

## **Item 9 – Introduction to the Committee**

The King's Lynn Area Consultative Committee was set up by Cabinet on 1 October 2013. The Committee is made up of all the Borough Councillors for the unparished area of King's Lynn and West Lynn. It enables those Councillors to meet and discuss issues of mutual interest which might have implications beyond the boundaries of individual wards.

An example of relates to Policing in King's Lynn where we receive a 6-monthly update from the Police.

A copy of the Committee's Terms of Reference is attached.

The Committee also acts as a consultative forum on the funding raised by, and the utilisation of, the King's Lynn Special Expenses. Special expenses topics can be looked at during the course of the year with a special meeting held (usually October / November) to discuss the special expense charge. Special Expenses cover allotments, public open space, footway lighting, play areas, community centres, closed churchyards, pavilions, dog bins, bus shelters, public conveniences.

The Committee is also able to make recommendations to Norfolk County Council's Parish Partnership Programme, relating to potential match funding for small-scale highway works in King's Lynn and West Lynn. An example of this was two new bus shelters – one outside the hospital and one at South Lynn. The Committee will be receiving a presentation on the Parish Partnership Scheme later in the meeting.

The Committee has also set up a Planning Sub-Group to consider major planning applications in King's Lynn and West Lynn. We will be looking for nominations to this Group later in the meeting.

Also, an Open Space Review Informal Working Group has been set up and are currently looking at providing some accessible play equipment in The Walks. An update on this will be given later in the meeting and we will be looking for nominations to this Group.

Some past examples of presentations that the Committee has received are:

- Health & Well-being Partnership Update;

- Housing Standards;
- Lily Update; and
- Refit Programme.

If you have any suggestions for items which can be considered by the Committee or issues, then please raise this when we get to item 15 – Committees Work Programme on the agenda.