

# PLEASE NOTE VENUE

## REGENERATION AND LIVEABILITY PORTFOLIO

### DECISION SCHEDULE



Friday, 14 March 2008

at 10.00 am

in the Avondale Centre, Dyke House School (Raby Road entrance)

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 Economic Analysis Of The Decommissioning Of The Nuclear Power Station And Potential New Build - *Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development)*
  - 2.2 Industrial/Commercial Property And Environmental Improvement Scheme- Management And Delivery Arrangements - *Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development)*
  - 2.3 Pride In Hartlepool Proposals – *Head of Public Protection*
  
3. **REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS**  
No items

**REGENERATION AND LIVEABILITY PORTFOLIO  
REPORT TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER**

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2008**



**Report of:** Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development)

**Subject** ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF THE DECOMMISSIONING OF THE NUCLEAR POWER STATION AND POTENTIAL NEW BUILD

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## SUMMARY

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To gain approval to undertake an economic analysis of the decommissioning and the potential new build of a nuclear power station. This work will be under the direction of the Hartlepool Economic Forum Steering Group.

### 2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report provides information regarding the development of an economic impact analysis together with timescales and costs.

### 3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

The economic impact of the nuclear power station and future potential developments is within the portfolio.

### 4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non key.

### 5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Decision for the Regeneration and Planning Portfolio Holder.

**6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

Approval for the commissioning of an economic impact study of the decommissioning of the existing nuclear power station and the potential development of a new power station, under the direction of the Hartlepool Economic Forum Steering Group.

**Report of:** Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development)

**Subject** Economic Analysis of the decommissioning of the nuclear power station and potential new build.

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## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Portfolio Holder approval to undertake an economic impact assessment of the decommissioning of the existing nuclear power plant and the potential development of a new nuclear power station, under the direction of the Hartlepool Economic Forum Steering Group.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Hartlepool's nuclear power station is due for decommissioning in 2014 and will require a substantial programme to decommission and demolish. It is likely that there will be a wide ranging requirement for services and labour to complete this task and therefore there will be a clear economic impact associated with the decommissioning.
- 2.2 The Government has announced its intention to develop a new nuclear power station programme and it is feasible that Hartlepool could accommodate a new nuclear power station. The construction of a new plant will require a major construction programme and a substantial supplier chain. The subsequent operation of the plant will require a significant number of staff and an associated extensive supplier chain.
- 2.3 As part of the debate surrounding a new nuclear programme the Hartlepool Economic Forum has indicated the desire for an independent economic impact assessment to help inform the debate. It is important to note that the study will seek to quantify potential economic impact to Hartlepool and not to make judgement on the development of a new nuclear programme or make comment on location issues.

## 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The development of an economic impact study will need to be carried out by an independent body with a strong track record of evaluating economic impacts of major projects preferably with some experience of the nuclear industry. The work will be tendered out and the likely cost will be £20,000 to £25,000.

- 3.2 An offer of £10,000 towards this cost has been received from Tees Valley Regeneration, in recognition of the broader economic impact across the sub region. The balance of the necessary costs will be provided from within Departmental budgets.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 That the Portfolio Holder approves the proposal to undertake an economic impact assessment, under the direction of the Hartlepool Economic Forum Steering Group.

**REGENERATION & LIVEABILITY PORTFOLIO**

Report To Portfolio Holder

14<sup>th</sup> March 2008



**Report of:** Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development)

**Subject** INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS

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**SUMMARY**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To outline the proposed management and delivery arrangements for the Industrial and Commercial Property and Environmental Improvement Scheme.

**2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS**

2.1 The report summarises the management and delivery arrangements for the above project and the continuing roles and responsibilities for the New Deal for Communities (NDC) Commercial Areas and Longhill Management Groups.

**3.0 RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER**

3.1 The proposals in the report will have an impact on how the Industrial and Commercial Property and Environmental Improvement scheme funds will be prioritised and approved.

**4.0 TYPE OF DECISION**

4.1 Non-Key

**5.0 DECISION MAKING ROUTE**

5.1 Regeneration and Liveability Portfolio Report

**6.0 DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

6.1 The Regeneration and Liveability Portfolio Holder is requested to:

Note the management and delivery arrangements for the Industrial/Commercial Property and Environmental Improvement Scheme.

**Report of:** Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development)

**Subject** Industrial/Commercial Property and Environmental Improvement Scheme- Management and Delivery Arrangements

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To outline the proposed management and delivery arrangements for the Industrial and Commercial Property and Environmental Improvement Scheme.

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 The Industrial and Commercial Property and Environmental Improvement Scheme has £100,000 allocated for the 2008/09 financial year and £100,000 for 2009/10 from Hartlepool Borough Council capital funds.

2.2 In recent year's grant and environmental projects have focused on the New Deal for Communities (NDC) area. After re-considering the target areas it is still appropriate to continue support in the NDC area and not expand the scheme to include other areas of the town. The NDC area currently encompasses some of the most deprived areas of the town with businesses facing a set of deep seated economic problems. There is also an outstanding demand for grants with 19 businesses in the Commercial Area alone on the waiting list for support. Many other businesses have also expressed an interest in improving their properties.

2.3 The project will therefore continue the work of the (NDC) Commercial Areas and Longhill Improvement schemes stated in the Commercial Areas and Strategic Buildings Improvement Strategy and the Longhill Improvement Strategy, using Hartlepool Borough Council funds.

2.4 The NDC scheme has been very successful to date resulting in 67 properties being improved, including 27 vacant and derelict commercial properties brought back into use and the creation of 16 jobs. The Longhill Improvement scheme has brought 7 buildings back into use and improved 22 sites and premises.



### **3.0 NDC PROJECT BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The NDC Commercial Areas and Longhill schemes include a mixture of grants to businesses and targeted environmental improvements.
- 3.2 The Commercial Areas project aims to assist businesses in the NDC area with improvement grants aimed to enhance the appearance or viability of Commercial properties in the key areas.
- 3.3 It is initially proposed to continue the Commercial Areas Building Modernisation grants in the designated priority areas of Duke Street, Murray Street, York Road (South), Stockton Road, Stranton Garth and Oxford Road. These priority areas have a large outstanding demand for improvement grants where businesses have expressed an interest in improving their properties.
- 3.4 Eligible grant works include internal improvements (linked to job creation) and external works such as the replacement and repair of shop fronts, the renewal and repair of roofing and new windows.
- 3.5 Shopfront design guidance is available to encourage a high standard of design in the Commercial Areas. Design guidance for the Longhill and Sandgate estate exists for boundary works in order to encourage a high standard of design and improve the security of the estate.
- 3.6 The overall aim of the Longhill grant scheme is to enhance the appearance of the area through targeted improvements to individual properties on key sites. Works that have a positive impact on the estate are given priority together with prominent sites such as those along main road frontages and estate entrances. Eligible works mainly include works to frontages, site clearance, comprehensive boundary treatments and landscaping.
- 3.7 To date the Environmental Improvement schemes for both the Longhill and Commercial Areas schemes have included the implementation of the first phases of the Longhill Landscape Master Plan, Stockton Road business parking, Murray Street parking and pedestrian improvements and the first phase of the Stranton Garth environmental improvement scheme.

### **4. MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS**

- 4.1 The existing NDC management arrangements will continue in order to capitalise on the successful Partnership working that has been established.
- 4.2 The NDC Longhill and Commercial Areas management groups will determine grant rates, the prioritisation of grants, the strategic direction

of the project and will monitor the performance of the project. The Management Groups consists of a majority of local business and resident representatives who have delegated decision making powers. They will have responsibility for identifying environmental projects in line with the respective Longhill and Commercial Areas improvement strategies.

- 4.3 The NDC Grant Panel will continue to scrutinise and approve grant applications. The panel is made up of NDC residents, the Police Crime Prevention Officer and a Business Link representative. The NDC grant panel has responsibility for deciding whether to approve grants once financial checks and have been made and the Council's Quantity Surveyor has assessed the grant applications in terms of value for money.
- 4.4 The NDC Commercial Area Management Group has prioritised the order in which grants will be allocated in terms of benefits to the wider area such as bringing empty buildings back into use and job creation opportunities. The prioritisation will be reviewed at regular intervals to ensure the maximum benefit to the area and that the grant allocation is fully spent.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications linked to the report as the funding has been approved previously. The report outlines the management and delivery arrangements for these funds, which include a 10% management fee each year to cover staff costs for the Regeneration Team in delivering this project.
- 5.2 In addition to the Council funds approved for this project there is also £230,000 from the NDC Commercial Areas project to be allocated for grants and environmental projects in 2008/09.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 The Regeneration and Liveability Portfolio Holder is requested to:

Note the management and delivery arrangements for the Industrial/Commercial Property and Environmental Improvement Scheme.

## **REGENERATION AND LIVEABILITY**

Report to Portfolio Holder  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2008



**Report of:** Head of Public Protection

**Subject:** PRIDE IN HARTLEPOOL PROPOSALS

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### SUMMARY

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consider recommendations of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group in respect of proposals for community projects.

**2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS**

List of Pride in Hartlepool proposals and recommendations for funding of those proposals.

**3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER**

The Portfolio Holder is responsible for sustainable development.

**4. TYPE OF DECISION**

Non key decision.

**5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE**

Recommendation of the 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 community environmental projects.

**Report of:** Head of Public Protection

**Subject** PRIDE IN HARTLEPOOL PROPOSALS

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider recommendations of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group in respect of proposals for community projects.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group met on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February and recommended the following for approval:

2.2 Chatham House Daycare 'Wildlife Garden'  
The Sure Start centre based at Chatham house has a day care facility for children and also aims to host a number of community initiatives. The centre would like to improve the small garden at the front for wildlife benefit and provide a raised planter that can be used by the children to plant and grow seasonal flowering plants and herbs. They would like to display information about the garden in a lockable notice board so that local people understand why the garden has been developed and are less likely to cause vandalism. There is also a garden at the rear of the centre that is landscaped and used by the children; the centre would like a wormery for these children to learn about composting. Members recommended £1000.00 be approved for this project.

2.3 Lonsdale Nursery  
Lonsdale Nursery is situated on Grange Road and provides private day care for children. The nursery are requesting funding towards timber planters for both the front and rear gardens, these will be planted up by the children. Funding is also requested towards the cost of plants, gardening tools, a small greenhouse and bird tables and feeders. The nursery has agreed to contribute £100 towards the project. Members recommended £770.00 be approved for this project.

2.4 Artrium Studio  
The Artrium is an art studio that provides art opportunities to people who experience mental health difficulties. At the rear of the art studio there is a small secure yard that users of the studio would like to develop as an outdoor 'art' garden. Users of the centre have proposed ideas for the space including a memorial plaque for former member who offered a lot of support to the studio and users. Funding is requested from Pride in Hartlepool for timber to build a decked area (to make the space accessible to wheelchair

users) and for a plasterer to render the rear wall for the plaque. Members recommended £1000.00 be approved for this project.

2.5 Play in the Park

Funding is sought from Pride in Hartlepool for a literacy based, outdoor themed parent and toddler group to set up their own community gardening project. Space for the garden has been allocated in Ward Jackson Park and the group are seeking funding towards tools, plants, seeds and gardening resources. Members recommended £450.00 be approved towards this project.

2.6 Catcote School Garden

Due to recent building work the school has had to relocate their gardening area to a new site. Funding is sought to develop the new site including provision of a storage shed and for garden tools. Members recommended £1000.00 be approved towards this project.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

**4. RECOMMENDATION**

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