

**BLACKWOOD TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP –
28TH APRIL 2005**

SUBJECT: ITEMS RAISED BY GROUP MEMBERS

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 Councillor Etheridge has requested that the following items be placed on the agenda for discussion –

- Proposals to locate a Civil and Family Court at Hall Street, Blackwood;
- Allocation of Area Forum funding to Town Centre Management Groups

2. THE REPORT

Proposals to locate a Civil and Family Court at Hall Street, Blackwood

- 2.1 Enquiries have shown that the planning application for the above proposal has not yet been lodged with the Planning Authority.
- 2.2 However, having regard to the impact such a development could have on the town centre it is suggested that a letter be sent to the Chief Planning Officer requesting that the Town Centre Management Group can be included in the formal consultation process. If necessary, a special meeting of the Group could then be arranged to discuss the proposals in detail.

Area Forum Allocation to Town Centre Management Groups

- 2.3 A sum of £70,000 has been allocated in total to Area Forums and a sum of £3,370 would be the Blackwood Town Centre Management Group's share. This is less than previous years' as in the past the fund has been topped up from other sources or had carry-overs from the preceding year.

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