

REGENERATION AND LIVEABILITY PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

27 February 2009

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

Present:

The Mayor (Stuart Drummond).

Officers: Graham Frankland, Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection
Geoff Thompson, Head of Regeneration
Jeff Mason, Head of Support Services
Sylvia Tempest, Environmental Standards Manager
Peter Graves, Townscape Heritage Initiative Manager
Michelle Daurat, Tall Ships Project Manager
Catherine Frank, Principal Community Strategy Officer
Steven Wilkie, Landscape Architect Team Leader
David Cosgrove, Democratic Services Team

25. Pride in Hartlepool Proposals (*Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection*)

Type of decision

Non-key decision.

Purpose of report

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

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group met on Monday 19th January and recommended the following for approval:

Owton Manor West Neighbourhood Watch and Residents Association - £3,932
Briarfields Allotment Association - £750.
Cleveland College of Art and Design (CCAD)/Tall Ships Education Group - £4,500.

Pride in Hartlepool Tool Store - £2136.25.
Headland NAP/Groundwork East Durham - £5,000.

Decision

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

26. Traffic Management Consultancy and Park and Ride Bus Services Tenders for Tall Ships Races 2010 (*Tall Ships Project Manager*)

Type of decision

Non-key decision.

Purpose of report

To request approval to proceed with appointing companies to provide traffic management consultancy work and Park and Ride bus services for The Tall Ships' Races 2010 via a formal tender process.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report outlined the proposal to appoint companies to work with Hartlepool Borough Council, and in particular the Tall Ships Event Technical Work stream, to provide expertise in traffic management and to provide bus services for the Park and Rides. It was proposed that the successful companies would be appointed for a 17 month period to enable them to work closely with the Tall Ships Event Technical Work stream during the project planning and delivery stages.

Decision

That the process for the appointment of companies to provide traffic management consultancy expertise and Park and Ride bus services for The Tall Ships' Races 2010 be approved.

27. Conservation Area Visual Assessments (*Director of Regeneration and Planning Services*)

Type of decision

Non-key decision.

Purpose of report

To provide information on the visual assessments that have recently been carried out in the Seaton Carew and Church Street Conservation Areas and request permission to take the draft documents out to public consultation.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The local authority have committed to carrying out two conservation area appraisals a year. It is acknowledged that as an interim measure there is a need to carry out an assessment of the other existing conservation areas to review their boundaries and ensure that their character is clearly defined. In order to do this, visual assessments will be carried out of these areas.

The visual assessments are based on the English Heritage document 'Guidance on conservation area appraisals'. They include desk based work considering historic plans showing the development of the area, along with on site assessments of the current state of properties within the area.

Decision

That the report be noted and that the public consultation for the Church Street and Seaton Carew Conservation Area Visual Assessments be approved.

28. Seaton Carew Regeneration Feasibility Framework *(The Head of Regeneration)*

Type of decision

Non-key decision.

Purpose of report

The report gives an update on the progress made with the submission of funding bids to Seachange and Single Programme to carry out regeneration feasibility work in Seaton Carew. This work would inform a more detailed bid to Seachange in June 2009. The report also provided further information about the draft cost plan that has been prepared to implement the brief and sought agreement on how the work may be procured and delivered.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

A previous report to the Portfolio Holder 21st November 2008, detailed the nature and scope of the funding bids that have now been submitted to Seachange and the Single Programme to allow for the funding of the Seaton Carew regeneration feasibility framework. This work would provide the detail needed to submit a further Seachange bid in June 2009 for a more substantive bid of up to £1m. The report also included a draft brief that included the specific requirements for the design and feasibility work. The Portfolio Holder previously agreed that the use of Council funding through the already confirmed regeneration match funding resource could be used to cover any shortfall in the cost of this work resulting from external funding bids being unsuccessful, if the use of 'in house' resources are utilised where

possible, to carry out the work.

A Project Initiation and Planning (PIP) proposal was submitted to Single Programme in December 2008. One North East is currently assessing the Tess Valley Investment Plan that has been submitted by Tees Valley Unlimited. The Investment Plan includes all of the projects across the Tees Valley within the programme which includes the proposals for Seaton Carew.

The Mayor was concerned at the potential for a significant amount of work being undertaken without a guarantee of finance to implement any proposals. The Head of Regeneration commented that all possible sources of finance would be examined and there was an appropriate risk management strategy in place. There was a need to undertake many aspects of this work to give an indication to local residents and land owners of the council's reasoning behind its eventual proposals and its commitment to them.

Decision

That the detailed cost plan setting out how the approved brief would be delivered be approved; and that the update with regard to the funding applications and the implications for the previously agreed match funding resource be noted.

29. Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) and Neighbourhood Element Programme 2008/09 – Quarter 3 Update *(Head of Community Strategy)*

Type of decision

Non-key decision.

Purpose of report

The report gave an update on the position of the Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) and Neighbourhood Element Programmes at the end of the 3rd quarter of the 2008/9 financial year and gave an update on the quick win schemes agreed for the Throston Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) budget.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report sets out the spend position of the projects within the WNF and Neighbourhood Element programmes at the end of December 2008. It also sets out the quick win schemes that have been identified through the Throston NAP consultation process and funded through the Throston NAP budget. The Principal Community Strategy Officer commented that the spend on one remaining scheme, Healthy Schools, was causing some concern but this would be resolved within the next few days.

Decision

That the spend position of the WNF and Neighbourhood Element programmes at the end of December 2008 be noted, together with the quick win schemes agreed for the Throston Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) budget.

30. Regeneration and Planning Services Departmental Plan 2008/09 *(Director of Regeneration and Planning Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key decision.

Purpose of report

The report set out the progress made against Regeneration and Planning Services Departmental Plan 2008/09 in the third quarter of the year.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report detailed the progress made against the key actions identified in the Regeneration and Planning Departmental Plan 2008/09 and the progress of key performance indicators for the period up to 31 December 2008. A total of 69 actions have already been achieved and a further 76 were expected to be completed by the milestone date. There is one action where it is proposed that the original departmental plan is amended to reflect a change in the timescale and this related to conservation area character appraisals.

Decision

1. That the progress against key actions and third quarter outturn of performance indicators be noted.
2. That the proposed amendment to the original departmental plan be approved.

The meeting concluded at 10.10 p.m.

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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