

REGENERATION AND LIVEABILITY PORTFOLIO

DECISION RECORD

21 September 2007

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am in the Belle Vue Community, Sports And Youth Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

The Mayor (Stuart Drummond)

Officers: Mark Dutton, Housing and Regeneration Co-Ordinator
Keeley Metcalfe, Pride in Hartlepool Officer
Julia Histon, Hartlepool Revival
Angela Hunter, Principal Democratic Services Officer

17. 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 a proposal for a community project.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report listed the proposals and recommendations for funding in respect of a bulb planting project in the Studley Road area.

Decision

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

18. The Future of Hartlepool Revival *(Director of Regeneration and Planning Services)*

Type of decision

Non Key.

Purpose of report

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

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

It was reported that due to a number of changes in the staffing arrangements within Hartlepool Revival and the significantly reduced workload of the team, pending clarification of future funding availability, an operational review was currently being undertaken by NDC and Revival in terms of possible future staffing, location, management and governance arrangements. Various potential options had been considered and very positive discussions had been undertaken with Housing Hartlepool. Revival's Board had given due consideration to the options and although the preferred way forward was to continue with the current arrangements and build on the partnership already established with Hartlepool Council, it was acknowledged that this was subject to the continuation of the current funding stream. The Board had therefore recently concluded that further dialogue be undertaken with Housing Hartlepool around a permanent integration of the Revival team into Housing Hartlepool's Regeneration and Development Division as part of the development of a longer term solution.

It was recognised that further discussions were needed to ensure that the most appropriate decision was made to enable maximum funding be secured for the continuation of the housing market renewal programme. The importance of governance arrangements were also discussed including the involvement of the Council in relation to the allocation of future funding. The Mayor added that this issue would be discussed at the next Informal Cabinet meeting.

Decision

The delivery arrangement for the overall Housing Market Renewal Partnership and future strategic spending priorities be discussed at the next meeting of Informal Cabinet.

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