

# **HARTLEPOOL UNITED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD**

1 November 2007

The meeting commenced at 8.00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

### **Present:**

Councillor Robbie Payne (In the Chair)

Councillors Peter Jackson and Victor Tumilty

Officers: Stuart Green, Assistant Director, Planning and Economic Development  
Graham Frankland, Head of Property and Procurement Services  
Tony Brown, Chief Solicitor  
Emma Dixon, Estates Manager  
Angela Hunter, Principal Democratic Services Officer

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Pamela Hargreaves.

### **2. Declarations of interest by Members**

None.

### **3. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Minute No. 4 – Hartlepool United Football Club Para 9 - namely terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services and Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 Para 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

**4. Hartlepool United Football Club** *(Director of Neighbourhood Services)*

**Type of decision**

Key Decision – Test (i) and (ii) apply

**Purpose of the report**

The purpose of the report was to inform the Committee of the approach received from the Football Club regarding the sale of Victoria Park and seek Members' views on the way forward.

**Issues for consideration by the Committee**

The report contained a background of the Victoria Park ownership, the Club's previous approach in 2005/06 and the outcomes. In addition, details of the Club's current views on the purchase of the land were outlined. Land valuation and potential future development of the ground and surrounds by the Club and Council were also discussed.

**Decision**

That following receipt of information to be requested from the Club, a further meeting of the Committee be held to enable detailed discussions with representatives of Hartlepool United Football Club to examine their proposals for the ground and associated land, including any sustainable benefits for the community.

**J A BROWN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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