

# REGENERATION AND LIVEABILITY PORTFOLIO

## DECISION RECORD

23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2007

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

**Present:**

The Mayor (Stuart Drummond)

Officers: Peter Scott, Director of Regeneration and Planning  
Nigel Johnson, Principal Housing Regeneration Officer  
Derek Gouldbum, Urban Policy Manager  
Denise Ogden, Head of Environmental Management  
Gemma Clough, Principal Regeneration Officer  
Jeff Mason, Head of Support Services  
Pat Watson, Democratic Services Officer

**1. Rift House/Burn Valley Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) Update (Final for Endorsement) (*Head of Regeneration*)**

**Type of decision**

Key Decision – (test ii)

**Purpose of report**

To seek endorsement of the Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) Update for the Rift House and Burn Valley areas.

**Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder**

The report described the background to NAPs with specific focus on the Rift House/Burn Valley NAP. It outlined the comprehensive consultation process undertaken to develop the NAP from the initial community consultation event to the consultation process on the draft NAP, all of which had enabled the final version to be produced.

The report also illustrated the residents' key concerns which needed to be addressed as well as outlining the format of the NAP document, and the plans to produce the residents' summary pamphlet. The implementation

procedure was outlined along with the financial implications of the NAP and a consideration of the possible risks associated with the NAP process.

The Rift House / Burn Valley NAP would continue to have an impact on service delivery and would potentially influence future funding opportunities in the Rift House and Burn Valley areas.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder endorsed the NAP Update for the Rift House and Burn Valley areas subject to endorsement from the Central Neighbourhood Consultative Forum.

## **2. Friarage Manor House and Surrounding Land – Feasibility and Development Work (*Head of Regeneration*)**

### **Type of decision**

Non-key

### **Purpose of report**

The report provided an update on current progress with the development of feasibility work in relation to the Friarage Manor House and surrounding land and requested authorisation to pursue further development work to assist the delivery of the scheme.

### **Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder**

The project relates to a key regeneration site on the Headland and the Manor House itself is the subject of a potential Townscape Heritage Initiative Grant.

The report outlined progress on a feasibility study which is currently being carried out to assess the viability of converting the Manor House for use as a community resource as part of a wider redevelopment scheme. The report highlighted a number of critical issues affecting the achievement of such a scheme and requested authorisation to pursue additional work aimed at supporting the development and marketing process.

The financial implications were detailed in the report.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder noted the progress on the feasibility work and agreed to the use of resources as outlined in the report to support the further development and delivery of the scheme.

### **3. Housing Market Renewal Programme 2007/8 – Resource Allocation** *(Director of Regeneration and Planning)*

#### **Type of decision**

Non-key

#### **Purpose of report**

To establish where remaining housing market renewal resources would be targeted in terms of supporting strategic property acquisitions for the remainder of 2007/08 and to set out the overall direction on the programme for 2008 onwards.

#### **Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder**

The Portfolio Holder was advised that the report has core strategic relevance to housing, regeneration and liveability, and is firmly rooted within the Government's agenda for creating and supporting sustainable and mixed communities.

The report briefly summarised the current position of the housing market renewal programme in central Hartlepool, and set out an approach to targeting remaining resources available in 2007/08 from current capital allocations into supporting strategic property acquisitions in areas where significant project development work had already been undertaken, ahead of the confirmation of future resource availability for the period 2008-11.

The Portfolio Holder commented that it is a fine balance between people's expectations and finding resources but asked officers to continue with the good work and bring a further progress report when future resource allocations for 2008-11 have been confirmed.

#### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder endorsed the approach as contained within the report with the addition of a small number of residential properties within the Dalton Street Clearance area.

### **4. Regeneration and Planning Departmental Plan 2007/08 – 2009/10** *(Director of Regeneration and Planning Services)*

#### **Type of decision**

Non-key

### **Purpose of report**

To seek agreement to the Regeneration and Planning Departmental Plan for 2007/08-2009/10.

### **Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder**

The Portfolio Holder was advised that the Departmental Plan outlined the main activities the department would undertake during 2007-08 – 2009-10 And included a detailed action plan for 2007/08.

The report indicated that the structure of the Departmental Plan is based on a corporate template and is designed to be consistent with other plans across the council. It has clear links to the strategic aims and objectives contained in the Council's overall Corporate Plan and also forms the basis for more detailed service planning for each division of the department.

For 2007/08, service planning and the preparation of the Statement of Internal Control had been brought together to reduce the duplication of effort and to improve governance arrangements. Appendix 1 of this year's Regeneration and Planning Departmental Plan contained full details of associated risks that could prevent the department achieving its objectives and described the management controls in place to mitigate those risks identified.

In addition, five separate Diversity Impact Needs Requirement Assessments had also been carried out as part of the service planning process and these were shown within the Department Plan document at Appendix 2. Each of the main service areas had been reviewed and appropriate plans established to ensure the department takes steps to fully meet its equality and diversity obligations. The assessments would be subject to stakeholder consultation later in the year. The actions required would be incorporated into the detailed service plans for each division of the department.

The Portfolio Holder was advised that the departmental actions and performance indicators would be regularly monitored by senior managers throughout the year. In addition, a quarterly report would be submitted to the Portfolio Holder to provide an update on progress and to highlight any key areas of achievement or concern.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder approved the Regeneration and Planning Departmental Plan for 2007/08-2009/10,

**5. Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Monitoring Report** (*Director of Neighbourhood Services*)

**Type of decision**

For information

**Purpose of report**

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the progress made against the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 in the fourth quarter of the year.

**Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder**

The report detailed the progress against the actions contained in the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 and the fourth quarter outturns of key performance indicators.

In relation to BV090a the Portfolio Holder asked when the remainder of the town would receive the benefits of the increased recycling scheme. The Head of Environmental Management advised that we were looking to add the remaining two refuse rounds on to the recycling system in October, however there were resource implications that had to be addressed before a definite date could be given.

**Decision**

The Portfolio Holder noted the achievement of key actions and fourth quarter outturns of performance indicators.

**J A BROWN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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