

REGENERATION AND LIVEABILITY PORTFOLIO

DECISION RECORD

14 December 2007

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

Present:

The Mayor (Stuart Drummond)

Officers:

Stuart Green, Assistant Director (Planning & Economic Development)
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services officer

25. PLANNING DELIVERY GRANT ALLOCATION *(Director of Regeneration and Planning Services)*

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of report

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

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report outlined the allocation of previously unallocated funding of £87,655 to include:-

- Extensions for current PDG funded posts beyond 31 March 2008
- Development Control Support
- Additional costs for Headland Conservation Area appraisal
- Sustainability appraisal input to Community Strategy
- Upgrade of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) licences
- Further study work to take forward investigation of means of scheme delivery of Headland Manor House

- Survey of local nature conservation sites
- Waste and minerals specialist advice

The Portfolio Holder asked for clarification on the study work on the Headland Manor House and the Assistant Director (Planning & Economic Development) stated that this was to assist the two charitable Trusts involved in this project in seeking a practicable means of delivery. The Assistant Director outlined the current position in the Trusts' consideration of the issues, which had been deferred to a meeting in January and the concerns of the Heritage Lottery Fund, as the potential main project funders, about the need to see tangible progress being made. The Portfolio Holder shared these concerns and indicated that he would not wish to see PDG funding extended beyond 31 March 2008.

Decision

Approval of the suggested allocation of the remaining uncommitted PDG funding from the 2007-08 settlement, with the proviso that PDG funding towards the Manor House study work should only be available to 31 March 2008, unless there is demonstrable progress and a continuing need for such support.

26. 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

Approval for the Manor Residents' Children's Allotment. The residents are requesting £880 from Pride in Hartlepool towards resources for their new children's allotment, the aim of which is to provide a facility in which families and children can engage with the environment. The allotment will also be used by Manor Residents' Carer's Group which currently has up to 60 clients. Funds are requested for tools, plants, planters and a storage shed.

Decision

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

J A BROWN

CHIEF SOLICITOR

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