

**Dudley Federation of Tenants and Residents Associations
2017/18 3rd quarter: November 17 - January 2018**



Big Question Budget

In addition to the 1.99% Council Tax increase which is set to come in next year, DMBC want your thoughts on adding an adult social care precept (either 1% making a total of 2.99%, 2% making a total of 3.99% or the maximum permitted 3% making a total of 4.99%)

- You can read more information and complete the survey at <https://goo.gl/6Aw4qe>

Consultation

The DFTRA Board would like to welcome our three potential new members - Elaine Lloyd (Ellowes Hall & Area TRA), Tony Brain (Hill Street Three Towers and George McClay (Beacon Hill TRA). A vote will be taken at our December General meeting and we hope to be formally welcoming them as Directors in the New Year.

We would encourage our group members at their general meetings to inform their communities that if anyone is changing or due to change to Universal Credit, that they inform the Local Authority as soon as a claim is activated.

If support is needed, the local authority can offer this as long as they are informed.

Communication

We need new members!

If you are interested in:

- What goes into Home Affairs
- Improving communications between the Council and TRAs
- Investigating ways to increase involvement from communities

and would like to get involved, please contact the Participation Development Team on

01384 815

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Group

Update

Winter Warmth

This scheme aims to help people struggling to keep their homes and themselves warm enough during the winter months by assisting with the right advice on appropriate tariffs, as well as energy discounts and grants.

The winter warmth helpline is 01384 817086. Call for advice and to request a free home visit.

More information can be found at dudley.gov.uk or on the Dudley Federation website.

Support Scheme

Fraud and Scams

The Community Safety Team on behalf of Safe and Sound, Dudley's Community Safety Partnership are holding an event to raise the awareness of fraud, scams (online and offline) and rogue traders for Dudley residents and those who work with them.

There will be 2 sessions on Tuesday 27th February 2018 at the Store House, Albion Street, Brierley Hill DY5 3EE.

To register for the event or to get more information go to:

<https://goo.gl/HresBH>

Awareness

Big Breakfast

Following on from Dudley Housing's BIG Conversation Roadshow back in July, a feedback event was held.

Video footage from the camper van was shown to attendees and results from the roadshow surveys were explained.

Following this, discussions were had on the future priorities, the top 5 can be seen below...

Feedback Event

Developing rent payment systems to maintain income and reduce bureaucracy

Supporting people through welfare reforms

One

For more ...see the Winter edition of Home Affairs which will be delivered to tenants shortly and also available here:

<https://goo.gl/fdii1y>

To share your views or find out more, contact the Participation Development Team at participation@dudley.gov.uk

or on 01384 815168

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Get in

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touch.

Community keeps

When a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in Netherton was set to be fenced off from public use, Bowling Green TRA listened to concerns from members of the public.

The MUGA was opened in August 2008 following the hard work of Bowling Green TRA and other agencies who secured funding through the Big Lottery for the games area to be built. The proposal to fence it off came after news that Netherbrook Primary school would be joining other schools to form a Multi Academy Trust.

Local residents were supportive of the school becoming part of the Academy but felt it was unfair that local children would no longer have access to the Multi-Use Games Area.

At a public meeting on 17th October - attended by 87 members of the community, 3 ward Councillors and Dudley Council representatives as well as the Headmaster from the school - representatives from each side had their say and it was agreed unanimously that the local community wanted the games area to remain as it was, accessible by all.

Following on from the meeting, the original proposal was overturned and Cllr. Anne Millward was happy to support the new proposal which was to exclude the MUGA from the Multi Academy Trust and for it to remain a community asset.

Bowling Green TRA were very happy with the decision and thank the Councillors and all parties involved.

local asset

Priority

Contributing to area regeneration in estates and communities where people want to live, both now and in the future

Three

Preventing homelessness, rough sleeping, tenancy failure

Four

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Good

financial health of the housing service

Five

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