

JOINT NEIGHBOURHOODS AND COMMUNITIES & FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO DECISION SCHEDULE



Monday, 27 April 2009

at 10.00 am

in Committee Room C, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Councillor Peter Jackson, Cabinet Member responsible for Neighbourhoods and Communities and Councillor Robbie Payne, Cabinet Member responsible for Finance and Efficiency will consider the following items.

1. KEY DECISIONS

No items

2. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

2.1 Household Waste Recycling Centre And Salt Storage Facility - *Director of Neighbourhood Services*

3. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS

No items

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Report to Portfolio Holders

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Report of: Director of Neighbourhood Services

Subject: HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE
AND SALT STORAGE FACILITY

1. PURPOSE

To inform Members of the works to be undertaken to the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) in order to improve facilities for the public and to conform to health and safety legislation.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report provides a breakdown of works to be undertaken to the HWRC which includes removal of the current salt barn and its relocation to a new site.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

The Portfolio Holders are responsible for waste management, winter maintenance and assets.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non key.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Joint meeting of Neighbourhoods and Communities and Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holders.

6. DECISION REQUIRED

- i) To agree the works necessary to the Burn Road HWRC and Waste Transfer Station.
- ii) To agree the relocation of the salt storage facility of the Council owned site in Brenda Road.

- iii) To approve option 2 in the report for using the LATS income and seek Council approval to add the development of the recycling centre and replacement of the salt barn to the 2009/10 capital programme, to be funded from prudential borrowing.

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the works to be undertaken to the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) in order to improve facilities for the public and to conform to health and safety legislation.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members may recall that several years ago the Council made a large investment in converting the former combined waste transfer station and Civic Amenity Site into a high quality Household Waste Recycling Centre. In addition the site adjacent to the Burn Road location was brought into use as the Council's operational Waste Transfer Station which is not open to the public.
- 2.2 Also based on that site is the Council's winter gritting salt storage facility. This facility is currently a wooden barn previously used to store recycling materials.

Household Waste Recycling Centre

- 2.3 The success of the Household Waste Recycling Centre together with the need to provide different types of recycling receptacles has meant that the site needs to expand. There is also the added complication created by the positioning of the new traffic lights in Burn Road, installed as a result of the Tesco supermarket extension and car park reconfiguration.
- 2.4 Members will no doubt have witnessed the back-up of cars in Burn Road on popular clean-up days such as bank holidays. The positioning of the traffic lights has meant that this back-up of traffic must be avoided.
- 2.5 Attached to this report marked **Appendix 1** is a sketch design of the new proposed facilities. Members will see that it is proposed to extend the site northwards onto the rear of the current Household Waste Recycling Centre into the area formerly used as the Council's Waste Transfer Station.

- 2.6 In order to accommodate this extension a new elevated ramp will need to be installed in this area together with new hand-rail and gantry extensions.
- 2.7 We also intend to increase not only the number of recycling units but also the type of recyclate we can collect. It is hoped that such things as normal glass from windows and hard plastic, such as toys will be recycled.
- 2.8 One of the main recommendations from the Scrutiny investigation into recycling was the introduction of an Education Centre and “green shop” on site. This design accommodates these suggestions. In addition we intend to build a re-use centre where materials that still have a value to charities or other organisations will be stored and sorted for eventual re-use.
- 2.9 Whilst the facility at Bum Road is very good nevertheless we do not re-use or recycle as much of the material collected as we want to or indeed ought to. This reconfiguration coupled with the recent letting of the contract for site operations to a local company will mean our re-use/ recycling from this site will increase.

Winter grit storage facilities

- 2.10 As members will see from **Appendix 1** the existing “salt barn” is located on the Waste Transfer Station site which will also be having some limited works carried out on the site.
- 2.11 The current “salt bam” is not purpose built and is made from wood. Over the years through high winds and vehicular damage the facility has become unsafe and for Health and Safety reasons must be demolished and rebuilt.
- 2.12 Its current location is not ideal and causes problems for the safe operation of the Waste Transfer Station. It is proposed therefore to relocate the winter grit facility to a piece of Council owned land in Brenda Road on the eastern side of the road virtually opposite the Corus entrance. This land is currently not used and in years gone by was used as a vehicle/machinery training site by our training section.
- 2.13 Attached marked **Appendix 2** is a sketch layout of the proposed facility.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 An estimate for the works has been provided in the sum of £600K, split £300K for each facility. Members may recall that we have

reported previously on the potential sale of Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme credits and it was tentatively agreed that the income received would pay for the required works on the Household Waste Recycling Centre.

- 3.2 However, the Tees Valley Authorities have now concluded a five year agreement, with the possibility of a further two years, with Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority to sell our surplus LATs at £20 each. This agreement will bring in income to the Council at a minimum as follows:

2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
£160K	£260K	£240K	£198K	£180K	£170K	£33K

- 3.3 This deal has only recently been concluded and therefore could not be taken into account in the Medium Financial Strategy of the Council. However, because of the certainty of the income this should form part of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy from 2010/11 onwards.
- 3.4 The 2009/10 income can be used to offset any potential overspends in the current financial year.

There are two options to consider:-

- 3.5 Option 1 – earmark part of these resources to fund the developments at the recycling centre and the replacement of the salt barn. This option would commit £600K of the available LATs income and leave an uncommitted amount of £735K which could be allocated to support future year's budgets.
- 3.6 Options 2 – earmark all of the LATs money to support future year's budgets as Members are aware the Council faces a challenging financial position over the next few years. This position is anticipated to continue when the next Comprehensive spending review is announced as public sector expenditure will be subject to a period of much lower growth, or even frozen at current levels, as the Government addresses the impact of the recession on the public sector finances. Against this background and local risks to the budget it would be appropriate to earmark the whole of the LATs income to support future year's budgets. This strategy would be in line with the strategy adopted in previous years for using other one off benefits, such as higher investment income and LABGI income.
- 3.7 This option would not provide funding for the developments at the recycling centre and the replacement of the salt barn. Therefore, to enable these schemes to go ahead it is suggested that these costs be funded from Prudential Borrowing. The annual repayment cost would be £50K and would need to be funded from the £2m of headroom included in the 2010/11 budget forecast.

- 3.8 It is suggested that Members approve Option 2 as this option maximises the Council's future financial flexibility, whilst still enabling the necessary investment in the recycling centre and salt barn to proceed.

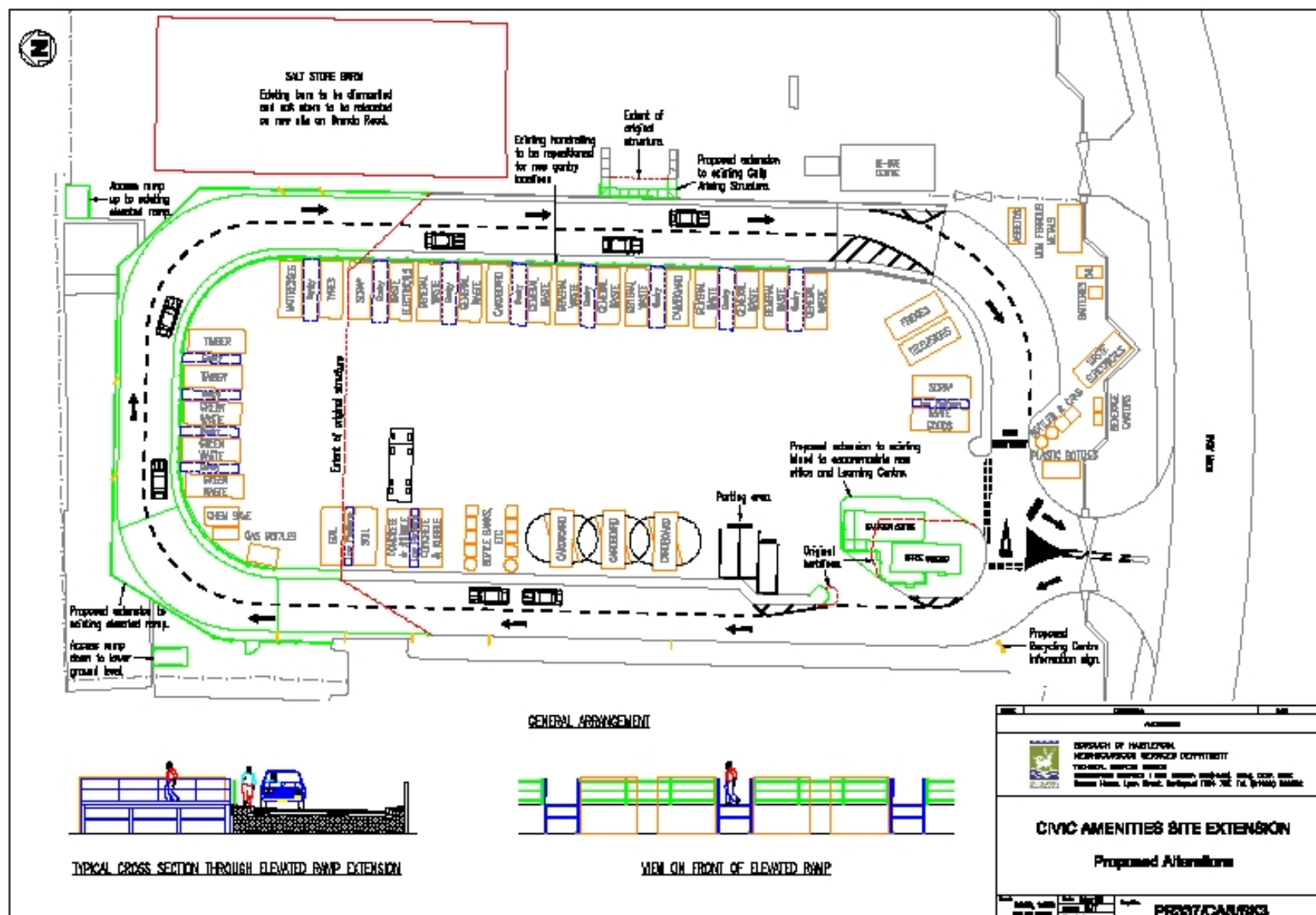
4. RECOMMENDATIONS

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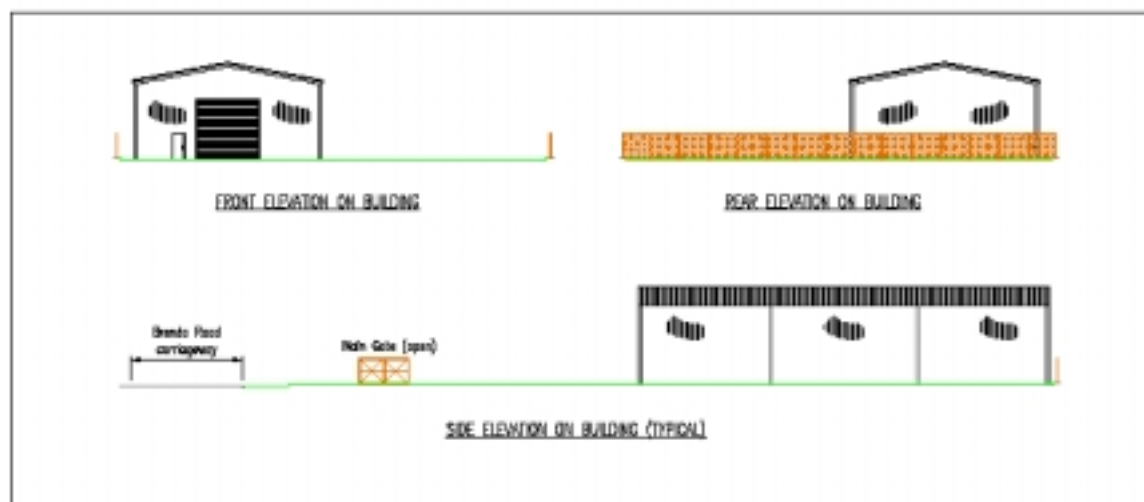


APPENDIX 2



NOTES

1. The Salt Store is to be used for storage of road salt and will mainly be operational during the annual gritting season of October through to March.
2. Lighting is to be provided to inside of building and around hardstanding area to allow for night-time operations.
3. Surface water run-off from building and hardstanding areas to be discharged into the surface water drainage system.
4. The building shown has a pitched roof profile, but this may change to a dome-shaped roof if the specification is required to change as a result of the procurement process.



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SALT STORE RELOCATION Proposed Salt Store Layout & Details	
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