTACT OFFICER

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**TITLE: BALDOCK & DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT & AREA
VISIONING BUDGETS 2006/2007**
REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL
SERVICES

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To advise the Committee on the delegated budgets for financial year 2006/2007 and the carry forward preallocated balances of delegated budgets from financial year 2005/2006.
- 1.2 To bring to the Committee's attention details of recent allocation and commitment of delegated funds for Community initiatives and projects.

2. FORWARD PLAN

- 2.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Not Applicable

4. ISSUES AND FUNDING DECISIONS TO BE MADE

- 4.1 STATEMENT OF COMMITTEE DELEGATED BUDGETS 2006/2007
 - 4.1.1 See Appendix 1 – Spreadsheet of Committee Delegated Budgets 2006/2007.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Committee has delegated powers to administer funds from the budgets described.
- 5.2 There are no other legal implications pertinent to this report.

6. FINANCIAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Members are asked to note the information detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, which relates to the Area Committee budget balances for the current financial year 2006/2007.
- 6.2 The spreadsheet also details the pre allocations carried forward from the previous financial year 2005/2006 to the current financial year 2006/2007.
- 6.3 In addition, the spreadsheet includes the balances relating to allocated Visioning Budgets available to the respective wards within the Baldock & District area.

7. HUMAN RESOURCE AND EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Not Applicable

8. CONSULTATION WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AND WARD MEMBERS

- 8.1 Consultation with the respective Ward Members has occurred in connection with the pre allocation of funds for Community Initiative & Projects from the previous financial year 2005/2006 Ward Development Discretionary Budgets to the current financial year 2006/2007.
- 8.2 Consultation with the respective officers and external agencies/groups has taken place with regards to the funding proposal for Area Committee Discretionary Development Funds.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The Committee is asked to note the budgetary expenditure, current balances and carry forwards from the Ward Development Budgets 2005/2006, the Small Area Grants Budget and the allocated Visioning Budgets.

10. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 The allocation of funds will improve the services provided by the local organisations and groups that are available and accessed by various members of the community.

11. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 11.1 Not Applicable.

12. APPENDICES

- 12.1 Appendix 1 – Spreadsheet of Committee Delegated Budgets 2006/2007.

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14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 14.1 None

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Spreadsheet of Committee Delegated Budgets 2006/2007

<u>SUMMARY/ TOTALS</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Unallocated Budget</u>				
VISIONING	£3,200	£3,200	£651	£2,549	£0				
SMALL AREA GRANTS	£1,820	£1,820	£1,820	£0	£0				
BALDOCK TOWN	£15,990	£11,203	£6,187	£5,016	£4,787				
BALDOCK EAST	£8,260	£1,842	£1,435	£407	£6,418				
ARBURY	£9,940	£7,965	£1,600	£6,365	£1,975				
WESTON & SANDON	£10,800	£7,025	£2,660	£4,365	£3,775				
Total	£50,010	£33,055	£14,353	£18,702	£16,955				

<u>VISIONING</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Year Allocated</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Preallocated Funds C/F from 2005/06	£3,200	2004/2005	Ivel Springs	£730	23.02.04	£645	£85	
		2005/2006	Town Centre Strategy	£2,470	11.04.05	£6	£2,464	
Total	£3,200			£3,200		£651	£2,549	£0

<u>DEVELOPMENT BUDGETS</u>									
<u>SMALL AREA GRANTS</u>	<u>Funding</u>		<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Comments</u>	
Base Budget 06/07	£2,010		Retirement Sewing Club	£420	10.04.06	£420	£0		
Less Budget Reallocated to Baldock East Ward	-£190		Baldock Festival	£1,060	10.04.06	£1,060	£0		
			Ashwell Museum	£340	10.04.06	£340	£0		
Total	£1,820			£1,820		£1,820	£0	£0	

Spreadsheet of Committee Delegated Budgets 2006/2007

BALDOCK TOWN	Funding		Project	Allocated	Date	Spent	Outstanding	Comments
Reallocated Funds Brought Forward from 05/06	£2,350		Additional funds for Street Furniture	£40	15.08.05	£102	-£62	Funded from Community Projects C/F
Baldock Town Community Projects (c/f 05/06)	£450		Baldock Allotment Association - Plot for disabled holders North Rd	£390	26.09.05	£0	£390	
Baldock Town Community Projects (c/f 05/06)	£3,760		Alcohol Free Zone - Consultation	£460	07.11.05	£0	£460	
			Tree Works in Nightingale Way & Willan Way	£1,210	12.12.05	£1,205	£5	
			Tree Works Brewery Lane & Park Drive	£250	06.03.06	£250	£0	
			High Street Hanging Baskets	£1,520	10.04.06	£1,520	£0	
			Royal British legion - Baldock Branch	£375	22.05.06	£375	£0	
			Grass Maze at Avenue Park	£263	03.07.06	£0	£263	
			Baldock Town Youth Football Club	£1,140	14.08.06	£1,140	£0	
			Childrens Summer Holiday Activities	£150	14.08.06	£0	£150	
			Baldock Crusaders Netball Club	£595	06.11.06	£595	£0	
			St. Mary's - Neighbourhood Watch Signage	£80	06.11.06	£0	£80	
Base Budget 06/07	£9,430		Baldock Rotary Club - Christmas Lights	£1,000	25.09.06	£1,000	£0	
			Book Festival - Baldock Events	£130	04.12.06	£0	£130	
			Tree Works - Nightingale Rd Area	£1,500	04.12.06	£0	£1,500	
			Town Tree Planting	£2,100	04.12.06	£0	£2,100	
Total	£15,990			£11,203		£6,187	£5,016	£4,787

Spreadsheet of Committee Delegated Budgets 2006/2007

BALDOCK EAST	Funding		Project	Allocated	Date	Spent	Outstanding	Comments
Preallocated Funds Brought Forward from 05/06:	£180		Bench for the Clothall Estate	£40	15.08.05	£0	£40	
Baldock East Community Projects (C/F 04/05)	£2,090		Alcohol Free Zone - Consultation	£140	07.11.05	£0	£140	
Baldock East Community Projects (c/f 05/06)	£2,900		High Street Hanging Baskets	£480	10.04.06	£480	£0	
			Royal British legion - Baldock Branch	£125	22.05.06	£125	£0	
			Grass Maze Avenue Park	£87	03.07.06	£0	£87	
			Baldock Town Youth Football Club	£360	14.08.06	£360	£0	
			Childrens Summer Holiday Activities	£50	14.08.06	£0	£50	
			Spring Bulbs	£50	14.08.06	£0	£50	
			Baldock Rotary Club - Christmas Lights	£250	25.09.06	£250	£0	
			Baldock Crusaders Netball Club	£180	06.11.06	£180	£0	
			Baldock East Ward - Community Projects Evening	£40	06.11.06	£40	£0	
			Book Festival - Baldock Events	£40	04.12.06	£0	£40	
Base Budget 06/07	£2,900							
Plus Budget Reallocated from Small Area Grants	£190							
Total	£8,260			£1,842		£1,435	£407	£6,418

Spreadsheet of Committee Delegated Budgets 2006/2007

<u>ARBURY</u>	<u>Funding</u>		<u>Project</u>	<u>Allocated</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Preallocated Funds Brought Forward from 05/06	£5,520		Community Visioning Projects	£5,520	07.11.05	£0	£5,520	
Arbury Community Projects (c/f from 04/05 Small Area Grants)	£180		Bygrave PC - Lawn Mower	£360	22.05.06	£360	£0	
Arbury Community Projects (c/f 05/06)	£980		Ashwell Kids Club	£150	14.08.06	£0	£150	
			Ashwell Fuchsia Festival	£85	14.08.06	£85	£0	
			Hinxworth Arts Society	£150	25.09.06	£0	£150	
			Baldock Crusaders Netball Club	£205	06.11.06	£205	£0	
			Hinxworth & Edworth WI	£200	04.12.06	£0	£200	
Base Budget 06/07	£3,260		Book Festival - Baldock Events	£45	04.12.06	£0	£45	
			Ashwell Music Festival	£350	04.12.06	£350	£0	
			Ashwell Theatre Group	£300	04.12.06	£0	£300	
			Ashwell URC Hall	£350	04.12.06	£350	£0	
			Hinxworth Parish Council	£250	04.12.06	£250	£0	
Total	£9,940			£7,965		£1,600	£6,365	£1,975

Spreadsheet of Committee Delegated Budgets 2006/2007

WESTON & SANDON	Funding			Project	Allocated	Date	Spent	Outstanding	Comments
Preallocated Funds Brought Forward from 05/06:	£4,330			Community Visioning Projects	£4,330	07.11.05	£0	£4,330	
Weston & Sandon Community Projects (c/f 04/05)	£1,390		Provisional	Footpath Lighting -Hitchin Road to Friars Road		10.04.06			
Weston & Sandon Community Projects (c/f 05/06)	£2,540			The Snipe - Weston Childrens Play Equipment	£1,500	10.04.06	£1,500	£0	
				Clothall Village Hall - New Build Project	£1,000	25.09.06	£1,000	£0	
				Baldock Crusaders Netball Club	£160	06.11.06	£160	£0	
				Book Festival - Baldock Events	£35	04.12.06	£0	£35	
Base Budget 0607	£2,540								
Total	£10,800				£7,025		£2,660	£4,365	£3,775

***PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

AGENDA ITEM No.

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TITLE OF REPORT: PLANNING APPLICATIONS
REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING & BUILDING CONTROL

There are no planning applications for determination by the Committee.

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TITLE OF REPORT: PLANNING APPEALS & ENFORCEMENT
REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING & BUILDING CONTROL

This Item will take the format of an oral presentation.

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