

# **FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD**

15 August 2008

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

**Present:**

Councillor Robbie Payne (Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Graham Frankland, Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection  
David Dockree, Estates Manager  
Alan Kell, Project Manager  
Joanne Burnley, Senior Environmental Health Officer  
Angela Hunter, Principal Democratic Services Officer

Also Present: Phil Cowan, Housing Hartlepool

## **6. Mobile Classroom Installations at English Martyrs and Catcote Schools** *(Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection)*

**Type of decision**

Non-key.

**Purpose of report**

To request the Portfolio Holder's confirmation of the decision to waive standing orders in respect of the procurement of mobile classrooms for English Martyrs RC School and Catcote School.

**Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The background to the requirement for additional (capacity) class room space was provided within the report. A tender exercise was undertaken in June 2008, but due to the increased demand for new units, the suppliers contacted declined to tender. Wernicks Hire have provided an alternative solution which would enable the positioning of the units for September 2008. However, in order to secure the units, the company required an order to be placed almost immediately. In view of this requirement, the Portfolio Holder was requested to consider waiving Standing Orders in this instance. The financial implications of the supply, delivery and erection of the units was included

within the report.

The Project Officer confirmed that the units were in place and were in 'as good as new' condition. The Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection noted the importance of planning ahead in future for the use of temporary accommodation in light of the increased demand for such units, especially in view of the Building Schools for the Future.

The Portfolio Holder thanked the officers for their hard work in dealing with a difficult situation.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder confirmed that Standing Orders in respect of the procurement of mobile classrooms for English Martyrs RC School and Catcote School be waived.

## **7. 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)(Variation) Order 2006

Minute 8 – Sale of Sites at Tristram Avenue and Thackeray Road for Affordable Rented Housing - *Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection* (Para 3) This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to the financial and business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding the information).

Minute 9 – 36 Rydal Street – *Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection* (Para 3) This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to the financial and business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding the information).

Minute 10 – NDNA Nursery, Masefield Road, Hartlepool and the sale of Swinburne House, Marlowe Road – *Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection* (Para 3) This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to the financial and business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding the information).

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**Type of decision**

Non-key.

**Purpose of report**

To gain Portfolio Holder's approval to the sale of land to Housing Hartlepool for the development of affordable rented housing.

**Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The report outlined the background to the existing sites, details of the proposed developments and the transactional arrangements proposed. Details were included within the exempt section of the minutes.

**Decision**

Details were included within the exempt section of the minutes.

- 9. 36 Rydal Street** (*Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection*) (Para 3) This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to the financial and business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding the information).

**Type of decision**

Non-key.

**Purpose of report**

To obtain Portfolio Holder's views on an application from the owner of 36 Rydal Street to have a restrictive covenant on his property lifted.

**Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The report provided the background to the previous decision with regard to the sale of 36 Rydal Street and detailed the current request and outlined options for the consideration of the Portfolio Holder.

**Decision**

Details were included within the exempt section of the minutes.

- 10. NDNA Nursery, Masefield Road, Hartlepool and the sale of Swinburne House, Marlowe Road** (*Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection*) (Para 3) This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to the financial and business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding the information).

**Type of decision**

Non-key.

**Purpose of report**

To update the Portfolio Holder on the situation with regard to the purchase of the NDNA Nursery Building in Masefield Road and the back to back sale of Swinburne Road, Marlowe Road.

**Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The report provided the background to the situation with regard to the NDNA Nursery and Swinburne House and the proposals for the future of these two sites. Details were included within the exempt section of the minutes.

**Decision**

Details were included within the exempt section of the minutes.

The meeting concluded at 10.35am.

**PETER DEVLIN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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