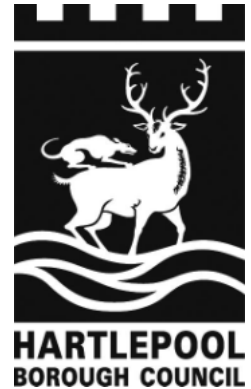


# **REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO DECISION SCHEDULE**



**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2009**

**at 3.00 pm**

**in Committee Room C,  
Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

Councillor P Hargreaves, Cabinet member responsible for Regeneration and Economic Development will consider the following items.

**1. KEY DECISIONS**

- 1.1 Future Jobs Fund – *Director of Regeneration and Planning Services*

**2. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION**

- 2.1 Economic Assessments – *Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development)*

**3. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Regeneration and Planning Services Departmental Plan 2008/09 – Quarter 4 Monitoring Report – *Director of Regeneration and Planning Services*
- 3.2 Tees Valley Single Programme – Progress Report – *Head of Regeneration*

**4. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS**

No items

**5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006**

## **EXEMPT ITEMS**

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

### **6. KEY DECISION**

No items

### **7. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION**

No items

### **8. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- 8.1 UK Steel Enterprise (UKSE) Innovation Centre – *Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development)* (para 3)

## **REGENERATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO**

Report To Portfolio Holder  
28<sup>th</sup> August 2009



**Report of:** Director of Regeneration and Planning Services

**Subject:** FUTURE JOBS FUND

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### **SUMMARY**

#### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the current position regarding the Future Jobs Fund (FJF) and seek authority to implement the programme.

#### **2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS**

The report describes the background to the establishment of the Future Jobs Fund, the successful outcome of the bid for funding to support the creation of new jobs and the outline plans for the job creation programme on the current negotiations, expected scale of the project and the timescales.

#### **3.0 RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER**

The activities to be undertaken through the FJF project directly relate to a range of economic development initiatives.

#### **4.0 TYPE OF DECISION**

Key, tests (i) and (ii) apply.

#### **5.0 DECISION MAKING ROUTE**

Decision for the Regeneration and Economic Portfolio Holder.

#### **6.0 DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

The Portfolio Holder is recommended to authorise work with partners to implement the job creation programme supported by the Future Jobs Fund, as outlined in the report.

**Report of:** Director of Regeneration and Planning Services

**Subject:** FUTURE JOBS FUND

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## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide an update on the Future Jobs Fund (FJF) proposal.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 On 13 May 2009, the Government announced the investment of over £1 billion to create jobs through the Future Jobs Fund. This funding is to be used to generate jobs for those in greatest need, particularly long term unemployed young people, and also in areas of high unemployment. The Fund was announced in Budget 2009 and is to be spent over the next two years. The fund is run by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in partnership with the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG).
- 2.2 It is an important part of the Government's commitment to delivering real help for young people and those who face barriers to employment, making sure people stay connected with the labour market and do not suffer the adverse effects of long-term unemployment.
- 2.3 The FJF aims to create 150,000 jobs between October 2009 and April 2011 providing real help for young people and for those individuals who face significant disadvantages in the labour market.
- 2.4 Within the guidance notes it stated that bids would be invited from anyone but particularly from local authorities and national and third sector organisations. It was strongly encouraged that organisations work in partnership to develop joint bids and that local authorities should play a leading role in co-ordinating area bids.
- 2.5 As a minimum, each bid needed to demonstrate that:
- Jobs will last for at least 6 months, provide work for 25 hours or more per week and be paid at least at the national minimum wage;
  - All jobs are suitable for long term unemployed young people between 18 and 24 who have been on jobseekers allowance for nearly 12 months, although a proportion of places may be offered to long term unemployed people of any age depending on local circumstances;

- Jobs are additional -i.e. they would not exist without Future Jobs Funding;
  - The work undertaken will benefit local communities;
  - At least 30 jobs will be created per bid;
  - It will support growth sectors including “green jobs”.
- 2.6 There is a maximum Government contribution for each job which will not exceed £6,500. Bids were invited with a lower unit cost and/or which use other funding to match this funding.
- 2.7 This funding stream offered a further opportunity for Hartlepool Borough Council to co-ordinate and lead on a job creation scheme for which it has a significant track record of delivering through the Intermediate Labour Market programmes that have been managed by the Economic Development Team since 2000. In addition, the Team has managed Building Futures (now New Futures) since 2005 which is a partnership between the five local authorities within the Tees Valley area and commenced as a job creation scheme for the construction sector. Due to the success of this programme - which created 433 jobs - additional Single Programme funding has been secured which will allow New Futures to work across other growth sectors.
- 2.8 On 30 June 2009, Economic Development – on behalf of Hartlepool Borough Council and its partners - submitted a FJF application to DWP.

### 3 BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE FJF APPLICATION

- 3.1 Within the FJF application, it is proposed that the Council will be the accountable body and will work in partnership with the public, private and third sector to create jobs within identified future growth sectors including Hospitality and Tourism, Renewable Energy, Health and Social Care and Green Jobs.
- 3.2 These jobs will provide employees with the skills and training to compete for future jobs that will become available through major regeneration programmes and a diverse business community. The bid proposes that there will be **720** extra jobs created with **75%** of jobs sustained beyond the initial six month period. **£4,680,000** of FJF was requested with **£1,530,116** additional funding matched.

### 4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 On 28 July 2009, Hartlepool Borough Council received a letter from DWP confirming that the FJF bid had been successful. Within the

DWP letter, there was a request for further confirmation on the number of job starts that the partners can commit to over the period of September 2009 to 31 March 2010. Economic Development has responded by confirming that 650 jobs can be created during this period.

- 4.2 DWP will now use this information to calculate the value of the grant offer, based on the unit cost per job set out in the original bid (which equates to £6,500 per FJF employee). The confirmation letter states that the number of jobs that DWP will offer to fund, and therefore the value of the grant, may be lower than the amount that Hartlepool has bid for. Economic Development is still awaiting confirmation of the final grant offer; an update will be provided at the meeting.
- 4.3 Economic Development is currently establishing a dedicated FJF Project Management Team with existing staff to undertake day to day operational activities. This includes working closely with Jobcentre Plus to implement robust referral processes and effectively advertise the jobs to potential eligible candidates.
- 4.4 Economic Development has arranged the following events with partners to progress the FJF project including:
  - One to one meetings with the FJF partners on Monday 24 and Tuesday 25 August 2009 to review the number and types of jobs they will be creating.
  - A full partner event is arranged for Friday 4 September 2009 to advise the partners on processes and procedures required for the project.
  - A Marketing Event has been arranged at the Grand Hotel on Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 September 2009 where partners can interview prospective FJF candidates.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 As stated above, Economic Development will establish a small dedicated FJF Project Management Team to manage the delivery of the project. The Project Team's costs plus additional start up costs, e.g. marketing literature and event management will be funded by utilising an element of the FJF.

## **6. RECOMMENDATION**

- 6.1 That the report be noted and that arrangements for working with partners to implement the job creation programme as outlined in the report be authorised.

## **REGENERATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO**

Report To Portfolio Holder  
28<sup>th</sup> August, 2009



**Report of:** Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development)

**Subject:** ECONOMIC ASSESSMENTS

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### **SUMMARY**

#### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Portfolio Holder of the forthcoming statutory duty to undertake an Economic Assessment of the Borough and to gain agreement of the proposed process to undertake the assessment.

#### **2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS**

- 2.1 The report provides details of the Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill which proposes to give a statutory duty for local authorities from April 2010 to conduct economic assessments of their area and the proposed process to achieve this assessment.

#### **3.0 RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER**

- 3.1 The proposed requirement for economic assessments falls within the portfolio and the assessment will be used to develop and underpin future regeneration and economic strategies and action plans.

#### **4.0 TYPE OF DECISION**

- 4.1 Non key

#### **5.0 DECISION MAKING ROUTE**

- 5.1 Decision for the Regeneration and Economic Portfolio.

**6.0 DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

- 6.1 Agreement to the proposed method of undertaking the Economic Assessment.



**Report of:** Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development)

**Subject:** ECONOMIC ASSESSMENTS

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## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Portfolio of the forthcoming statutory duty from April 2010 to undertake an Economic Assessment of the Borough and to gain agreement of the proposed process to undertake the assessment

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Government's Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill proposes a statutory duty for local authorities commencing April 2010 to undertake an economic assessment of their area.
- 2.2 Detailed guidance is due to be issued by the Government however current draft guidance identifies the following broad principles
- Identify the economic linkages within the area of the assessment and between it and the wider economy
  - Identify the comparative strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing the local economy
  - Review the key ways in which local authorities and their partners influence local economic development and their impact
  - Review the regeneration challenges of the area
  - Assess levels of worklessness and the capacity of key agencies to respond to these challenges
  - Consider the impact of local economic development on the environment and how the local economy will be affected by the transition to a low carbon economy
- 2.3 The Economic Assessment is not a strategy in itself but will inform economic and regeneration strategies including the forthcoming integrated Regional Strategy and other sub regional and local strategies.
- 2.4 It is proposed that each of the five Tees Valley Authorities will undertake its own Economic Assessment under a common framework, with the relevant elements brought together in a sub regional

Assessment, this sub regional element being undertaken by the Joint Strategy Unit.

- 2.5 It is being proposed that the Economic Assessment will be segmented into three key themes;
- Business
  - People
  - Place
- 2.6 Such an approach is consistent with that of the existing Regional Economic Strategy and readily lends itself to the approach adopted within the Council's relevant strategy and action planning. The key local issues that impinge directly into sub regional issues will be specifically highlighted within the sub regional context of the assessment.
- 2.7 It is envisaged that the Economic Assessments will be completed prior to April 2010, however a detailed timetable is currently being developed in the light of emerging Government guidance.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 It is not anticipated that there will be any financial implications for the completion of the Economic Assessment.

### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 That the Portfolio Holder notes the above contents and endorses the proposed processes of developing a local Economic Assessment which will be reflected within the sub regional assessment.
- 4.2 That Hartlepool Borough Council works closely with the other Tees Valley authorities and the JSU to ensure a common framework and approach to developing the local and sub regional Economic Assessment.

## **REGENERATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO**

Report To Portfolio Holder  
28<sup>th</sup> August, 2009



**Report of:** Director of Regeneration and Planning Services

**Subject:** REGENERATION AND PLANNING SERVICES  
DEPARTMENTAL PLAN 2008/09 – QUARTER 4  
MONITORING REPORT

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### **SUMMARY**

#### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform Portfolio Holder of the progress made against Regeneration and Planning Services Departmental Plan 2008/09 in the fourth quarter of the year.

#### **2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS**

The report describes the progress against actions contained in the Departmental Plan and the fourth quarter outturn of key performance indicators.

#### **3.0 RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER**

The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for performance management issues in relation to the Regeneration and Economic Development functions within the Regeneration and Planning Services Departmental Plan.

#### **4.0 TYPE OF DECISION**

Non key.

#### **5.0 DECISION MAKING ROUTE**

Portfolio Holder.

#### **6.0 DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

Progress against actions and indicators is noted.

**Report of:** Director of Regeneration and Planning Services

**Subject:** REGENERATION AND PLANNING SERVICES  
DEPARTMENTAL PLAN 2008/09 – QUARTER 4  
MONITORING REPORT

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## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Portfolio Holder of the progress made against the key actions identified in the Regeneration and Planning Departmental Plan 2008/09 and the progress of relevant performance indicators for the period up to 31 March 2009.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for performance management issues in relation to the Regeneration and Economic Development functions described within the Regeneration and Planning Departmental Plan.
- 2.2 The Regeneration and Planning Departmental Plan 2008/09 set out the key tasks and issues along with an Action Plan to show what was to be achieved by the department in the year.
- 2.3 The Council's Covalent performance management database is used for collecting and analysing performance in relation to both the Corporate Plan and the five Departmental Plans.
- 2.4 Where appropriate more detailed service plans are also produced detailing how each individual section contributes to the key tasks and priorities contained within the Regeneration and Planning Departmental Plan and ultimately those of the Corporate Plan. These plans are managed within the department.

## **3. FOURTH QUARTER PERFORMANCE**

- 3.1 This section looks in detail at how Regeneration and Planning Services has performed in relation to the key actions and performance indicators assigned to this portfolio and which were included within the Departmental Plan for 2008/09.
- 3.2 On a quarterly basis, officers from across the department are asked, via the Covalent Performance Management database, to provide an

update on progress against every action contained in the performance plan and where appropriate, every performance indicator.

- 3.3 Officers are asked to provide a short commentary explaining progress made and asked to 'traffic light' each section based on whether or not the action will be, or has been, completed by the target date set out in the plans. The traffic light system is:-

<b>RED</b>	Action / PI not expected to meet target
<b>AMBER</b>	Action / PI expected to meet target
<b>GREEN</b>	Action / PI target achieved

- 3.4 Within the Regeneration and Planning Services Departmental Plan, there are a total of 52 actions and 14 performance indicators assigned to this portfolio.
- 3.5 Table 1 below summarises the progress made as at 31 March 2009 towards achieving these actions and performance indicators:-

**Table 1 – Regeneration and Planning progress summary**

	<b>Departmental Plan</b>	
	<b>Actions</b>	<b>PIs</b>
<b>Green</b>	48 (92.3%)	11 (78.6%)
<b>Amber</b> (Reprogrammed beyond 31/3/09)	3 (5.8%)	0 (0.0%)
<b>Red</b>	1 (1.9%)	3 (21.4%)
<b>Total</b>	52 (100.0%)	14 (100.0%)

- 3.6 From Table 1 it can be seen that 48 actions were achieved by the end of Quarter 4. The three amber actions shown reflect previously agreed revisions to the plan where target dates now extend beyond 2008/9. One action in relation to Victoria Harbour was not achieved for reasons largely beyond the Council's control and details are shown in Table 2 below.

**Table 2 – Action where an amendment to the timescale is proposed**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Comment</b>
REG A04-1	Secure formal funding and delivery arrangements with relevant partners for Victoria Harbour	31/03/2009	Negotiations with the landowners and the public sector partners about the arrangements for delivering this project have been extended, reflecting the nature, scale and complexity of the project and the adverse effects of the economic recession. These negotiations are ongoing with a view to agreeing project delivery arrangements within 2009/10 and are included as an action in the 2009/10 Departmental Plan approved in May 2009.

- 3.7 Three performance indicator targets were not achieved in 2008/09. The difficulties in relation to achieving the Hartlepool unemployment rate were highlighted as part of the Quarter 2 performance report. Two further 'red' indicators have emerged in the final quarter and details are set out in Table 3 below. Despite not achieving the original targets set, performance in both areas was relatively strong when viewed in the context of the economic downturn that was experienced during 2008/09.

**Table 3 – Performance Indicators not achieving original target set**

Ref	Action	Target	Outturn	Comment
RPD P072	The number of residents assisted into training that were young unemployed people	353	297	Whilst the target could not be met good progress has been made including a strong contribution by the Tees Valley Works Going Forward project
RPD P074	The number of business start ups with council assistance	147	132	Although the target has not been met it is felt the 90% achievement rate can be considered very satisfactory in the light of the current recession

- 3.8 Portfolio Holder's attention is drawn to progress and achievements of the department up to 31 March 2009 which have not previously been reported. These include:

- 1,661 businesses assisted by the Economic Development service during the year which exceeded the 1,500 target set.
- 301 jobs were created with council assistance during 2008/9 (target 271) and 942 residents were assisted into employment (target 750).
- More than 120 local regeneration projects delivered with £538,000 of regeneration funds.
- Completion of the Strategic Investment Framework for the Central Area and Southern Business Zone and securing Growth Point status.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 That the progress against key actions and fourth quarter outturn of performance indicators is noted.

## **REGENERATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO**

Report To Portfolio Holder

28<sup>th</sup> August, 2009



**Report of:** Head of Regeneration

**Subject:** Tees Valley Single Programme- Progress Report

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### **SUMMARY**

#### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide an update of progress on the Hartlepool Single Programme package for 2008/09 and to note the development of the 2009/10 Single Programme Regeneration Plan.

#### **2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS**

- 2.1 The report provides information on the progress and expenditure of the Hartlepool Single Programme Projects in 2008/09, and provides an update of the development on the 2009/10 Single Programme Regeneration Plan.

#### **3.0 RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER**

- 3.1 Management of the Single Programme falls within the remit of the Portfolio Holder

#### **4.0 TYPE OF DECISION**

- 4.1 Non-Key

#### **5.0 DECISION MAKING ROUTE**

- 5.1 Portfolio Holder Meeting 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009

**6.0 DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

6.1 The Portfolio Holder is requested to:-

- i) Note the progress on the schemes included in the 2008/09 programme.
- ii) Note the progress in developing the 2009/10 Programme.



**Report of:** Head of Regeneration

**Subject:** Tees Valley Single Programme- Progress Report

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## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide an update of progress on the Hartlepool Single Programme package for 2008/09 and to note the development of the 2009/10 Single Programme Regeneration Plan.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Single Programme is one of the Governments main strategic economic development and regeneration programmes. Regional responsibility for the programme lies with One NorthEast, with Tees Valley Unlimited (TVU) having responsibility for overseeing and managing the programme. The establishment of a multi-area agreement (MAA) between TVU and ONE is intended to allow the sub regional partnership greater devolved power and flexibility to control and manage the programme, although One NorthEast retain ultimate authority over the programme. The 2008/09 programme was approved under the previous arrangements with the Tees Valley Partnership.

## **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **3.1 Single Programme Delivery Plan 2008/09**

Table 3.1, below gives details of the approved projects together with out-turn expenditure for 2008/09.

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>APPROVED AMOUNT £</b>	<b>OUTTURN EXPENDITURE £</b>
Building Futures	394,966	353,195
Tall Ships- The Cultural Surround	53,669	53,378
Management and Admin	30,000	30,000
Tall Ships Races 2010	3,500	3,500

<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>APPROVED AMOUNT £</b>	<b>OUTTURN EXPENDITURE £</b>
Central Area Investment Framework	5,000	5,000

Table 3.1

- 3.2 A number of projects approved within previous financial years continued to be supported by Single Programme in 2008/09. These included Building Futures, The Tall Ships Cultural Surround and the Central Area Investment Framework.
- 3.3 The Building Futures project continued in 2008/09. Building Futures is a collaborative Intermediate Labour Market (ILM) project which works with partners to develop employment and training initiatives to tackle unemployment and skill shortages in the construction sector. This scheme operates on a Tees Valley wide basis but is managed by Hartlepool Council. Building Futures reported an underspend in 2008/09 of just under £42,000. This was due to factors which were largely beyond the control of the local authorities and reflected the impact of the economic recession, where in particular the take up of financial support towards recruitment and training by businesses was not as high as would normally be expected.
- 3.4 Reflecting the importance and benefits of the Building Futures project, a sum of £780,000 has been identified in the 2009/11 Tees Valley Programme to continue this successful scheme under the name of “New Futures”. Whilst inclusion in the programme represents ‘in principle’ support for the scheme by One North East, detailed approval needs to be secured through a project specific appraisal process, and this is currently being pursued.
- 3.5 The Tall Ships Cultural Surround project continued in 2008/09. It’s aim was to help build the momentum for the Tall Ships event in 2010 by using Single Programme resources to raise awareness and stimulate interest in the Tall Ships event. Single Programme resources were used to ‘add value’ to the 2008 Hartlepool Maritime Festival and the July 2009 Community Cavalcade. Local capacity building also took place so that Hartlepool has the capacity to deliver high quality events.
- 3.6 In addition to the above, “in-year” approvals were also received. The main Tall Ships Races 2010 project was awarded £775,000 funding split over three years from 2008/09 until 2010/11. Single Programme funds will contribute towards the cost and hire of pontoons, marquees, the entertainment and cultural programme, marketing/PR, together with a contribution towards project staffing and sponsorship development costs for the Tall Ships event.

- 3.7 The Central Area Investment Framework (CAIF) funding, which was largely defrayed in the previous year, was awarded an additional £5,000 in 2008/09 in response to One North East's request for additional traffic modelling for Stockton Street during the development of the strategy. This was required in order to investigate connectivity issues between Middleton Grange Shopping Centre, Hartlepool College of Further Education and the proposed Innovation and Skills Quarter. The CAIF is intended to provide the strategic context for future investment in the town centre, and to support future funding bids including Single Programme funding.
- 3.8 The Management and Administration budget continued at a reduced rate in 2008/09. Under the new programme starting in 2009/10 there will be no direct management fee paid to the Council as has been the case in previous years. Revised management arrangements are yet to be determined although it is expected that any management fees will be limited compared to previous years.

#### 4.0 SINGLE PROGRAMME DELIVERY PLAN 2009/10

REVENUE	APPROVED AMOUNT £
Tall Ships Races 2010	264,000

CAPITAL	APPROVED AMOUNT £
Innovation Centre Expansion	£1.49m

- 4.1 As reported to the Regeneration and Liveability Portfolio Holder on the 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009, the overall Tees Valley Single Programme budget allocations have been reduced significantly over the next two years (from an anticipated £20m per year to around £14m in 2009/10 and £10m in 2010/11) due to the governments diversion of resources elsewhere to address the effects of the credit crunch.
- 4.2 Two projects to date have funding approved for 2009/10. These include the Tall Ships Races 2010 and the recently approved £1.49m Single Programme contribution towards the 17,500 sq.ft. expansion of the Innovation Centre at Queens Meadow (subject to legal agreements).
- 4.3 Negotiations are continuing with One North East around other Hartlepool projects. These negotiations have recently led to the inclusion of two additional funding allocations within the Tees Valley programme. A £2m allocation for Victoria Harbour split over 2009/10 and 2010/11 has been negotiated, plus a reserve Innovation Connectors project linked to the Hartlepool Central Area. Both of these

allocations will be subject to the standard ONE NorthEast Business Case approval process.

- 4.4 The Innovation Connectors reserve project has been included as a result of the Central Area Investment Framework. Approximately £250,000 per year for 2009/10 and 2010/11 has been identified, should there be available resources within the Tees Valley programme. The project will create floorspace for creative industries and could link with the Digital City project, whilst redeveloping a key derelict site.
- 4.5 A £500,000 Single Programme contribution has been identified by ONE NorthEast in discussion with the Council towards the redevelopment of Hartlepool College of Further Education. This is in response to the Learning and Skills Council's (LSC) approval process that requests that partners seek to provide additional funding in support of the project. A written response has therefore been submitted from Hartlepool Borough Council (HBC) and other partners, including One NorthEast, offering direct funding support. The details will be subject to a further report; however the HBC contribution will include part of the capital receipt from the sale of the Albert Street Car Park, a contribution from the Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) supported by the Skills Partnership, and a contribution from the Major Regeneration Projects Budget also totalling £500,000.
- 4.6 Discussions with One NorthEast have indicated that the Single Programme contribution must be from within the existing Hartlepool Single Programme allocations i.e Victoria Harbour. The Single Programme funding approval for Hartlepool College of Further Education will be subject to the standard One NorthEast Business Case approval process. Officers are currently progressing this, preparing necessary documents for submission.
- 4.7 Support for other projects such as the Southern Business Zone are proving more difficult to secure agreement to, due to funding restrictions, although officers remain hopeful that some additional projects will receive funding allocations.

## **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Single Programme projects are subject to individual appraisal and approval. There is an increasing requirement for public/private funding to be provided alongside Single Programme resources. The Council is expected to contribute towards these together with exploring other opportunities such as European Regional Development Fund resources.
- 5.2 In relation to projects that are currently being developed, Council contributions will be identified on an individual basis as part of the appraisal process and individual budgets will be identified at that time.

Some funds have already been approved from the Councils Capital programme to provide match funding for key regeneration schemes.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 The Portfolio Holder is requested to:-

- i) Note the progress on the schemes included in the 2008/09 programme
- ii) Note the progress in developing the 2009/10 Programme