

JOINT NEIGHBOURHOOD & COMMUNITIES AND FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

27 April 2009

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

Present:

Councillors Peter Jackson (Neighbourhood and Communities Portfolio Holder)
Robbie Payne (Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Dave Stubbs, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Graham Frankland, Head of Procurement, Property and Public
Protection
Denise Ogden, Head of Neighbourhood Management
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

1. Household Waste Recycling Centre and Salt Storage Facility – Director of Neighbourhood Services

Type of Decision

Non key

Purpose of Report

The report was presented 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.

Issues for Consideration

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

The Finance and Efficiency Portfolio asked if it had been foreseen that the introduction of the new traffic lights at the Burn Road site would cause problems to the HWRC. He was informed that this had not been highlighted and that the facility was extremely busy at weekends.

The re-siting of the salt barn was necessary as the building had not

been built specifically for that purpose. The site in Brenda Road had been earmarked as the preferred option after a detailed analysis. Other sites had been considered but all had potential drawbacks.

The Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holder asked why two options for funding had been put forward and the Director of Neighbourhoods Services said that the finance department had suggested these and highlighted the benefits of using option 2.

The Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holder asked whether the work would be done 'in house' and was informed that most of it would be although some specialist services would be necessary.

The Neighbourhoods and Communities Portfolio Holder asked whether the proposals satisfied the Scrutiny Investigation and was informed that they did.

The Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holder asked about the Prudential Borrowing and was informed that there was no limit on the amount which was available and it was set at an attractive fixed rate.

Decision

The Portfolio Holders:-

- ❖ agreed to the works necessary to the Burn Road HWRC and Waste Transfer Station
- ❖ agreed the relocation of the salt storage facility of the Council owned site in Brenda Road
- ❖ approved Option 2 in the report for using the Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS) income and would 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

The meeting concluded at 10.15 am

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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