

To: Kilsyth and Villages Area Committee	Subject: UPDATE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNITY FORUM
From: Liaison Director	
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 A second consultation meeting to progress the establishment of a Kilsyth and Villages Community Forum was held on Monday 22 June 1998.
- 1.2 This meeting gave local activists the opportunity to discuss and clarify a wide and varied range of options for the structure of a local Community Forum.
- 1.3 Agreement was reached that the structure of the Forum would be as follows;
 - two representatives from each of the four Community Council areas and one representative from each of the four issue based groupings:
 - Local Churches
 - Elderly Groups
 - Pre 5 Groups
 - Youth Groups

2.0 Progressing the Forum

- 2.1 Three of the four Community Council areas have identified their representatives for the Forum. The Croy area has still to organise a public meeting to identify their representatives. With support from the Chief Executive's department this public meeting will be organised to take place in late November.
- 2.2 Four meetings have been arranged for each of the issue based groups, as follows:
 - Local Churches - Tuesday 3 November
 - Elderly Groups - Thursday 5 November
 - Pre 5 Groups - Tuesday 10 November
 - Youth Groups - Thursday 12 November

At these meetings it is anticipated that a representative will be identified to participate on the Community Forum.

- 2.3 It is acknowledged that progress towards Forum establishment has been limited due to a number of circumstances outwith the control of the Area Committee.
- 2.4 It is anticipated that the inaugural forum meeting will take place in early January 1999 at which decisions can be taken on topics and issues for debate at Forum meetings, dates, times and venues for future meetings.

3.0 **Conclusion**

3.1 Enthusiasm for a Community Forum is still high in spite of the delay in establishing the Forum. All those people who have indicated an interest have been contacted to keep them up to date with the progress towards Forum establishment.

4.0 **Recommendation**

4.1 It is recommended that Committee:

- note the progress towards Community Forum establishment.



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