

TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO DECISION SCHEDULE



Monday, 26 October 2009

at 9.00 am

in Committee Room C
Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Councillor P Jackson, Cabinet Member responsible for Transport and Neighbourhoods will consider the following items.

1. **KEY DECISIONS**

No items

2. **OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION**

2.1 Pride In Hartlepool Proposals - *Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection*

3. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

No items

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

No items

TRANSPORT & NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder
Monday 26 October 2009



Report of: Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection

Subject: PRIDE IN HARTLEPOOL PROPOSALS

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

List of Pride in Hartlepool proposals and recommendations for funding of those proposals.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Portfolio Holder has responsibility for environmental initiatives.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non key.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Recommendation of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group to Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

To agree the recommendations of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group in respect of community environmental projects.

Report of: Head of Procurement, Property and Public Protection

Subject: PRIDE IN HARTLEPOOL PROPOSALS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group met on the 1st October 2009 and recommended the following for approval:

3. NEW PROJECT PROPOSALS

3.1 St Joseph's Primary School

St Joseph's Primary School are requesting funding towards the cost of their Outdoor Eco Classroom project. The aim of the project is to turn a currently unused area of the school grounds into an area where pupils can get involved in practical, hands on activities around growing plants and caring for wildlife to foster environmental awareness and conservation. The total cost of the project is £8,500 and the remainder of the cost is being funded by the school and the parents support group. The amount requested is £4,475.

- 3.2 Members recommended £1,000 be approved towards the cost of the project.

3.3 Great Big Autumn Tree Giveaway

The Great Big Autumn Giveaway is a Pride in Hartlepool initiative to encourage people to improve their local area by giving away plants for communities to plant in their own neighbourhoods. This year the Giveaway will tie in with National Tree Week and the BBC Breathing Places initiative "Tree O'Clock".

- 3.4 At present Hartlepool has a particularly low percentage of tree cover. We hope to encourage people to improve their local environment by increasing the number of native British trees. This will also help to improve bio-diversity and air quality in the town as well as helping to contribute to Hartlepool's climate change strategy.

- 3.5 The Pride in Hartlepool Officer is requesting funding to purchase the trees for the Giveaway. The amount requested would fund approximately 2,000 trees for Hartlepool. We are aiming to work with around 15 to 20 groups across all 3 areas of the town. The amount requested is £1,000.

- 3.6 Members recommended that the £1,000 be approved in full.

3.7 West Park Primary School

West Park Primary School are requesting funding for their school garden project. The school wishes to use the area for children to grow flowers and vegetables and also to be used as an outdoor classroom. The project will be tied into other projects that are being done at the school, such as their Pride in Hartlepool week and a Hartlepool mosaic project. The school aims to involve parents and local residents in the project to build links with the community and improve skills. The amount requested is £4,280.

3.8 Members recommended that £1,000 be approved towards the cost of the project.

3.9 Elwick Wildlife Garden

Elwick Wildlife Garden is an “adopted” piece of land in Elwick Village which has been transformed into a wildlife garden under the Adopt a Plot scheme. The garden is used by the local residents and pupils at the nearby primary school as well as being open to visitors to the village. The project is requesting funding for a power strimmer to cut back the grass to allow the wildflowers to grow, and for ericaceous compost to improve the soil in the rockeries. The amount requested is £215.62.

3.10 Members recommended that the £215.62 be approved in full.

3.11 Pride in Hartlepool ‘Big Tidy Ups’

Hartlepool Borough Council has been successfully selected as one of 11 national Local Authority Champions for the Big Tidy Up campaign. As such we will be actively promoting the Big Tidy Up package to local businesses, community groups and residents across the town. To utilise the remaining 15 grant awards the Pride in Hartlepool Officer is requesting that they be used to fund 15 of these Big Tidy Ups on public land across the town.

3.12 Under this scheme each of the 15 groups that register for a Big Tidy Up would qualify for up to £250 towards the costs of their event including refreshments for the volunteers and mini-skip hire as we are focusing on the worst hotspots as identified by the Enforcement team.

3.13 The amount requested is 15 x £250 (£3,750). Members recommended approval.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 The funding for the above projects is available within the Pride in Hartlepool budget.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 That the recommendation of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group be approved.

6. CONTACT OFFICER

6.1 Kate Ainger
Pride in Hartlepool Officer
Neighbourhood Services
Hartlepool Borough Council
Civic Centre – Level 3
Hartlepool

Telephone: 01429 284172

Email: Kate.ainger@hartlepool.gov.uk