

CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA



Thursday 12 June 2008

at 6.00 p.m.

at

Bryan Hanson House, Hanson Square, Hartlepool, TS24 7BT

MEMBERS: CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond
Councillor Rob Cook, Chair of Planning Committee
Mrs Sheila Bruce, Hartlepool Civic Society
Mrs Maureen Smith, Hartlepool Archaeological and Historical Society
Mr Brian Walker, Greatham Parish Council
Mrs Pat Andrews, Headland Parish Council
Ms Julie Bone, Headland Residents Association
Mr Lloyd Nichols, Seaton Carew Renewal Advisory Group
Mr Richard Tinker, Victorian Society
Mrs Andy Creed-Miles, Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings
Mr Brian Watson, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Mr Andy Riley, Royal Institute of British Architects
Ms Julia Patterson, Park Residents Association
Mr Ian Moore, Princess Residents Association

1. 6:00 – 6:30 visit to Grange Conservation Area (meet at Bryan Hanson House)
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of last meeting held on 6th March 2008
4. Matters arising
5. Park Conservation Area Appraisal
6. Conservation Grant Scheme
7. Town Centre Issues
8. Any other business

Subject: Park Conservation Area Appraisal

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report is intended as an update on the current position with the Park Conservation Area Appraisal

2 Background

- 2.1 The North of England Civic Trust was commissioned in June to carry out an appraisal of the Park Conservation Area.
- 2.2 A steering group of local representatives has been assembled to guide the process. The steering group includes, representatives of the Park Residents Association, Friends of Ward Jackson Park, The Civic Society and Council member representatives.
- 2.3 Various public consultation events were held to gather the views of local residents, including two walks of the area, a talk on the history of the area and attendance at the residents group.

3 Current progress

- 3.1 The second round of public consultation will be held on 5th June 2008. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

4 Recommendation

- 4.1 That the committee notes the report.

Subject: Conservation Grant Scheme

1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report will provide an update on the current budget position of the conservation grant scheme for the financial year 2008/09.

2 Background

- 2.1 A budget of £75,000 has been agreed for the Conservation Grant Scheme 2008/09. This budget is an increase of £25,000 on the previous year.

3 Conservation Scheme Grant

- 3.1 Initial publicity was carried out at the beginning of the financial year in the form of a press release. This resulted in an article in the Hartlepool Mail and the Northern Echo. The articles generated a high level of interest and a number of site visits have subsequently been made to discuss potential applications.
- 3.2 Attached in appendix 1 are details of the grants approved to date. A number of these applications were received towards the end of the financial year as residents were aware of the high level of demand experienced in the previous years.
- 3.3 It is anticipated that the remaining grant budget will be allocated by the end of the summer. As with previous years applications received after the budget has been allocated will be held until funds become available.

4 Recommendation

- 4.1 The committee notes the report.

Appendix 1**Grant applications approved, 2008 – 09 Conservation Grant Scheme**

Conservation Area	Works	Budget
Elwick	Re-roofing	5,000
Grange	Re-roofing	5,000
Grange	Re-roofing	5,000
Grange	French doors and restoration of stained glass window	2,760
Grange	French doors	600
Greatham (4 properties)	Window replacement	4,805
Headland	Re-roofing and structural works	5,000
Headland	Structural works including pointing and window repairs	5,000
Headland	Window replacement and rendering works	5,000
Headland	Window repairs and brick cleaning	5,000
Headland	Re-roofing	1,975
Park	Re-roofing	5,000
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Total Allocated		60,140

Subject: Town Centre Issues

1. Purpose of the report

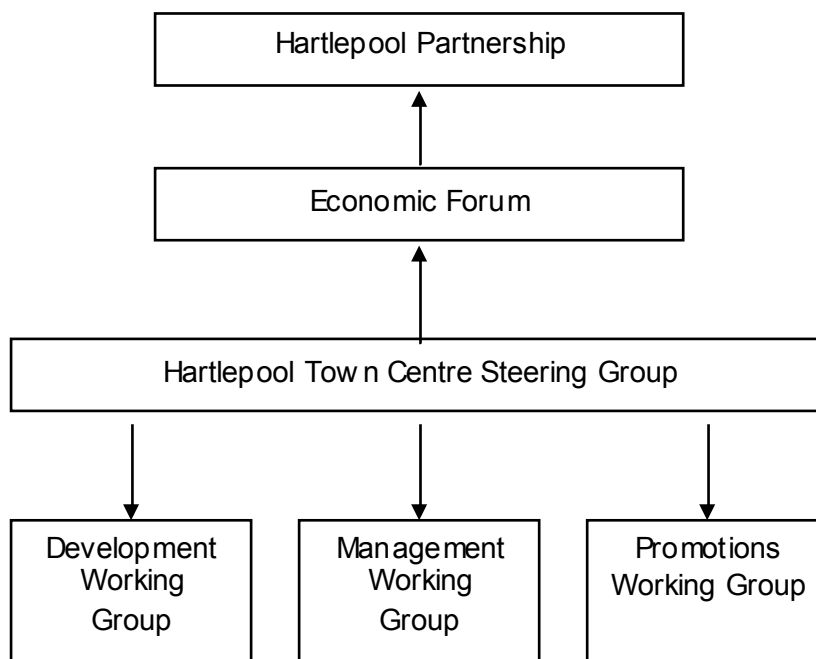
- 1.1 To advise the Committee of recent developments relating to
- a) the establishment of a Town Centre Steering Group and
 - b) the preparation of a Central Area Investment Framework.

2. Town Centre Steering Group

- 2.1 Hartlepool's town centre has seen substantial public and private sector investment within the town-wide regeneration of recent years. Much of this activity has been geared to the establishment of a central area which is a viable and attractive place in which to shop, work, live and visit for a variety of leisure purposes. This work has involved inputs from many different parties and to add structure and momentum to this work the Council's Cabinet has approved the establishment of a Town Centre Steering Group.
- 2.2 The proposed structure for the Steering Group is set out overleaf.

HARTLEPOOL TOWN CENTRE STEERING GROUP

Structure:



- HARTLEPOOL TOWN CENTRE STEERING GROUP

A Town Centre Steering Group is a working partnership and should comprise key stakeholders and sponsors who will direct the initiative, with a cross sector representation and not just those funding the initiatives.

Members: 10-12

Meet: Quarterly

Role: Responsible for providing a strategic overview to the working groups in terms of focus, direction and work streams and facilitate operational links with partner organisations. Steering group members should be able to demonstrate accountability to the sector they represent and report to Hartlepool Partnership through its sub-group, the Economic Forum.

- WORKING GROUPS – DEVELOPMENTS, MANAGEMENT AND PROMOTIONS

The working groups should be formed to address specific issues and projects. A member of the steering group should sit on each working group to ensure two-way communication. Other members can include residents, community groups, education, sports and health bodies, property advisors, other business and commercial interests.

Role: Delivering and co-ordinating projects/activities while avoiding duplication, and to ensure appropriate linkages. Some groups could be time limited or topic focussed.

I shall comment further at the meeting on these proposals and their implications for this Committee.

3. Central Area Investment Framework

3.1 Whilst further investment in the central area is committed and planned, it is recognised that there is still a role for public sector funding to improve the prospects of securing further private sector investment. After discussion with One NorthEast, consultants Genecon have been appointed to develop an investment framework for the central area of Hartlepool. This is intended to support efforts to secure regeneration funding, (principally through the Single Programme), and responds to One North East's increasing emphasis on prioritising resources towards strategic investment opportunities which generate private sector investment and increase GVA.

3.2 The investment framework will seek to provide the strategic justification for investment in central Hartlepool and will produce specific proposals which could form part of bids for funding. The framework is required to:-

- build on current proposals and key investment opportunities including Hartlepool College of FE, the LIFT scheme, Middleton Grange Shopping Centre, the transport interchange, Jomast's marina proposals and the Mill House area, and
- address key problems/barriers including the poor connectivity between the town centre, the marina and Victoria Harbour, the unoccupied building at Jackson's Landing and the inefficient use of space and derelict/untidy buildings within the East Central Area (between Stockton Street, Mainsforth Terrace, Huckelhoven Way and Church Street).

3.3 Initial scoping work has highlighted a range of issues and potential schemes which the Genecon are currently developing and which are expected to form the basis of the development framework. These include:-

- **East Central Area** as a priority regeneration area including:-
 - Potential links with HCFE and Cleveland College of Art to develop cultural industries quarter and Digital City initiative
 - Potential site assembly to create business space
 - Potential re-location of transport depot to create development site
- **Re-connecting Church Street**
 - Mini-master plan indicating key buildings/sites, key links and public realm improvements
- **Integrating new HCFE** building with the surrounding area

- Proactive approach with **Jackson's Landing** owners to identify a preferred scheme and a way forward for the site
- **Improving strategic accessibility**, particularly:-
 - Physical links across Stockton Street
 - Integrating transport exchange
 - Access to marina
- Working with **Middleton Grange Shopping Centre** owners to build on their investments particularly at key entrance points and frontages
- Development of key **Gateway Sites**.

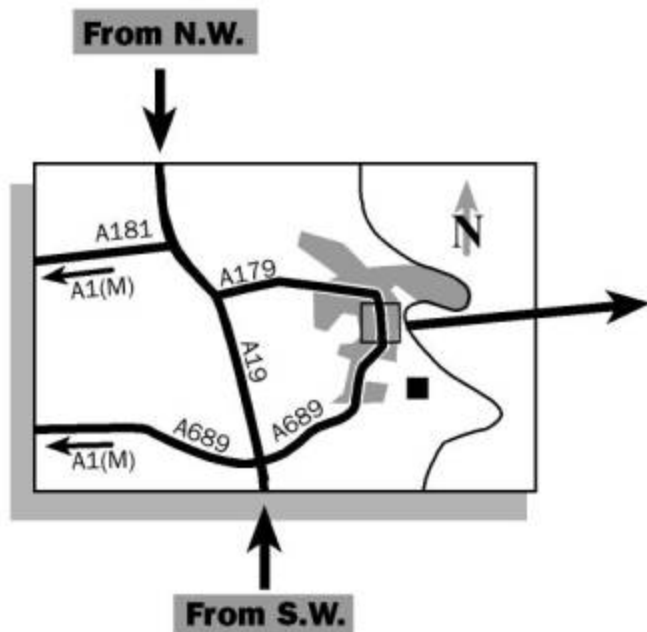
3.4 Discussions are progressing with key owners and interested parties following which proposals will be worked up in further detail, broader consultation will be carried out and a report prepared for Cabinet. The brief includes a requirement to identify 'early win projects' which would allow the draw down of Single Programme resources within the current year.

3.5 Again, I shall comment further at the meeting.

4. Recommendation

4.1 That the report be noted.

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