

# PLEASE NOTE VENUE

## REGENERATION AND LIVEABILITY PORTFOLIO

### DECISION SCHEDULE



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007

at 10.00 am

in the Mayor's Office, Civic Centre, 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*

2.2 Planning Delivery Grant Allocation - *The Director of Regeneration and Planning Services*

3. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

No items

4. **REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS**

No items

## REGENERATION AND LIVEABILITY

Report to Portfolio Holder  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007



**Report of:** Head of Public Protection

**Subject:** PRIDE IN HARTLEPOOL PROPOSALS

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### 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 (£880.00) from the Pride in Hartlepool budget towards the cost of resources for Manor Residents to set up a community allotment.

#### 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

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**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 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November and recommended the following for approval:

- 2.2 Manor Residents 'Children's Allotment'  
Manor Residents Association are requesting £880.00 from Pride in Hartlepool towards resources for their new children's allotment. The aim of the allotment is to provide a facility in which families and children can engage with the environment. The allotment will also be used by Manor Residents Carers Group that currently has up to 60 clients. Funds are requested for tools, plants, planters and storage shed.

**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.

## **REGENERATION & LIVEABILITY PORTFOLIO**

Report To Portfolio Holder

14<sup>th</sup> December 2007



**Report of:** The Director of Regeneration and Planning Services

**Subject:** PLANNING DELIVERY GRANT ALLOCATION

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### SUMMARY

#### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report proposes the allocation of the remaining uncommitted Planning Delivery Grant (PDG) funding from the 2007-08 settlement.

#### **2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS**

The report provides background on the PDG 2007-08 settlement and the commitment of resources to date and proposes a variety of measures to utilise the remaining balance of the allocation, totalling £88,000.

#### **3.0 RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER**

The use of the PDG falls within the Portfolio.

#### **4.0 TYPE OF DECISION**

Non key.

#### **5.0 DECISION MAKING ROUTE**

Portfolio Holder meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> December

#### **6.0 DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

That the Portfolio Holder approves the suggested allocation of the remaining uncommitted PDG funding from the 2007-8 settlement.

**Report of:** The Director of Regeneration and Planning Services

**Subject:** PLANNING DELIVERY GRANT ALLOCATION

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## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report proposes the allocation of the remaining uncommitted Planning Delivery Grant (PDG) funding from the 2007-08 settlement.

## 2. BACKGROUND

2.1 PDG is the performance-related grant allocated to local planning authorities, which the Council uses to secure further improvements in the delivery of planning and related services.

2.2 The 2007-8 allocation totals £237,655 of which £150,000 has been committed on salaries and related expenditure for additional posts previously approved by the Portfolio Holder. Whilst the grant is allocated per financial year, it can be carried forward to be utilised in a future year(s). Officers have considered potential uses of the remaining unallocated funding, totalling £87,655 and the following section proposes items on which this funding is recommended to be used.

## 3. PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF BALANCE OF ALLOCATION

3.1 Recommended allocations are as follows

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a) Extensions of current PDG funded posts beyond 31 <sup>st</sup> March, 2008:	
Planning Information Officer (part costs), to 31 March 2009	7,000
Secretary to Divisional Heads, to 31 March, 2009	21,000
Student Planning Officer, to 30 September 2008	8,500

(these posts have all proved their value in terms of the overall effectiveness and efficiency of service operation, assisting in the meeting of performance targets)

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b) Development Control support: (Staffing shortages in the section, coupled with high workload of applications and informal enquiries, including major proposals, are necessitating the use of a part-time secondee planner)	12,500
c) Headland Conservation Area appraisal additional costs (increased public consultation and report editing requirements)	7,250
d) Sustainability appraisal input to Community Strategy	5,000
e) Upgrade of GIS licences	8,300
f) Headland Manor House further study work (to take forward investigation of means of scheme delivery given ownership circumstances)	5-10,000
g) Survey of local nature conservation sites (to meet principles of Planning Policy Statement 9)	5,000
h) Waste and minerals specialist advice (to assist re site monitoring, assessment of applications and policy development)	3-8,000

In certain Instances within this list work is continuing to Clarify funding arrangements; this may result in some refinement of costings but the aim will be to manage the funding to keep within the overall allocation.

- 3.2 Other potential items have been considered but the above are considered to present the best prospect collectively of sustaining and improving performance in the relevant services.

#### 4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 That the Portfolio Holder approves the suggested allocation of the remaining uncommitted PDG funding from the 2007-8 settlement.