

**14. LINWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE/INNER CITY EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP  
SHARED AREA**

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The purpose of this report is to update the Board on residents' group discussions and to seek approval and official recognition for a Residents' Group shared area.

During 2001, staff were approached by the Inner City East Neighbourhood Group (ICENG) requesting changes to the residents' group boundary between their group and the Linwood Neighbourhood Committee. The request came as a result of discussions over the issue which started in 1998 and where an agreement that was amicable to both the groups had been unable to be reached.

The area of conflict was the residential area loosely bounded by Fitzgerald Avenue, Armagh Street, Stanmore Road and Essex Street and which is within the present Linwood Neighbourhood Committee residents' group area. ICENG, who draw a number of their members from the area, believed that the residents east of Fitzgerald Avenue and up to Stanmore Road were closely aligned to their group and the boundary should therefore reflect their interests. The Linwood Neighbourhood Group had been in existence for some twenty years and believed that they adequately catered for the people in the area and no boundary changes were necessary.

Both of the groups met together with staff on 16 October 2001 and a proposal was made that an area of shared responsibility could be established in the area bounded by Fitzgerald Avenue, Armagh Street, Stanmore Road and Tuam Street. It was suggested that such an area would recognise each group's interest in the area and provide strong channels for the residents to have their issues heard. It was recognised that there was a need to canvass the people in the area and that they were the ones who should decide on their area and what happened in it. A flyer was subsequently delivered to all properties in the affected area and a public meeting was called for 5 February 2002 to discuss the issues. At the meeting, it was proposed and carried that:

*"The 'grey' area as per the attached map become a shared area between ICENG and Linwood Neighbourhood."*

Both groups also agreed that they would undertake to communicate on matters affecting the area.

Sharing of an area is not a new departure and there are already four residents' groups in the Board's area that share areas of mutual interest.

The Board is therefore requested to give approval and recognition of a new shared area between the Inner City East Neighbourhood Group (ICENG) and the Linwood Neighbourhood Committee.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board officially recognise the area bounded by Fitzgerald Avenue, Armagh Street, Stanmore Road and Tuam Street to be an area of shared responsibility between the Linwood Neighbourhood Committee and the Inner City East Neighbourhood Group (ICENG) residents' groups.
  2. That the present Linwood Neighbourhood Committee residents' group area be amended accordingly to show the change.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendations be adopted.