

PLEASE NOTE VENUE

REGENERATION AND LIVEABILITY PORTFOLIO

DECISION SCHEDULE



Friday 21 September 2007

at 10.00 am

in Conference Room 3
Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre,
Kendal Road, Hartlepool

The Mayor Stuart Drummond responsible for Regeneration and Liveability will consider the following items.

1. **KEY DECISIONS**
No items
2. **OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION**
 - 2.1 Pride in Hartlepool Proposals – *Head of Public Protection*
3. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
 - 3.1 The Future of Hartlepool Revival – *Director of Regeneration and Planning Services*
4. **REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS**
No items

REGENERATION AND LIVEABILITY

Report to Portfolio Holder
21 September 2007



Report of: Head of Public Protection

Subject: PRIDE IN HARTLEPOOL PROPOSALS

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider a recommendation of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group in respect of a proposal for a community project.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report contains details of a request for funding (£50) from the Pride in Hartlepool budget towards the cost of bulbs for local volunteers to plant.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

The Portfolio Holder is responsible for environmental initiatives.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Recommendation of Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group to Regeneration and Liveability Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

To agree the recommendation of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group in respect of a community environmental project.

Report of: Head of Public Protection

Subject: PRIDE IN HARTLEPOOL PROPOSALS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider a recommendation of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group in respect of a proposal for a community project.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group met on Thursday 6th September and recommended the following for approval:

2.2 Residents Bungalows, Studley Road
Residents are requesting £50 towards the cost of bulbs and tools to enable them to plant them in their local area. The bulbs including crocus and daffodils will be planted by volunteers this autumn and will flower next spring.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The funding for the above projects is available within the Pride in Hartlepool budget.

4. RECOMMENDATION

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

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Report of: The Director of Regeneration & Planning Services

Subject: The Future of Hartlepool Revival

SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise the Portfolio Holder and other Members regarding developments relating to Hartlepool Revival and proposals for its future location, structure, management and governance.

2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report briefly describes the evolution and remit of Hartlepool Revival and sets out currently emerging proposals relating to future direction.

3.0 RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

The report has core strategic relevance to housing, regeneration and liveability and the agenda for creating and supporting sustainable and mixed communities.

4.0 TYPE OF DECISION

Non-key.

5.0 DECISION MAKING ROUTE

The Portfolio holder at his meeting on 21 September 2007.

6.0 DECISION(S) REQUIRED

To note developments in respect of Hartlepool Revival and invite a further report in due course as and when the detail of final proposals have been confirmed.

Report of: The Director of Regeneration & Planning Services

Subject: The Future of Hartlepool Revival

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Portfolio Holder and other Members regarding developments relating to Hartlepool Revival and proposals for its future location, structure, management and governance.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Hartlepool Revival is the housing regeneration company established in 2003 by Endeavour Housing Association and Guinness Trust to implement the New Deal for Communities ('NDC') Community Housing Plan ('CHP'). Hartlepool Revival has a board structure comprising resident representatives from the NDC area, Endeavour Housing Association, Guinness Trust and Hartlepool Borough Council. It has a dedicated staff team tasked with implementing NDC housing proposals, and was located in an office on Park Road between 2003 and earlier in 2007. It is now co-located with the core NDC staffing team at the Arches on Park Road.
- 2.2 Since being established in 2003 Revival has been the dedicated delivery vehicle implementing the NDC Community Housing Plan, which was developed in 2001 and 2002 and involved extremely comprehensive community consultations and engagement with residents across the NDC area. This has ultimately crystallised into several related core areas of activity, including developing and implementing large scale housing clearance and redevelopment proposals in those areas of older housing which had suffered the most acute housing market failure (Mildred/Slater Street and Mayfair/Gordon Street areas, Thornton Street and Dalton Street), managing the relocation process for residents within these areas, and in facilitating the development of additional proposals in respect of Belle Vue, the Carr/Hopps Street area and also generating coherent proposals for facilitating housing improvements across the wider NDC area and other activity.

- 2.3 Completing the necessary site assembly work and relocations processes for residents living in areas where clearance and redevelopment has been progressed has required considerable frontline staffing input from Hartlepool Revival. In workflow terms this activity peaked between 2004 and 2006 as the sites identified above were being progressed prior to completion of the necessary CPO process undertaken in partnership with Hartlepool BC, and the ultimate transfer of the sites to Yuill Homes to allow redevelopment to be progressed.
- 2.4 In resources terms most of the NDC funds earmarked to implement the CHP have been used. Additional resources supporting the programme have been made available from the Housing Corporation, and Hartlepool Borough Council via significant contributions from housing capital funding allocations from the Regional Housing Board and Department for Communities and Local Government during the period 2003 to date. As reported to the Portfolio Holder on 23 May 2007, Hartlepool Borough Council continues to lobby as part of the sub-regional housing market renewal partnership Tees Valley Living for additional resources to facilitate sustainable housing regeneration following the next Comprehensive Spending Review in Autumn 2007, and future government funding allocations for the period 2008-11. As also reported previously sites within the NDC area where significant community engagement and planning work has been undertaken in respect of developing coherent redevelopment proposals sit within a wider group of potential intervention areas that have been prioritised for future implementation. The detail in respect of this in terms of timing, delivery and phasing arrangements will become clearer when future funding allocations have been formalised, currently anticipated to be early in 2008.
- 2.5 In recent months there have been changes in some Hartlepool Revival staffing arrangements. Revival's Project Manager has found alternative employment in the private sector, and the Housing Regeneration Director has been employed part-time by Endeavour HA to assist with other related projects. Most recently the Housing Regeneration Director has accepted an offer of full-time alternative employment, and will leave her position at the end of September 2007.
- 2.6 Given this position, and the significantly reduced current workload for the Revival team (at least pending clarification of future funding availability as described above), NDC and Revival are currently undertaking an operational review of Revival in terms of possible future staffing, location, management and governance arrangements.
- 2.7 Various potential options have been considered (including temporarily replacing the Director via a possible secondment or other arrangement), and very positive discussions have been undertaken with Housing Hartlepool who provide the other 'delivery arm' for the

implementation of the overall housing regeneration programme across central Hartlepool. Revival's Board has given due consideration to the various potential future options that exist, and has recently concluded that further dialogue should be undertaken with Housing Hartlepool around a permanent integration of the Revival staff team into Housing Hartlepool's Regeneration and Development division as part of the development of a longer term solution.

- 2.8 The firm detail around this has not yet emerged and discussions remain ongoing. However, it is currently anticipated that the Hartlepool Revival 'brand' will be preserved in some form (possibly within some form of neighbourhood development company established as part of the NDC succession strategy) and a new lead post will be established to manage an integrated Hartlepool Revival/Housing Hartlepool Regeneration Projects team, with the salary and associated costs being met through contributions from NDC and Housing Hartlepool. It is also anticipated that this post will be fully integrated into Housing Hartlepool's management structure, and a job description is currently under preparation. Locational arrangements for the new team, and the precise relationships it will have with the board of Housing Hartlepool and the NDC Steering Group, remain to be determined. As a core partner within both New Deal for Communities and Hartlepool Revival, Hartlepool BC has formally requested to be included within the discussions that will finalise the detail of these arrangements.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Borough Council does not make any direct financial contribution toward Hartlepool Revival's operating costs, these being fully met via NDC (although the Borough Council is the accountable body for NDC). As described above, the discussions currently ongoing would seem to indicate that a likely future scenario may be that these costs are met jointly by NDC and Housing Hartlepool.
- 3.2 Housing capital contributions made available by the Council (as the Strategic Housing Authority directing the overall housing market renewal programme) from any future Single Housing Investment Pot and Market Renewal Fund allocations will support future site assembly and area redevelopment across central Hartlepool, including housing sites within the NDC area as described above. This would remain the case whatever future management and related arrangements are ultimately established in respect of Hartlepool Revival.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 To date the housing market renewal programme has been successfully delivered through effective partnership arrangements between the Borough Council, Housing Hartlepool and Hartlepool Revival. A key

consideration going forward therefore needs to be in ensuring that however the integrated Revival/Housing Hartlepool staffing team is ultimately configured the programme continues to benefit from strong delivery arrangements underpinned by clear understanding of key objectives, roles and responsibilities. As described above it is therefore essential that the Borough Council is closely involved in shaping the development of future delivery arrangements and structures and the currently ongoing discussions between NDC and Housing Hartlepool in this regard.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 To note developments in respect of Hartlepool Revival and invite a further report in due course as and when the detail of final proposals have been confirmed.