

# NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM AGENDA



**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2009**

**at 4.00pm**

**in the Council Chamber,  
Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM:

Councillors Akers-Belcher, Barker, R W Cook, Coward, Cranney, Fleming, McKenna, Worthy and Wright

Resident Representatives: John Cambridge and Brenda Loynes

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

**3. MINUTES**

3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2009

**4. RESPONSES FROM THE COUNCIL, THE EXECUTIVE OR COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL TO FINAL REPORTS OF THIS FORUM**

No items.

**5. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS REFERRED VIA SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE**

No items.

**6. CONSIDERATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS/BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS**

6.1 Corporate Plan Update for 2009/10: Proposed Outcomes and Actions – *Director of Neighbourhood Services*

## **7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **Coastal Defences and Shoreline Management in Hartlepool:**

#### **7.1 Evidence from the Authority's Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Communities:**

- (a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Support Officer*
- (b) Verbal evidence from the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Communities

#### **7.2 Evidence from Key Stakeholders:**

- (a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Support Officer*;
- (b) Verbal evidence from a representative from the Environment Agency;
- (c) Verbal evidence from a representative from Scarborough Borough Council (*subject to availability*); and
- (d) Verbal evidence from a representative from Scott Wilson Consultancy Firm (*subject to availability*).

#### **7.3 Feedback from Site Visit to Coastal Sites in Hartlepool:**

- (a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Support Officer*; and
- (b) Verbal feedback from Site Visit.

## **8. ISSUES IDENTIFIED FROM FORWARD PLAN**

## **9. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT**

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**Date of next meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 4.00 pm in the Council Chamber**

# **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM**

## **MINUTES**

19 January 2009

The meeting commenced at 4.00 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

### **Present:**

Councillor: Stephen Akers-Belcher (In the Chair)

Councillors: Kevin Cranney, Tim Fleming, Christopher McKenna and Gladys Worthy.

Resident Representatives:

John Cambridge and Brenda Loynes

Officers:

Dave Stubbs, Director of Neighbourhood Services

Alastair Smith, Head of Technical Services

Alan Coulson, Engineering Manager

Laura Starrs, Scrutiny Support Officer

Angela Hunter, Principal Democratic Services Officer

### **77. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Caroline Barker and Rob Cook. In addition, Councillor Peter Jackson, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Communities submitted his apologies.

### **78. Declarations of interest by Members**

None.

### **79. Minutes of the following meetings**

24 November 2008 – confirmed.

12 January 2009 – confirmed subject to the addition of resident representative Brenda Loynes apologies.

**80. Responses from the Council, the Executive or Committees of the Council to Final Reports of this Forum**

None.

**81. Consideration of request for scrutiny reviews referred via Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee**

None.

**82. Consideration of progress reports/budget and policy framework documents**

None.

**83. Six Monthly Monitoring of Agreed Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum's Recommendations** (*Scrutiny Support Officer*)

The Scrutiny Support Officer provided details of progress made on the delivery of the agreed scrutiny recommendations against investigations undertaken by the Forum since the 2005/06 municipal year. A summary report, attached at Appendix A, provided a break down on progress by investigation and Appendix B provided a detailed explanation of each recommendation that was either expected to achieve target or not expected to achieve target. It was noted that since the 2005/06 municipal year, 93.3% of the Forum's recommendations had been achieved, 4% were expected to be achieved and 1.3% were not expected to be achieved.

The Director of Neighbourhood Services updated Members in relation to the public convenience facilities at Ward Jackson Park which had been completed and were operational. In addition to this, the site for new public conveniences at the Newburn Bridge car park site, Seaton Carew was due to commence early in the new financial year. A Member sought clarification on the exact position of the Newburn Bridge facilities. The Director of Neighbourhood Services informed Members that the facilities would be to the south of the car park and in response to an additional question indicated that the possible extension of this car park would be examined.

A resident representative questioned the opening hours of the facilities at Ward Jackson Park. The Director of Neighbourhood Services confirmed that at the current time the facilities closed when the Community Services staff left the Park at 3.30pm. However, during the summer months this would be extended to 9pm. This was due to the high level of vandalism and anti-social behaviour previously experienced at this location.

## Decision

The progress against the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum's agreed recommendations since the 2005/06 Municipal year be noted.

### **84. Scrutiny Investigation into Coastal Defences and Shoreline Management in Hartlepool – Scoping Report** (Scrutiny Support Officer)

The Scrutiny Support Officer presented a scoping report for the Forum's investigation into Coastal Defences and Shoreline Management in Hartlepool which included the following issues for consideration by the Forum:

#### **Overall aim of the scrutiny investigation/enquiry**

To investigate the problems caused by coastal erosion to Hartlepool's coastline and assess the long term viability of the existing sea defences evaluating how shoreline management and strategy studies can help prevent future coastal erosion.

#### **Proposed terms of reference for the investigation/enquiry**

The following Terms of Reference for the investigation were proposed:-

- (a) To identify areas of coastal erosion along Hartlepool's coastline;
- (b) To identify the problems and risks associated with coastal erosion along Hartlepool's coastline;
- (c) To examine the existing coastal defences to assess their effectiveness and long term viability;
- (d) To examine the financial implications to Hartlepool Borough Council of maintaining its coast protection / defence structures;
- (e) To examine local plans / strategies of relevance to evaluate the Council's approach to shoreline management and how these, along with risk management can prevent future coastal erosion;
- (f) To compare Hartlepool's approach to shoreline management with other local authorities / organisations by consulting to seek good practice; and
- (g) To consult with key stakeholders on the Council's approach to shoreline management.

### **Potential areas of enquiry / sources of evidence**

- (a) Member of Parliament for Hartlepool;
- (b) Elected Mayor;
- (c) Cabinet Member with Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Communities;
- (d) Neighbourhood Services Department Officers;
- (e) Environment Agency;
- (f) Natural England
- (g) North York Moors National Park;
- (h) The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA);
- (i) Countryside Agency;
- (j) National Trust;
- (k) Marine Conservation Society;
- (l) Scott Wilson - Consultancy Firm;
- (m) Neighbouring Local Authorities;
- (n) Local residents;
- (o) Representatives of minority communities of interest or heritage; and
- (p) Ward Councillors.
- (q) P D Ports

### **Proposed timetable of the scrutiny investigation**

The proposed timetable for the review to be undertaken, although this may be subject to change at any stage:-

**19 January 2009** – To formalise the process for the Forum's investigation, scoping report.

To receive a 'Setting the Scene' presentation from the Neighbourhood Services Department and to receive evidence from the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood and Communities.

**February 2009 (To Be Confirmed)** - Site visit to coastal sites in Hartlepool – (Date and sites to be identified)

**02 March 2009** – Formal meeting of the Forum to receive:-

- (i) Evidence from relevant organisations (e.g. Environment Agency);
- (ii) Evidence from Scott Wilson Consultancy Firm on outcomes of consultation on the Seaton Carew Coastal Strategy Study;
- (iii) Further evidence from the Neighbourhood Services Department;
- (iv) Feedback from the Chair of the Forum on the outcome of the site visits;

**14 April 2009** – Consideration of Draft Final Report.

**May / June 2009** – Consideration of Final Report by the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.

**TBC** - Consideration of Final Report by the Cabinet.

A resident representative suggested that any site visits to examine the coastal defence of the town be undertaken along the full length of the coastline of Hartlepool to ensure a full picture was obtained.

### **Decision**

That the scoping report for this Scrutiny investigation be agreed.

## **85. Coastal Defences and Shoreline Management in Hartlepool – Setting the Scene Presentation: Covering Report** (*Scrutiny Support Officer*)

The Director of Neighbourhood Services gave a detailed and comprehensive presentation on the coastal defences and shoreline management in Hartlepool including the roles and responsibilities of the Council, shoreline management plan and strategies, examples of existing conditions of structure, funding issues and future issues and challenges. The Director of Neighbourhood Services added that the issue of serious coastal erosion was a problem for many other authorities in the Country.

A discussion ensued which included the following issues:

- (i) The level of financial investment required to protect the coastline was acknowledged and the Director of Neighbourhood Services informed Members that 1 metre of rock armour cost in the region of £10k and Hartlepool has approximately 9.6 km of coastline.
- (ii) The presentation had referred to the possible loss of the Town Moor on the Headland due to coastal erosion and clarification was sought on the estimated timescale for this? The Director of Neighbourhood Services commented that this was difficult to estimate but could be within 40-50 years dependent on whether the coastline suffered any serious breaches of erosion in the meantime.
- (iii) A Member questioned how quickly coastal erosion was taking place. The Engineering Manager confirmed that previous estimates indicated that coastal erosion would be at 5 mm per year was estimated this had increased over the last 5 years due to a quicker loss of sand.
- (iv) In response to a Members' question in relation to possible grant funding to undertake the coastal surveys, the Engineering Manager commented that the Government used a complex point scoring system using various social-economic factors for the grant funding criteria. Although the authority should be cautiously optimistic about receiving funding, it

- should be noted that the Government had limited funding available.
- (v) Should the grant funding be available to undertake these coastal studies, a Member questioned whether as a result of the studies, rock armour may be used to replace the sand. The Engineering Manager indicated that rock armour was the preferred and cheapest option. However, the option of creating an offshore breakwater may be examined near the Town Wall due to the historical nature of the area.
  - (vi) A Member asked how often the sea defence walls were tested for safety? The Engineering Manager confirmed that the Environment Agency targets indicated that safety checks should be undertaken twice per year. However, in addition to this, further checks were undertaken after major storms had taken place.
  - (vii) A Member had concerns about the Government timescales involved and suggested the possibility of lobbying the Government to reduce them.
  - (viii) It was noted that partnership working was key to ensuring that the time available was used effectively and that a long term commitment to the protection of the coastlines around Hartlepool was in place.
  - (ix) A resident representative referred to the recent planning application at the former Steetley site and the proposed coastline protection. The Director of Neighbourhood Services confirmed that this planning permission had been called-in by the Secretary of State in view of the coastline protection proposed.

The Director of Neighbourhood Services and Engineering Manager were thanked for their informative presentation and for answering Members' questions.

### **Decision**

The presentation and discussions that followed would be used to aid Members during the course of the investigation.

## **86. Coastal Defences and Shoreline Management in Hartlepool – Verbal Evidence from the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Communities** *(Scrutiny Support Officer)*

The Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Communities had been invited to the meeting to provide evidence in relation to the ongoing investigation into 'Coastal Defences and Shoreline Management in Hartlepool'. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances the Portfolio Holder had to submit his apologies and was unable to attend the meeting. However, it was noted that he was able to attend the next meeting on 2 March 2009 and the Chair suggested that this item be deferred until that meeting to enable the Portfolio Holder to attend.



### **Decision**

That this item be deferred and the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Communities be invited to the meeting on 2 March 2009 to provide evidence in relation to the Scrutiny Forum's current investigation.

## **87. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The Chair confirmed that the next meeting would be held on 2 March 2009 at 4.00pm in the Council Chamber and all Members of the Forum were urged to attend or arrange substitutes should they be unable to attend.

The meeting concluded at 4.50 pm.

CHAIRMAN

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM**

2 March 2009



**Report of:** Director of Neighbourhood Services

**Subject:** CORPORATE PLAN UPDATE FOR 2009/10:  
PROPOSED OUTCOMES AND ACTIONS

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide the opportunity for the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum to consider the proposed outcomes and actions for inclusion in the Corporate Plan 2009/10.

### **2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Corporate Plan is for the 2 years 2009/10 to 2010/11. This coincides with the Local Area Agreement and the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review and allocation of funding to local government which is reflected in the Council's own Medium Term Financial Strategy.
- 2.2 The Corporate Plan is the Council's top-level plan. It sets out the Council's top priorities and contributions for delivering the Community Strategy aims in 2009/10.
- 2.3 The Corporate Plan is an important document because it formally communicates the council's vision and priorities. The process for producing the plan has been designed to ensure the risk is minimised and that the Corporate Plan is fit for purpose.
- 2.4 The focus of the Corporate Plan for 2009/10 is on priority activities for improvement at a strategic level rather than day to day service delivery objectives. The operational service delivery objectives are picked up through Departmental service plans which are reported to individual portfolio holders.
- 2.5 As in previous years it is proposed that the Corporate Plan proposals should be considered by each of the Scrutiny Forums in early March. A report will be prepared for Scrutiny Coordinating Committee, for the meeting on 20 March 2009, detailing the comments/observations of each of the Scrutiny Forums to inform a response to Cabinet.

### 3 THE CORPORATE PLAN

- 3.1 As in previous years the plan will be produced in two parts. Part 1 describes the Council's overall aim, contributions to the Community Strategy aims and organisational development priorities.
- 3.2 Part 2 will continue to contain the detailed supporting information relating to performance statistics. The Council now has greater flexibility about what statistics it chooses to publish following the replacement of the Best Value Performance Indicators with the National Indicator set. Part 2 for 2009/10 will include performance statistics relevant to the Corporate Plan drawn from National and local indicators. Where available, the information provided will include 2007/08 and 2008/09 outturns and targets for 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12,
- 3.3 The performance information cannot be collected until after 31 March, and is therefore not available at present. As with previous years this will be presented to Cabinet and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee in May/June for consideration.
- 3.4 At this stage the Scrutiny Forums are only being asked to consider the proposed Corporate Plan outcomes and actions. In line with previous years, Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum is only being asked to consider the proposed outcomes and actions that fall within its remit - attached at **Appendix A**.
- 3.5 As in previous years the remaining proposed outcomes and actions will be considered by the other relevant service Scrutiny Forums in early March, and their comments will be considered by Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on 20 March 2009.
- 3.6 The proposed list of outcomes and actions for inclusion in the 2009/10 plan, at Appendix A, is not a final definitive list. Officers will continue to review the contents over the coming months and will amend, if deemed appropriate, and if changing priorities demand it. Any proposed changes to the list of outcomes and actions will be brought back to Cabinet and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee for consideration.

### 4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum:-
- (a) considers the proposed outcomes and actions for inclusion in the 2009/10 Corporate Plan as attached at **Appendix A**.
  - (b) formulates any comments and observations to be presented to the meeting of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to be held on 20 March

2009 to enable a formal response to be presented to the Cabinet in April 2009.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

## Corporate Plan 2009/10 –Proposed Outcomes and Actions

<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>
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<b>Outcome: Be Healthy</b> (Outcome Lead: Sally Robinson)		
<b>Code</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Department / Division</b>
CORP HW06	Actively contribute to the health and future well being of the Children of Hartlepool	Neighbourhood Services Department


<b>Outcome: Improved Health</b>		
<b>Code</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Department / Division</b>
CORP HW20	Deliver advice and enforcement on legislation in relation to Public Protection issues	Neighbourhood Services Department


<b>Community Safety</b>
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<b>Outcome: Improved neighbourhood safety and increased public confidence, leading to reduced fear of crime and anti-social behaviour</b> (Outcome Lead: Sally Forth)		
<b>Code</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Department / Division</b>
CORP CS05	Reduce anti social behaviour and criminal damage, including deliberate fire setting	Neighbourhood Services Department ; Regeneration and Planning Services Department


<b>Environment</b>
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**Outcome: Improve the quality of the local environment by having cleaner, greener and safer public, private and community spaces**  
(Outcome Lead: Albert Cope)

Code	Action	Lead Department / Division
CORP EN04	Improve and maintain the natural and built environment	Neighbourhood Services Department
CORP EN05	Protect the natural and built environment and enforce environmental legislation when appropriate	Neighbourhood Services Department

**Outcome: Provide a sustainable, safe, efficient, effective and accessible transport system** (Outcome Lead: Mike Blair)

Code	Action	Lead Department / Division
CORP EN06	Deliver the Local Transport Plan	Neighbourhood Services Department
CORP EN07	Establish an integrated transport structure	Neighbourhood Services Department

**Outcome: Make better use of natural resources and reduce the generation of waste and maximise recycling** (Outcome Lead: Colin Ogden)

Code	Action	Lead Department / Division
CORP EN08	Implement the Joint Tees Valley Waste Management Strategy	Neighbourhood Services Department

**Outcome: Prepare for the impacts of and secure local and global action to tackle climate change** (Outcome Lead: Sylvia Tempest)

Code	Action	Lead Department / Division
CORP EN09	Develop and deliver corporate environmental strategies	Neighbourhood Services Department
CORP EN10	Develop Energy Management "invest to save" programme for Council buildings	Neighbourhood Services Department

Outcome: **Promote community involvement in positive action to reduce poverty through fair trade and promoting peace and security**  
(Outcome Lead: Sylvia Tempest)

Code	Action	Lead Department / Division
CORP EN11	Promote Hartlepool as a Fair Trade Town	Neighbourhood Services Department

### Strengthening Communities

Outcome: **Empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services**  
(Outcome Lead: Karen Oliver)

Code	Action	Lead Department / Division
CORP SC01	Ensure that sound mechanisms are in place which engenders a culture that provides the opportunities for meaningful public participation in Service Delivery	Neighbourhood Services Department

Outcome: **Improving quality of life and ensuring service providers are more responsive to neighbourhood needs with particular focus on disadvantaged areas** (Outcome Lead: Catherine Frank)

Code	Action	Lead Department / Division
CORP SC10	Ensure Neighbourhood Managers have appropriate support in the implementation of Neighbourhood Action Plans	Neighbourhood Services Department

Outcome: **Ensure communities are well prepared to respond to emergency situations** (Outcome Lead: Denis Hampson)

Code	Action	Lead Department / Division
CORP SC18	Ensure that robust emergency planning arrangements are in place	Neighbourhood Services Department

<b>Organisational Development</b>
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Outcome: <b>Improve efficiency and effectiveness of the organisation</b> (Outcome Lead: Mike Ward)		
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Code	Action	Lead Department / Division
CORP OD18	Review 5 year procurement plan	Neighbourhood Services Department
CORP OD19	Review procurement strategy	Neighbourhood Services Department



## NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM REPORT

02 March 2009



**Report of:** Scrutiny Support Officer

**Subject:** COASTAL DEFENCES AND SHORELINE  
MANAGEMENT IN HARTLEPOOL – EVIDENCE  
FROM THE AUTHORITY'S PORTFOLIO HOLDER  
FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITIES –  
COVERING REPORT

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the Forum that the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Communities has been invited to attend this meeting to provide evidence in relation to the ongoing investigation into 'Coastal Defences and Shoreline Management in Hartlepool'.

### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Authority's Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Communities has been invited to this meeting to provide evidence to the Forum in relation to his responsibilities, and views on, coastal defences and shoreline management.
- 2.3 During this evidence gathering session with the Authority's Neighbourhoods and Communities Portfolio Holder, it is suggested that responses should be sought to the following key questions:-
- (a) What are your roles and responsibilities in relation to the protection of Hartlepool's coastline?
  - (b) What are your views on the current approach to coastal protection and shoreline management in Hartlepool?
  - (c) What areas of improvement if any, would you suggest to help prevent the future erosion of Hartlepool's coastline?

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That Members of the Forum consider the views of the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Communities in relation to the questions outlined in section 2.3.

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#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers were used in preparation of this report.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM REPORT

02 March 2009



**Report of:** Scrutiny Support Officer

**Subject:** COASTAL DEFENCES AND SHORELINE  
MANAGEMENT IN HARTLEPOOL – EVIDENCE  
FROM KEY STAKEHOLDERS – COVERING  
REPORT

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the Forum that key stakeholders have been invited to attend this meeting in relation to the ongoing inquiry into 'Coastal Defences and Shoreline Management in Hartlepool'.

### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of this Forum on 19 January 2009, the Terms of Reference and Potential Areas of Inquiry / Sources of Evidence for this scrutiny investigation were approved by the Forum.

- 2.2 Consequently, the following key stakeholders have been invited to attend this meeting to discuss their views on coastal defences and shoreline management:

- (a) Environment Agency;
- (b) Scarborough Borough Council (*subject to availability*); and
- (c) Scott Wilson Consultancy Firm (*subject to availability*).

- 2.3 During this meeting it is suggested that responses should be sought from each of the stakeholders to the following key questions:-

**(a) Environment Agency:**

- (i) What are your roles and responsibilities in relation to the protection of Hartlepool's coastline?

- (ii) What are your views on the current approach to coastal protection and shoreline management in Hartlepool?
- (iii) What areas of improvement if any, would you suggest to help prevent the future erosion of Hartlepool's coastline?

**(b) Scarborough Borough Council**

- (i) What are the issues / problems Scarborough Borough Council are confronted with when ensuring its coast line is protected?
- (ii) Can you explain how Scarborough Borough Council is successful in attracting grant aid for capital funding from Central Government?
- (iii) Are there any coast protection schemes which Scarborough Borough Council is currently undertaking?

**(c) Scott Wilson Consultancy Firm**

- (i) What will the Seaton Carew Coastal Strategy Study involve?
- (ii) Can you outline why the Study is necessary along with the benefits of the Study?
- (iii) What will be the key outcomes of the study?

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That Members of the Forum consider the views of the key stakeholders in relation to the questions outlined in section 2.3.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

The following background paper was used in preparation of this report:-

- (a) Scrutiny Investigation into Coastal Defences and Shoreline Management – Scoping Report (Scrutiny Support Officer) – 19.01.09

## NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM

02 March 2009



**Report of:** Scrutiny Support Officer

**Subject:** COASTAL DEFENCES AND SHORELINE  
MANAGEMENT IN HARTLEPOOL:  
FEEDBACK FROM SITE VISIT TO COASTAL SITES  
IN HARTLEPOOL – COVERING REPORT

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To facilitate a discussion amongst Members of this Forum in relation to the site visit to a variety of coastal sites in Hartlepool held on 02 March 2009.

### 2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 As part of the evidence gathering process for the undertaking of the investigation into 'Coastal Defences and Shoreline Management in Hartlepool' a site visit was recently attended by Members of the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum to a variety of coastal sites in Hartlepool.
- 2.2 In line with good practice, Members of this Forum who were in attendance are requested to share / discuss their findings at today's meeting.

### 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members of the Forum discuss their findings from the site visit as outlined in paragraph 2.1 of this report.

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### BACKGROUND PAPERS

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