

REGENERATION AND LIVEABILITY PORTFOLIO

DECISION RECORD

19th July, 2007

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Mayor's Office, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

The Mayor (Stuart Drummond)

Officers: Peter Scott, Director of Regeneration and Planning Services
Rob Smith, Senior Regeneration Officer
Sarah Scarr, Landscape Planning and Conservation Manager
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

10. **Heritage Protection for the 21st Century – White Paper** (*Director of Regeneration and Planning*)

Type of decision

Non-Key

Purpose of report

To provide further information on the Heritage Protection for the 21st Century White Paper produced by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and details of the response by officers.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The Heritage Protection for the 21st Century White Paper sets out a vision of a unified and simpler heritage protection system with more opportunities for public involvement and community engagement. A summary of the main changes was provided as an appendix to the report with two key issues highlighted:

- The creation of a single system for national designation to replace listing, scheduling and registering
- The streamlining of regulations by merging Listed Building Consent and Scheduled Monument Consent, and by consultation on the merging of Conservation Area Consent with planning permission.

Officer comments were detailed as an appendix to the report showing that the proposals within the paper were welcomed while urging further consideration on the proposal to merge conservation area consent with planning permission. The need for additional resources was also highlighted.

Decision

That the paper be noted and the response endorsed.

11. Tees Valley Single Programme – Progress Report
(Head of Regeneration)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To provide an update of progress on the Hartlepool Single Programme Package for 2006/07 and to seek endorsement to the proposals for 2007/08. The report also contains a request to release £25,000 from the Major Regeneration Project Budget to contribute towards the Central Area Development Framework.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The Single Programme is one of the Governments main strategic economic development and regeneration programmes. Details were given of the approved projects and outturn expenditure for 2006/07, with current approved projects for 2007/08. Financial implications were also detailed.

Officers highlighted two projects which had been approved in principle within the Tees Valley Investment Plan for 2007/08 and were currently progressing through the Business Case approval process. These related to preliminary expenditure aimed at identifying future investment opportunities within the Southern Business Zone and the Central Area. In relation to the Central Area OneNorthEast had accepted the urgent need to prepare a development framework to identify and define further development opportunities and employ consultants accordingly. They were looking for the Council to contribute towards the cost of the study and it was suggested that £25,000 be approved from the Major Regeneration Budget as the Council's contribution.

For the Southern Business Zone the requisite match funding for a similar Single Programme study was envisaged to be provided from a combination of Economic Development budget and private sector contributions.

Decision

- i. That progress and outturn on the schemes included in the 2006/07 programme be noted
- ii. That the proposals included in the 2007/08 programme be endorsed
- iii. That a contribution of £25,000 from the Major Regeneration Project Budget toward the Central Area Development Framework be approved.

12. Pride in Hartlepool Proposals (*Head of Public Protection*)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To consider a recommendation of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group in respect of proposals for community projects.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report listed the proposals and recommendations for funding.

Decision

That the recommendation of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group be approved.

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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