

# **COMMUNITY SAFETY AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD**

20 November 2009

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

**Present:**

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond (Community Safety and Housing Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Peter Graves, Townscape Heritage Initiative Manager  
Sally Forth, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator  
Jeff Mason, Head of Support Services  
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

## **20. Elwick Conservation Area Visual Assessment** *(Townscape Heritage Initiative Manager)*

**Type of Decision**

Non key.

**Purpose of Report**

To provide information to the Portfolio Holder on the visual assessment that had recently been carried out in the Elwick Conservation Area and request permission to take the draft document out to public consultation.

**Issues for Consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The report outlined the background to the visual appraisal and gave a description of the conservation area including the history of the village, significant buildings there and development. The potential for a Design Statement for Elwick was outlined and also potential alterations to the Conservation Area Boundary. It was proposed that the document was taken out to public consultation with the residents of Elwick prior to being finalised.

**Decision**

The Portfolio Holder noted the report and agreed to the public consultation for the Elwick Conservation Area Visual Assessment.

## **21. Drink Banning Orders** *(Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator)*

### **Type of Decision**

Non key

### **Purpose of Report**

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the existence of a new power in the Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 to deal with alcohol related disorder, and seek authority for the use of the power to be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods.

### **Issues for Consideration**

The report gave an overview of a new power available to the police and local authority, each subject to consultation with the other and the British Transport Police and proposed delegation arrangements to make use of this power which came into effect on 31 August 2009. Drink Banning Orders are intended for those who have engaged in criminal or disorderly conduct whilst under the influence of alcohol and where it is necessary to protect people and property from further such conduct.

When individuals were identified as being a candidate for a Drink Banning Order, the anti-social behaviour officers would attempt to moderate behaviour at an early stage by offering an acceptable behaviour contract. An Audit of their behaviour would identify whether a Drink Banning Order was necessary or whether Alcohol Intervention Services would be more appropriate. Another option would be the issuing of an Anti-Social Behaviour Order, breaching of this could result in a prison sentence.

The Mayor asked whether the Primary Care Trust (PCT) were aware that there may be a rise in referrals as this would have an impact on their budgets and was informed that this had been recognised.

The Mayor asked whether there had been any Drink Banning Orders made since their inception on 31 August and was informed that there had not been any thus far. It was clarified that only offences committed after 31 August 2009 could be taken into account. The Mayor asked that he could receive annual reports on how many of these orders had been put in place.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder noted the new power contained in Section 1 of Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006 to enable a Local Authority or Police to apply for a Drink Banning Order.

The Portfolio Holder delegated the Authority to authorise application for a Drink Banning Order to be made to the courts to the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods.

The Portfolio Holder delegated authority to the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods to participate and acknowledge that consultation had taken place with Cleveland Police

## **22. Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Departmental Plan 2009/10 – Quarter 2 Monitoring Report** *(Head of Support Services)*

### **Type of Decision**

Non key.

### **Purpose of Report**

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the progress made against the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Departmental Plan 2008/09 during the first two quarters of the year.

### **Issues for Consideration**

The report described the progress of actions contained in the Departmental Plan and the second quarter outturn of key performance indicators.

27 of the Actions had been completed already and a further 56 were on track. 8 actions were behind schedule but the targets were still expected to be achieved. However there were 2 actions which had been identified as requiring intervention as factors beyond the control of the department had adversely influenced the original timescales set. The 2 actions where revisions were required were :-

- Introduce primary/shared care (for effective drug treatment services)
- Establish new service at the Police custody suite which aimed to prevent young people arrested for the first time from committing further crime

Performance Indicators were progressing on target.

### **Decision**

The Portfolio Holder noted the progress against actions and indicators and proposed revisions to target dates were agreed.

The meeting concluded at 10.10 am

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**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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