

# REGENERATION AND LIVEABILITY PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

24 April 2009

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

**Present:**

The Mayor (Stuart Drummond)

Officers: Peter Scott, Director of Regeneration and Planning  
Alison Mawson, Head of Community Safety and Prevention  
Derek Gouldbum, Urban Policy Manager  
Nigel Johnson, Housing Regeneration Co-ordinator  
Peter Gouldsbro, Community Safety Officer  
Kate Ainger, Pride in Hartlepool Officer  
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

**35. Criminal Justice & Immigration Act 2008 –  
Premises Closure Order due to Persistent  
Disorder or Nuisance** (*Head of Community Safety and  
Prevention*)

**Type of Decision**

Non key.

**Purpose of Report**

The report was presented to inform the Portfolio Holder of the existence of a new power in the Criminal Justice & Immigration Act 2008 to deal with persistent disorder or nuisance and seek authority for the use of the power to be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Planning Services.

**Issues for Consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The report gave an overview of a new power available to the police and local authority, each subject to consultation with the other, and set out the delegation arrangements to make use of this power should the need arise in Hartlepool. It was outlined that if a tenant was displaced because of this process, then they would still be liable to pay rent and

Housing Benefit may be payable on a second property for a maximum of four weeks. The possible cost to the Authority because of this was outlined and costs for security of the premises, although these may be reclaimed from the owner through the magistrates' court.

A group with representatives of the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, Private sector housing team, Police, Supporting People team, Adult Services and Housing Benefits has been formed to agree how the procedure would be implemented in Hartlepool and the fortnightly Anti-Social Behaviour case liaison meeting process has been amended to highlight each case where this is potential for the case to escalate to consideration of the use of the premises closure power. A further route would be via the monthly Joint Action Group (JAG).

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder noted the new power contained in Section 118 of Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 which amends Section 1 of Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 to enable a Local Authority to serve a premises closure notice and, within 48 hours to apply to a Court to issue a Premises Closure Order for persistent disorder or nuisance

The Portfolio Holder delegated the authority to the Director of Regeneration and Planning Services to serve a premises closure notice under section 11A of Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 and to subsequently apply under section 11B for the making of a Part 1A closure order

The Portfolio Holder delegated authority to the Director of Regeneration and Planning Services to participate in consultation and acknowledge that consultation has taken place with Cleveland Police.

## **36. Endorsement of Safe in Tees Valley as a Specialist Community Safety Service Provider** *(Head of Community Safety and Prevention)*

### **Type of Decision**

Non key.

### **Purpose of Report**

The report was presented to formalise the arrangement which had existed with Safe in Tees Valley Ltd for a number of years, as a provider of community safety services.

### **Issues for Consideration**

The report set out the current informal arrangements existing with

Safe in Tees Valley as a provider of specialist community safety services to Hartlepool Council, the background and advantages gained from this arrangement and sought to formalise the arrangement within the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder endorsed the existing arrangements with Safe in Tees Valley Ltd as a preferred provider for community safety services in Hartlepool, in accordance with Part A1(ii) of the Contract Procedure Rules.

The Portfolio Holder agreed the arrangements will continue for a period of 3 years until 31 March 2012 when this preferred provider arrangement should be reviewed.

## **37. Hartlepool Borough Council Community Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Provision** *(Community Safety Officer)*

### **Type of Decision**

Non key

### **Purpose of Report**

The report was presented in order to seek approval for the proposed processes supporting the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum Action Plan recommendation that as major building developments take place in Hartlepool (e.g. Victoria Harbour), contractors be obligated to ensure that a network of ducting is laid, suitable to carry the Authority's fibre optic cables.

### **Issues for Consideration**

The report set out the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum Action Plan recommendation, and the assessment process to identify opportunities for planning gain as well as the assessment process to recommend negotiation of Section 106 agreement to support transmission of CCTV and security data where crime prevention and safety considerations apply to major developments.

All applications and enquiries requiring planning approval are appraised within a One Stop Shop meeting undertaken on a weekly basis and all major applications would require consideration by, and approval through the Authority's Planning Committee. A process had been identified in order to ensure appropriate consideration of applications where 'planning gain' could be a recommendation.

## **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder approved the proposed processes to fulfil the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum Action Plan recommendation that as major building developments take place in Hartlepool (e.g. Victoria Harbour), contractors be obligated to ensure that a network of ducting is laid, suitable to carry the Authority's fibre optic cables.

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

#### **Type of Decision**

Non key.

#### **Purpose of Report**

The report was presented in order to consider the recommendations of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group in respect of proposals for community projects.

#### **Issues for consideration**

The Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group had made the following recommendations:-

Manor Residents Association - £1,500 for a poly-tunnel for community allotment

Sacred Heart Primary School - £1,020 for cost of materials for gardening club

Cobden Area Residents Association (CARA) - £266 for hanging basket workshop

Queen's Meadow Care Home - £141.88 towards plants and fountain for memorial garden

#### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder approved the recommendations of the Steering Group.

### **39. Tees Valley Growth Point Allocation and Proposed Hartlepool Schemes** *(Head of Regeneration)*

#### **Type of Decision**

Non key.

### **Purpose of Report**

The report was presented in order to update the Portfolio Holder regarding the successful Tees Valley bid to Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) for Growth Point funding. The report also sought endorsement of a proposed programme of schemes that would help deliver the aims of the Growth Point initiative and meet Hartlepool's priorities in terms of housing development.

### **Issues for Consideration**

The report provided a summary of the successful Tees Valley Growth Point bid, detailed the breakdown of the funding allocation between the Tees Valley authorities and a proposed package of Hartlepool based projects including Belle Vue, Easington Road, Headway site, East Central Hartlepool and Golden Flatts, Seaton Lane. The package and those of the other Tees Valley Authorities had been agreed by the Tees Valley Directors of Regeneration and the Tees Valley Living Board. The next steps would be to develop the projects in more detail and when more accurate costings had been identified these would be reported to future Portfolio meetings.

Details were also provided regarding bids from the Tees Valley Authorities for the Community Infrastructure Fund and a joint bid for the A19 ramp metering scheme had been successful. Further consideration would be given to a bid to improve the A689/A19 junction.

The Portfolio Holder asked whether the overall funding allocations for the Housing Market Renewal Programme were now secure following questions raised regarding the additional £5 million resources for North Central Hartlepool. Officers advised that the situation was still to be resolved and would be discussed at a forthcoming meeting of Directors of Regeneration'

The Portfolio Holder was informed of further funding potential which would be investigated.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder noted the agreed split of funding between the Tees Valley Authorities and endorsed the proposed package of measures to utilise Hartlepool's Growth Point funding allocation and authorised officers to develop the individual projects in detail.

## **40. Housing Market Renewal Delivery – 2008/09** *(Housing Regeneration Co-ordinator)*

### **Type of Decision**

Non key

### **Purpose of Report**

The report provided a detailed monitoring report to update the Portfolio Holder on the performance of the Housing Market Renewal (HMR) programme in Hartlepool for 2008/09.

### **Issues for Consideration**

The report set out the development, progress and financial spending for 2008/09 of the housing market renewal programme in central Hartlepool and described the delivery progress on each of the three schemes. These were the Raby Road corridor scheme, the Belle Vue Site and the Carr/Jobson/Richardson/Rodney Streets area. The report also highlighted the development of the new frontline delivery team's impact during the year.

Funding resources for HMR regeneration in Hartlepool comes almost exclusively from external sources, mainly via the Tees Valley Living Partnership with spending and delivery performance by Hartlepool being consistently high.

The Portfolio Holder was advised of recent decisions made by the Board of One North East regarding allocations of Single Programme funds in response to the submitted sub-regional Investment Plans. This indicated that apart from contributions towards the Tall Ships event, none of the Hartlepool schemes were included in the schedules of approved projects, although there is the possibility that funding could be secured to progress schemes through Gap Funding and Feasibility and Development budgets.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder noted the progress of preparation and the current position with regard to the Single Programme Investment Plan, endorsed the general focus of the proposed investment and authorised officers to continue to pursue funds to support the development and delivery of these schemes.

## **41. Single Programme 2009-11 – Proposed Expenditure** *(Urban Policy Manager)*

### **Type of Decision**

Non key.

### **Purpose of Report**

The report was presented in order to inform the Portfolio Holder of the process of preparation of the Single Programme Investment Programme and to advise on the focus of proposed expenditure for 2009 –11.

### **Issues for Consideration**

The report provided background to the preparation and approval of the Single Programme Investment Plan including discussions and negotiations held with One North East in identifying priorities for Single Programme investment. The report referred to recent contextual work which had been carried out in relation to the Central Area and Southern Business Zone to provide a strategic framework for investment in those areas. The report then set out in general terms how it was intended to utilise the Single Programme allocations over the next two to three years.

The budget allocations for the Tees Valley for 2009/10 and 2010/11 were £14m and £10m respectively. It was hoped to utilise other regional funds for feasibility work for the Central Area.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder noted the process of preparation of the Single Programme Investment Plan and endorsed the general focus of proposed investment by whatever means.

The meeting concluded at 10.45 am

**P J DEVLIN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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