SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



Friday 2nd December 2005

at 10 am

at Owton Manor Community Centre, Wynyard Road

MEMBERS: SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:

Councillors Flintoff, Hargreaves, Hill, James, Johnson, Lilley, A Marshall, Preece, Rayner, Turner, M Waller, Wistow, Young.

Resident Representatives:

Michael Arnold, Ron Foreman, Steve Gibbon, Mary Green, Allan McPartlin, Iris Ryder and Joan Smith.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

4. MINUTES

- 4.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 7th October 2005 (*attached*).
- 4.2 To receive the minutes of the Police and Community Safety meeting held on 4th November 2005 (*attached*).

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

6. **ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 Draft Children's Centres and Extended Schools Strategy Director of Children's Services
- 6.2 First Consultative Draft of Children and Young People's Plan -Paul Briggs, Education Consultant
- 6.3 Statement of Community Involvement Tom Britcliffe Regeneration & Planning
- 6.4 Cleveland Fire Brigade Integrated Risk Management Plan Cleveland Fire Brigade representative

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

7.1 Minor Works Schemes – Town Care Manager

8. WARD ISSUES

9. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 3rd February 2005 at 10 am at Owton Manor Community Centre, Wynyard Road.

WARDS

Fens Greatham Owton Rossmere Seaton

SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

7th October 2005

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



PRESENT:

- Chair: Councillor Mick Johnson
- Vice Chair: Mike Arnold (Resident Representative)

Councillor Bob Flintoff Councillor Marjorie James Councillor Ann Marshall Councillor Arthur Preece Councillor Geoff Lilley Councillor Michael Turner Councillor Maureen Waller Councillor Gerald Wistow

- Fens Ward
- Owton Ward
- Rossmere Ward

- Rossmere Ward

- Fens Ward
 - Greatham Ward
 - Seaton Ward
 - Owton Ward
 - Owton Ward

Resident Representatives:

Allan McPartlin, Mary Green, Steve Gibbon, Ron Foreman, Joan Smith and Iris Ryder.

- Public: Rosemary Kennedy, Maurice Mathison, A Weatherill, B Weatherill, Mr and Mrs S Lavelle, Dennis Wilson, R Breward, A Snowball, P Bradbury, E Bradbury, Mr Oxley
- Officers: Dave Stubbs, Head of Environmental Management Dave Frame, Town Care Manager John Day, Neighbourhood Services Officer Peter Nixon, Senior Traffic Technician Robert Snowball, Travel Plan Assistant James Gilchrist, Parks and Countryside Manager Angela Hunter, Principal Democratic Services Officer

Also Present:

Dacre Dunlop, Sports Consultant

Primary Care Trust (PCT) Reps: Kevin Aston, Patient and Public Involvement Officer Housing Hartlepool Representative: Helen Ivison

Cleveland Police Representative: Shelley Watson

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Pamela Hargreaves, Cath Hill and Pat Rayner.

32. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th August were confirmed with the following amendment:

Minute 21 – reference to a greenfield area in Seaton should be greenbelt area.

33. MATTERS ARISING

Briarfields – Cllr James raised concern that the views of all residents and Neighbourhood Forum's were taken into account and understood that Council had already approved the Local Plan without Briarfields included. The Head of Environmental Management indicated that consultation on the Local Plan was still on-going and would be approved next year. Cllr James urged residents to write to the Council with their views. Cllr Johnson indicated he would write to the Mayor to express the Forum's views on this issue. He added that the Chief Solicitor had confirmed that there was no requirement for any receipts from the sale of the allotments to be spent on other allotments.

Cllr Lilley wished to thank the Forum for its support with regard to the Darzi review of Health Services Cllr Johnson indicated that he had received a letter from Fens Residents' Association about the Forum meetings being too long. Dave Stubbs (DS) indicated that this had been taken on board and the agendas were now shorter.

A letter had been received from Mrs Hamilton about the footpaths outside Grange School. John Day (JD) to arrange an inspection and write to all Owton Ward Councillors.

34. MINOR WORKS BUDGET – FENS WARD – DROPPED CROSSINGS SPALDING GREEN

The Forum received a report on the above and were asked to recommend approval for a scheme to provide six dropped crossings on the area locally known as Spalding Green at a cost of $\pounds1,650.00$.

The Forum agreed to recommend this to the Regeneration and Liveability Portfolio Holder for his final approval.

35. MINOR WORKS BUDGET – OWTON WARD – GRASS VERGES IN THE OWTON NAP AREA

The Forum received a report on the above and were asked to recommend approval to match fund the removal of grass verges within the Owton NAP area at a cost of £5,350.00. The total cost for these works was £10,700.00 with \pounds 5,350.00 being funded from the Owton NAP contribution.

The Forum agreed to recommend this to the Regeneration and Liveability Portfolio Holder for his final approval.

36. MINOR WORKS BUDGET -SEATON WARD – ZEBRA **CROSSING, STATION LANE**

The Forum received a report on the above and were asked to recommend approval to part-fund the provision of a zebra crossing on Station Lane at a cost of £5,000. The total cost of the crossing would be £10,000 with the remaining £5,000 being funded through the Local Transport Plan.

The Forum agreed to recommend this to the Regeneration and Liveability Portfolio Holder for his final approval.

37. MINOR WORKS BUDGET – GREATHAM WARD – GREATHAM PLAY AREA

The Forum received a report on the above and were asked to recommend approval to make a contribution towards the refurbishment of Greatham Play Area of £10.000. The total cost of the refurbishment would be £40,000 with £25,000 funded from the Cabinet/Portfolio Initiatives Fund and £5,000 from HBC.

The Forum agreed to recommend this to the Regeneration and Liveability Portfolio Holder for his final approval.

38. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Flintoff reported that the lights on the crossing in Owton Manor Lane were not working. (JD) to inspect in the next few days.

Res Rep Mary Green reported the following on behalf of residents:

- Lennox Walk cars were being driven across the green belt adjacent to Lennox Walk and she suggested that extra bolders may be the solution – JD to inspect.
- Loch Grove A request had been made for the grass verges to be replaced with tarmac - JD to inspect. Cllr Johnson indicated that а corporate strategy on grass verges was currently being developed and a verbal update would be given at the next meeting.
- Munro Grove A resident had asked if the brown bins were emptied during the winter months? DS indicated that the emptying of the brown bins did continue throughout the winter.
- Owton Manor Lane Mary Green • reported problems with car parking along Owton Manor Lane near to the schools and asked for some traffic calming measure to be implemented, possibly yellow lines on the school side of the road. Peter Davies (PD) to inspect. Robert Snowball (RS) indicated that schools may be eligible for funding from the Safer Routes to School initiative if they implemented a school travel plan. RS to contact the schools affected. Cllr Lilley reported that parking around schools had been a problem for a long time and it may be useful to have a townwide strategy deal with this. Cllr James to requested that if this was to be pursued it should include Member involvement.

39. MULTI-USE GAMES AREA STRATEGY - PRESENTATION

Dacre Dunlop gave a short presentation on the current consultation on a strategy for Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGA's) in Hartlepool. A copy of the first draft report

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was handed out and comments were requested to be submitted to Dave Stubbs by 24th October.

Mr Dunlop gave a summary of the key issues as follows –

- The need for a co-ordinated and strategic approach to ensure a comprehensive and sustainable framework of facilities to meet identified needs, shortfalls and deficiencies
- The need to address the important aspect of management and use of facilities and to strengthen bids for internal and external funding
- The importance of addressing provision for young people in relation to the need for and demand upon open spaces
- The need to establish priorities to reflect local need/demand, shortfalls in provision, the Council's Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and anti-social behaviour "hot spots"
- The preference for MUGAs to be linked to an existing or proposed facility (school base, Community Centre, Young Centre etc)
- The use of MUGAs to address issues such as health, anti-social behaviour, crime, social inclusion, neighbourhood renewal, community well being and improving the environment

Mr Weatherill (resident) asked why the existing facility in Rossmere Park was to be closed as it could be used for carpet bowls. Mr Dunlop indicated that it was recommended that this facility be closed as it was too large for a MUGA, had no on site management and was in a very poor condition. The type of surface needed for carpet bowls had revenue consequences at it was a difficult surface to maintain. Cllr M Waller welcomed the strategy and emphasised the need to look at the whole picture and what different areas would benefit from. She urged people to forward their comments to Dave Stubbs.

Cllr James requested that a meeting be arranged for all Members of the Forum including resident representatives to examine this strategy in detail and report back to the Forum. Mr Dunlop indicated that he welcomed any comments by the end of October. Dave Frame to organise a meeting and let everyone know the date, time and venue. In the meantime, if anyone wished to do so, they could forward their comments to Dave Stubbs.

40. A SHARED PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE LINK FROM GREATHAM C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL TO SALTAIRE TERRACE AND HILLVIEW

Robert Snowball (RS) presented the report which informed Members of the proposed safer routes to schools shared pedestrian and cycle link. This would increase levels of walking and cycling to and from Greatham C of E Primary School.

A survey had been undertaken that showed that 36% of pupils travel to Greatham school by car, whereas the vast majority, 67% would prefer to cycle to school.

Cllr James questioned whether representatives from all abilities had been consulted on this cycle link. Ron Foreman (Res Rep) indicated that the Access Group was an umbrella group and included people from all abilities, including people with visual/hearing problems. RS confirmed that the Access Group had been consulted. the safer routes to school cycle and pedestrian link from Greatham C of E Primary School to Saltaire Terrace and Hill View.

The Forum supported the development of

41. THE ACUTE SERVICES REVIEW

Kevin Aston of the PCT reported on the current consultation being carried out on Professor Sir Ara Darzi's report "Acute Services Review – Hartlepool and Teesside". He said the consultation period was 23rd September to 23rd December and urged people to give their comments. He also gave information on a series of meetings to be held on the subject and said he would be happy to talk to other residents groups as required.

Cllr James proposed that on behalf of the Neighbourhood South Consultative Forum, the Darzi report be implemented in its entirety. This was unanimously supported by all present.

Cllr Waller reiterated Cllr James comments and emphasised that it was important that everyone had the opportunity to have their say. Ron Foreman (res rep) indicated that it was essential that people turn up to the consultation meetings and make their views known.

Cllr Johnson reported that the Press Office would be asked to distributew3 a press release out about the proposal and to promote the forthcoming consultation events taking place.

Cllr Wistow informed Members that the PCT were committed to implementing the Darzi report in its entirety and added that a lot of progress had been made but that the pressure needed to be kept up.

Cllr Lilley confirmed that a letter of support would also be submitted from the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

Iris Ryder (res rep) reported that transport was a problem when visiting James Cook Hospital, Middlesbrough. KA to investigate and report back.

42. ROSSMERE **NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PLAN (NAP)**

Genevieve Parker (GP) gave an overview of the report that sought the endorsement of the NAP for the Rossmere Area.

Ron Foreman (res rep) questioned the comment in the NAP regarding support for the elderly. GP confirmed that residents of had when consulted commented that they had excellent support, however, if he had any further comments, she would be grateful if he could e-mail them to her.

Mary Green (res rep) asked that the litter bins in Rossmere Park be inspected as they didn't have backs and were causing problems with pollution in the pond. DF to arrange inspection.

Concern was expressed by Cllr Marshall that that residents in the Rossmere Area should have been able to see this plan before it was presented to the Forum. GP indicated that it had to fall within the but meeting programme that all comments would be taken on board before the meeting of the Hartlepool Partnership on 20th October.

The Plan was endorsed by the Forum subject to further comments being received.

43. WARD ISSUES

Greatham Ward

Concern was expressed by several residents regarding the failed pumping station at Greatham Beck and that fact that NWA had not acted quickly enough to rectify the situation. Cllr Johnson reported that the MP for Hartlepool, lan Wright had contacted the Environmental Agency personally due to these concerns. Cllr Johnson indicated that he would write to NWA on behalf of the Forum expressing their dissatisfaction with the way this matter was being dealt with.

Cllr Wistow asked that the Public Relations Office issue a press release indicating the concern of the Forum and that the local MP had become involved.

DS had telephoned NWA during the meeting and been informed that the beck would be cleaned out within the hour. Cllr Wistow requested that any prosecutions undertaken be reported back to the Forum.

Fens

Cllr Lilley reported anti-social behaviour problems around Fens School field. The local Community Police Officer was on leave and residents were worried that they would be left without a CPO. DF indicated that the Chief Constable may be attending the next Police and Community Safety meeting on 4th November.

Cllr reported Lillev also anti-social behaviour problems occurring around the Upton Walk area of the Fens, although the Anti-Social Behaviour Unit had been informed. DF to speak to Shelley Watson of the ASB Unit.

On behalf of Mr Allison, Cllr Lilley reported that there were problems of cars parking on the footpaths in Kesteven

Road. Although this site had been visited by the Police, no FPN's had been issued.

Seaton

Cllr Turner reported that the fence along Coronation Drive/Warrior Drive was broken near Wainwright Walk and the area was untidy. DF to arrange an inspection.

It was also reported by Cllr Turner that the recent fire on the industrial estate behind Seaton Carew had caused concern for a number of residents due to the smoke drifting. DS informed the Forum that the Police had announced that the smoke from the fire was nontoxic.

Rossmere

Cllr Johnson reported that Andrea Brown (resident) had requested that the grass verges in Dundee Road be tarmacced to create additional parking bays to alleviate the current parking problems in this area. JD indicated that this would be inspected.

44. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Friday 4th November 2005 at 10.00am -South Neighbourhood Policv and Community Consultative Forum at the Owton Rossmere Resource Centre. Rossmere Way.

Friday 2nd December 2005 at 10.00am -Neighbourhood South Consultative Forum – Venue to be confirmed.

M JOHNSON

CHAIRMAN



PRESENT:

Chair: Vice Chair:	Councillor Michael Johnson – Rossmere Ward Michael James Arnold – Resident Representative				
	Councillor M	eoff Lilley - Greath thur Preece - Fens V aureen Waller - Owton erald Wistow - Owton	Ward		
Residents:		R Allen, Mrs P Brotherton, B Coward, Mrs D Clarke, Mr T Cooper, K Foreman, Ms. E Grint, E Alleevy, B & D Rudge, J Naylor, B Waters and residents of 190 Wynyard Road and 18 Barford Close.			
Resident Representatives:		Allan McPartlin, Mary Green, Ron Foreman, Iris Ryder and Stephen Gibbon.			
Officers:		Victoria Battell, Crime and Disorder Coordinator David Frame, Town Care Manager John Day, Community Technician Sally Forth, Anti Social Behaviour Coordinator Pat Watson, Democratic Services Officer			
Cleveland Police Representatives: Acting Inspector Tony Green, Sgt Coulson, PC Myers and PCSO					

Cleveland Fire Brigade Representatives: ADO Tony Dale and Derek Minton

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Housing Hartlepool Representative: Libby Griffiths

10. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chairman, Michael Johnson, introduced those present and advised that the Chief Constable had sent apologies due to sickness.

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Hargreaves, James and A Marshall. Also from Resident Representative Joan Smith.

12. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2005 were confirmed.

There were no matters arising.

13. QUESTIONS FOR THE POLICE **Acting Inspector Tony Green**

(a) Off-road Motor Bikes and other problems relating to Owton Manor school field and area - A resident of Wynyard Road handed the Chair a letter to be passed to the Member of Parliament and copy of a letter he had sent to Chief Inspector Lawson. He felt that his approaches to the Police were being ignored. His complaint related to off-road bikers using the Owton Manor school field and adjacent private land behind his house as a speed/practice The letter provided further track. information and the resident felt very strongly that the responsibility and fault lies with the Council/LEA because he felt that if the fences had been repaired then there would not be the amount of trouble there is now. The bikers use the field for half an hour to one and a half hours and he asked for a quicker response from the Police when this is reported. A diagram of the problem areas was provided. Mary Green, Res Rep said that the bikes speed up Owton Manor Lane on the way to the field, every weekend and this has gone on for about a year.

Sgt Coulson advised that he had just received the letter that day. He was aware of complaints of motor bikes near the school fence and of gaps in the fence. He indicated it was difficult for Police on foot to stop the bikers. Attempts had been made but what was needed was the Police motor bike unit.

Inspector Tony Green said there was a national epidemic and problem areas all over Cleveland. He reminded the Forum that although some of the bikers may be breaking the law the Police have to consider safety aspects before pursuit is put in place. He asked for people to keep reporting incidents and this would help the case for Hartlepool to get the Bikes Unit. He also commented that there were problems with the legislation and some shops/users were not complying with the legislation in place.

Owton Ward Councillor Wistow advised that in addition to the bikes issue there was also rubbish and used needles around the field and anti social behaviour problems. He had arranged to meet the Head of the school. The Town Care Manager, David Frame, also to become involved.

The Chair agreed that if Inspector Green would provide some information on the miniature bikes and legislation issues then a letter would be sent to the Member of Parliament from the Forum. The Forum to be kept informed of any progress.

(b) Anti-social behaviour and alcohol use - Spilsby/Stowmarket Close, surrounding areas and grass verge areas near A689 - A resident, Mr Coward, reported that problems were occurring at night and asked what hours the area police worked and Sgt Coulson replied. Inspector Green advised that the Neighbourhood Task Group, 1 Sqt, 4 PCs and 5 PCSOs deal with anti-social behaviour issues all over the town. These can be directed to specific problem He reported the possibility of areas. Cleveland becoming a national model for area based policing. Should come next year and the Government agree that policing has to be built into the Community. He accepted that the new Licensing legislation and current town centre drink related issues at weekends do impact on the ability to police the estates. A resident of Stowmarket Close reported ASB, drug use and discarded needles in the grass banks / tree areas

near the A689 – children from 10 years old to late teens in big groups gather – they throw missiles at houses and are confrontational. The resident commented that schools should be visited etc. Inspector Green commented that it is a society problem and only a multi-agency approach will help solve it. Police officers do go into schools to talk to young people – Tony agreed that groups of young people can be frightening to people. He commented that there is a need for change – young people should to be taught to be more respectful of others – parents need to be the first to act.

(c) Greatham Ward and Fens School and Shops area – The Greatham Ward Councillor Geoff Lilley reported long term problems relating to anti-social behaviour and alcohol use. He appreciated Acting Inspector Green's replies to questions but indicated that he would have like the Chief Constable to attend as he wanted to ask a number of questions - ie how many of the allocated Police Officers (1 Sgt, 5 PCs and 2 PCSOs) were actually available to police this community and why is the ward left without a community police officer for months on end. He also what extra uniformed police asked resources had been put into the Greatham Ward to combat the recent increase in anti social behaviour and why aren't they seeing the "yobs" being challenged and confronted. Those present did acknowledge the excellent service provided by Shelley Watson and the Community Safety teams but more manpower is needed. He also asked to what extent the Police financial shortfall £7M affected of over had the community's right to be policed?

The Chairman agreed that a letter should go from the Forum to the Chief Constable putting the above points and reporting the hotspot areas in the South area.

Inspector Green said the Police do take the problems seriously. He asked for the reporting of problem areas with days/times where possible and he promised to try to have the task group diverted to them.

Resident Rep Stephen Gibbon commented that in his dealing with the 999 service he had received fantastic He pointed out that the response. problems in his area were often during the week. He was aware that the Police were often tied up at weekends but asked if they could visit the areas during the week. Inspector Green advised of the ripple effect on staffing/manning hours as hours are structured around the weekend need for the Town Centre. He said plans were in place to have more officers available for the outer areas and there would be an operation later in the month when a large number of officers and a hospital unit would be on sites. Thev would stop and speak to young people and prosecute where appropriate. They would name and shame offenders in Hartlepool Magistrates Court -(agreed with Magistrates).

Parking in bus bays near raised kerbs – Res Rep Iris Ryder reported this and said that often disabled people were not able to get on/off buses. (one near Gillen's shop) David Frame requested that specific areas be reported to him and he would pass them on to the Council department now responsible for parking issues.

Sale of alcohol to under-age people – A Res Rep, Mary Green, reported a shop in her area where this was occurring every Friday. She had reported it to the Licensing Section at HBC. Inspector Green noted the shop and indicated that shop keepers who persisted in selling to those under age would be prosecuted and possibly have their Lottery status removed. Test purchasing was still being undertaken and there had been some prosecutions. Anyone wishing to make a report should ring 296588. Violence against the Person and Criminal Damage Statistics – Councillor M Waller expressed alarm at the increases and said it would be use for Councillors and the Police to get together to discuss the hotspot areas. She asked for regular liaison. Inspector Green requested that she phone on extension 2166 or e.mail him or Inspector Peter Knights on this issue.

Fraser Grove – motor bike issues 7 nights a week – Cllr M Waller also reported problems being caused by the miniature and adult bike users in this areas.

Speeding by cars in Owton Manor Lane – Res Rep Mary Green reported that this was still going on - walls and the bus shelter had been damaged. She asked if the Tripod system could be used. The white van had been used but speeding was still going on. She asked for accident statistics on this and all other roads for comparisons. Inspector green suggested that Clirs and Res Reps could write in under the Freedom of Information Act to get such information. John Dav agreed to provide what information he could.

The Chairman thanked Acting Inspector Green and the Police Officers for their attendance and for answering questions.

14. YOUNG FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION – Presentation by Tony Dale and Derek Minton

ADO Tony Dale and Derek Minton, who is employed by HBC Youth Service, seconded to the Fire Brigade, gave Presentations and showed a video on the following:

Young Fire-fighters Association (YFA) – a scheme that gives young people from all areas of the local community the opportunity to develop, personally and

socially, using the Fire Brigade as a positive role model. The aims of the YFA were outlined:

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- To promote the Fire Service, to educate and increase awareness of arson, to highlight the consequence of hoax calls and fire safety at home and in the community.
- To offer Young Fire-fighters the opportunity to undertake the Fire Service Youth Training Association accredited B-TEC Development Programme.
- To promote the opportunity of delivering the fire safety messages to family, peer groups, the general public and all community partners.
- To assist in the promotion of self development both mentally and physically, whilst promoting self discipline, Social consciousness, community awareness and good citizenship.
- To foster the spirit of adventure and develop qualities of leadership amongst the members.

The YFA is housed in a new building near the Fire Station and courses are for 3 years, one night a week for 13 year olds onwards.

The video showed participants in the Local Intervention Fire Education (LIFE) The purpose of the 5 day scheme. scheme, for 13 to 17 year olds, being to provide training and development opportunities to young people who have been referred by various agencies. The aim being to encourage them to make the most of their physical and mental capabilities and to become more responsible, safer and caring members of their communities.

The culmination of the week's Life Skills and personal development course is the Passing out Parade and the presentation of their Certificates in First Aid, Fire Fighting Awareness and a Profile of Achievement by a Senior Fire Brigade Officer. The young people have an opportunity to demonstrate, in front of relatives and friends, the skills that they have learned over the five day intensive fire brigade experience.

The Fire Officers commented on the noticeable changes in personalities and attitude as the course progressed.

Derek was asked if there were places for girls on the schemes. He advised that there were currently 12 girls on the scheme and he said they grow in confidence daily. And the schemes help develop their badly needed social skills.

In reply to a question, Tony advised that the schemes are not a way for young people to get into the Fire Service but felt successful completion could help if they decide to apply when older.

Tony invited Forum members to visit the YF Association on a Wednesday night between 6pm and 9pm (by appointment).

Those involved and Sally Forth from the Anti Social Behaviour unit, who had made referrals to the scheme, commented that they had noticed a big change in the young people's manner and attitude after spending time on the courses.

Councillor M Waller congratulated on the Officers on the schemes and commented that the Police and Ambulance Service should do something similar. She agreed with Derek on the need for better social skills. She said she would like the scheme available for the 'good' kids also. Tony Dale commented that his own children would like to do it but he felt that they and lots of other young people did have good social skills – he indicated the target group for the courses and the reasons behind this. The Chairman advised of the Directory of Services for young People Card available at the meeting. This gave details of a number of schemes and organisations involved in helping all young people. One scheme, Respect, was available at the Arches, Park Road – telephone number 244443 – The scheme offers confidential and reliable support for 13-19 year olds with counselling or mentoring and support from the youth team. Monday-Friday 9am to 5pm and weekend drop-in sessions.

15. COMMUNITY SAFETY SECTION REPORT by Victoria Battell, Crime & Disorder Coordinator (HBC)

Victoria Battell reported that two pieces of work were being undertaken by the Community Safety Section. (1) related to CCTV which was undertaking a full review – this would end in March 2006 and a further report would be brought to the Forum when this is completed (2) Safe Drinking Campaign aimed at tackling violence and disorder associated with alcohol – there would be a town wide scheme launched by the Safer Hartlepool Partnership.

The following questions/issues arose:

Councillor Wistow asked how the impact of the new drinking/licensing laws are to be monitored. Victoria advised that a piece of work had been commissioned earlier in the year to look at the Town Centre at night – results of the research would be released shortly to the Safer Hartlepool Partnership. Those who carried out the survey would repeat the research after 12 months to try and monitor the difference.

Discussion took place on serving people who are already intoxicated and on how the "drink till you drop" promotions relate. Also, staff incentives and instructions from licensees for them to sell more drinks. Victoria said "we are trying to change things by the development of the Council's Alcohol Strategy and the Police are still working closely with licensees. The Chairman and Councillor Wistow felt that high profile prosecution of licensees and under-age drinkers would help. Victoria advised that the police do work closely with the Licensing Officers from HBC and they visit licensed premises often.

Iris Ryder, Res Rep, reported that in one premises cameras were used and images placed on the internet. More detail was provided and she was advised to report this to the Police.

The Chairman thanked Victoria and looked forward to further reports.

16. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no further questions.

MICHAEL JOHNSON

CHAIRMAN

Report of: Director of Children's Services

Subject: DRAFT CHILDREN'S CENTRES AND EXTENDED SCHOOLS STRATEGY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek the views of the South Neighbourhood Forum on a draft Children's Centres and Extended Schools strategy (attached).

2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

- 2.1 The government's Ten Year Childcare Strategy published in December 2004 requires local authorities to develop Children's Centres across the borough by 2010. Children's Centres need to offer early education integrated with childcare, family support and outreach to parents and child and family health services.
- 2.2 In addition the local authority is required to ensure that a core offer for extended schools is in place by 2010. The core offer for extended schools consists of study support activities, childcare available 8 am 6pm, parenting support and swift and easy referral to a range of specialised support services for pupils.
- 2.3 The draft strategy has been developed with a wide range of partners and stakeholders and sets out the process of ensuring these two requirements are met and brings them together in one coherent strategy.

3.0 ACTION

3.1 The views of the South Neighbourhood Forum are sought on the draft strategy. Comments/issues should be fed back to:

lan Merritt, Senior Education Officer, Children's Services, Civic Centre, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY, (Tel. 01429 533774), email ian.merritt@hartlepool.gov.uk

or Danielle Swainston, Early Years Manager, Children's Services, Civic Centre, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY (Tel 01429 523671), email danielle.swainston@hartlepool.gov.uk.

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CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Children's Centres & Extended Schools 2006 – 2010

Draft Strategy

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Children's Centres & Extended Schools 2006 – 2010

Draft Strategy

1. INTRODUCTION

The Council has developed a new draft strategy for the development of Children's Centres and Extended Schools. The strategy contains proposals for changes in the way we have previously developed Sure Start local programmes, Children's Centres and Extended Schools.

The Council wants to consult widely on these proposals. The purpose of this booklet is to explain the options which Hartlepool Borough Council is considering in the development of Children's Centres and Extended Schools.

Sure Start local programmes provide services for 0-4 year olds and their families in specific areas of the town.

Children's Centres serve children aged under five and their families. Children's Centres in areas of greatest need must provide:

- childcare with nursery education included
- a full time early years teacher
- health services
- family support
- a base for childminders
- access to Job Centre Plus.

In other areas Children's Centres will provide some of these services, depending on what is needed locally.

Extended Schools

By 2010 all schools will have to become Extended Schools. This means that all schools will need to provide a range of services and activities, often beyond the school day, to help meet the needs of children, their families and the wider community.

The Council's preferred option is to develop Children's Centres and Extended Schools services based on seven clusters. The clusters are based on groupings of wards and are explained in detail in this document. For rural areas, services will be provided on an outreach basis or using mobile units.

This booklet explains the proposal and tells you how you can let the Council know your views. The deadline for comments is 16th December 2005.

2. BACKGROUND

Schools have been delivering out of school hours learning and a range of other activities for many years and are now beginning to deliver quality childcare. Sure Start local programmes have been established over the last six years and are specialists in multi agency working.

In September 2003 Hartlepool Borough Council Cabinet approved a Children's Centres Plan. The report included the results of a public consultation on the development of Children's Centres. The majority of responses to the consultation supported the proposal for the location of first five Children's Centres as detailed below. The development of the centres was based on old ward boundaries in line with Sure Start guidance at that time.

Brus Ward	St John Vianney Early Years Centre, Sure Start North,					
	Rainbow Day Nursery					
Dyke House	Chatham Road Sure Start, Dyke House School and					
Ward	Brougham Primary School					
Jackson Ward	Lynnfield Primary School, Playmates Neighbourhood					
	Nursery and Sure Start Central Lowthian Road Centre					
Rossmere Ward	Rossmere Way Sure Start Centre, Rossmere and St					
	Teresa's Primary Schools					
St Hilda Ward	Kiddikins Neighbourhood Nursery, St Bega's and St Helen's					
	Primary Schools and Sure Start North					

A Children's Centre is being developed in each area linking the sites below:

Progress to date on the development of Children's Centres includes the completion of all capital building work and the setting up of working groups made up of local organisations which are helping to develop services.

3. PROPOSED STRATEGY

Potential options

A small steering group with representatives from the Hartlepool Primary Care Trust, North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust and Children's Services Department has looked at a number of options before deciding what to recommend as the preferred model of delivery. The options are set out below with the advantages and disadvantages of each explained.

Option 1

Children's Centres and Extended Schools services delivered in seven clusters within the three Neighbourhood Management areas (North, Central, South). Services within each cluster would be supported by a co-ordinator. Services would be delivered at a local level.

Advantages

- All children, young people and families will have access to services
- Covers all age ranges;
- More effective use of existing resources resources will be shared across the town;
- Ensures that the core offer can be delivered without duplication of services;
- Schools will be involved in the cluster partnerships and help to shape services in their local community;
- Services that are needed by the local community will be developed;
- Reaches all areas of need.

Disadvantages

- Sure Start local programmes will need to be restructured and this may mean changes for staff in Sure Start local programmes;
- Existing Sure Start local programme users may feel they are losing some services as services will need to be reviewed.

Option 2

Sure Start Local Programmes would continue to deliver Children's Centre Services and Extended Schools would operate independently. Services would be managed through individual schools and by organisations.

<u>Advantages</u>

- Good practice developed through Sure Start local programmes would continue;
- Staffing in Sure Start local programmes would remain the same;
- Children and families in existing Sure Start Local Programme areas would see no difference in the services they can access.

Disadvantages

- Services only delivered in Sure Start areas which means some families cannot access services;
- Will not be able to develop Children's Centres across the town;
- Sure Start local programmes only cover 0 4 year olds not 0 5 year olds;
- Funding for Sure Start local programmes is only committed by the government until 2007 therefore there is not enough funding to continue Sure Start local programmes in the long term;
- Schools, community groups and the private sector may feel that they are not included as Sure Start local programmes will continue to run separately to other services being developed in local communities.

Option 3

Children's Centres and Extended Schools services would be delivered in areas North, Central and South. Services within each area would be supported by a manager. One manager would be responsible for working with all organisations across each area.

Advantages

- Extends Sure Start model across a wider area;
- Involves Extended Schools;
- The Sure Start local programmes model would stay the same therefore staff in the local programmes would remain the same.

<u>Disadvantages</u>

- Difficult for one person to manage because of the number of organisations in one area;
- Difficult to manage the involvement of the local community across a large area;
- Manager would need to liaise with Headteachers and governing bodies regularly - this would be difficult because of the large number of schools in the areas;
- Manager would need to liaise with voluntary, community and private sectors this would be difficult because of the large number of organisations delivering services in the areas.

4. <u>PREFERRED OPTION</u>

Having considered all of the issues, the Steering Group decided that it wished to consult on all options identified, but that its clear preference was for Option 1.

The preferred option proposes that there will be seven Children's Centre and Extended School clusters based across the three areas, with services delivered direct to local communities. In addition there will also be mobile services for rural areas.

North 1	St Hilda, Brus, Hart
North 2	Throston, Dyke House
Central 1	Park, Grange, Elwick
Central 2	Stranton, Burn Valley
Central 3	Foggy Furze, Rift House
South 1	Rossmere, Seaton
South 2	Owton, Fens, Greatham

The cluster areas would be as follows:

The seven clusters have been decided using child population data as well as grouping of schools and organisations providing services to children and families.

For example, a group of schools in the North Hartlepool area have been working together for some months now, sharing grant funding and working together to deliver services and activities.

The area and cluster model would also support the delivery of a wider range of integrated services for the local community. This would enable a strong emphasis on prevention as services would be shaped and delivered locally.

Governance and Management

The Local Authority is accountable for the delivery of the core offer for Children's Centres and Extended Schools. The strategy will also be monitored through the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership and the Hartlepool Partnership. The Children's Services Department will be responsible for the management, monitoring and evaluation of this strategy.

Inevitably, this option if agreed would involve the dissolution of the Hartlepool Sure Start Partnership (formerly Hartlepool Early Years Development Childcare Partnership), the three Sure Start local programme boards and the constituted Children's Centre working groups.

The Children's Services Department will employ Co-ordinators to ensure effective service delivery across each cluster. Co-ordinators will liaise with headteachers and managers in all sectors and provide a reporting mechanism into existing management structures including governing bodies.

<u>Timeline</u>

It is envisaged that this process will take place over two phases.

Phase 1: April 2006 – March 2008

- Sure Start local programmes make the move to become Children's Centres;
- First and second round of the remodelling of Extended Schools;
- Development of second round of Children's Centres begins;
- Introduction of Co-ordinators for all Children's Centres and Extended Schools Clusters;
- Development of Business Plans to ensure cluster activities and services are sustainable and mainstreamed where appropriate.

Phase 2: April 2008 – March 2010

- Development of the final phase of Children's Centres and Extended Schools in remaining areas;
- Remaining schools delivering the full Extended Schools offer;
- All government targets met.

Managing change

Clearly this proposal to develop services in seven clusters will have great impact on some organisations, in particular Sure Start local programmes. Children's Centres and Extended Schools services need to be delivered across the borough whereas Sure Start local programmes focus on particular areas of the town. This change will mean that Sure Start local programmes will need to be restructured to ensure services can be delivered across the town.

A change management programme will be set up by senior managers within Children's Services to support staff from Sure Start local programmes through the change to Children's Centres. Clear communication is key to the success of this strategy as well as sensitivity to the impact of change upon individuals and their teams.

Participation

The views of the local community particularly children and young people are essential to the success of locally based services. Cluster Co-ordinators will be set up groups of children and young people, parents and the wider community. These groups will help to decide which services are developed in their area. The groups will meet on a regular basis to ensure the services based at a local level are providing the services needed by the community.

5. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

The Council wants to hear your views on the proposals to develop Children's Centres and Extended Schools services.

You can write to Danielle Swainston (for the attention of Sylvia Frain) Children's Services, Hartlepool Borough Council, Civic Centre, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY or use the comment form at the end of the document. If you wish to email your comments please email: cypp@hartlepool.gov.uk

We look forward to hearing your views. Please send responses by 16th December 2005.

If you would like a copy of the report presented to the Portfolio Holder on 31st October 2005 please contact Danielle Swainston on 01429 523671.

Information gathered from all consultation events will be used to develop a final draft strategy which will need to be approved by the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership, Hartlepool Borough Council Cabinet. It will also be submitted for information to the PCT Executive and the North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust Board.

Some questions and answers in relation to the Council's preferred option

1. Why merge Children's Centres and Extended Schools?

Children's Centres and Extended Schools guidance states

" The Government wants to see strong links between Extended Schools and Children's Centres."

The Children's Centre model in Hartlepool includes schools as one of the many partners. Schools who are Children's Centres are therefore naturally Extended Schools.

2. Can we keep the current Sure Start Local Programmes?

The current Sure Start local programmes only cover 0 - 4 year olds whereas Children's Centres services must be delivered to 0 - 5 year olds. The local programmes also only cover a proportion of the town and the Government's Ten Year Childcare Strategy states that we must develop Children's Centre services across the whole town by 2010. Funding previously available for Sure Start local programmes will be reduced significantly as resources need to be distributed equally across the town.

3. What are the Sure Start principles?

- Working with parents and children;
- Services for everyone;
- Flexible at the point of delivery;
- Starting very early;
- Respectful and transparent;
- Community driven and professionally co-ordinated;
- Outcome driven.

4. Can we extend the Sure Start Local Programme model across the town?

The Sure Start principles underpin the draft Children's Centres and Extended Schools strategy. Services will be locally delivered and shaped by the community. The Sure Start local programmes cannot be extended across the town because the funding will not be available at the same rate as current Sure Start local programmes.

5. What impact will the proposed changes have on me as a parent living in a Sure Start area?

Services for children and families will continue to be delivered and developed. Some of these services will be delivered by community and voluntary groups therefore parents will be supported by a wider range of people. All parents across the town will have an opportunity to have a voice in the shaping of services through a forum in their local community.

6. What will happen to existing Sure Start Local Programme staff?

The Sure Start local programmes will need to be restructured beginning in April 2006. For staff employed by Hartlepool Borough Council a restructure process agreed by trade unions will be implemented. Staff will be involved in this process and have the opportunity to take part in consultation. A similar process is in place in the Primary Care Trust and senior managers in Children's Services will work closely with the Primary Care Trust to ensure the process takes place in conjunction with the Hartlepool Borough Council staff restructure.

7. What will happen to previous Sure Start local programme plans and the previous Children's Centre Plan?

If this strategy is approved it will replace the previous Children's Centre and Sure Start local programme plans.

8. How can I get involved in the development of my local Children's Centre and Extended School?

A co-ordinator will be appointed for each cluster area. The co-ordinator will set up groups for the community to attend. These groups will meet regularly. If you would like to get involved before the co-ordinator is appointed please get in touch with your local school or Penny Thompson, Children's Centre Co-ordinator 01429 284120.

9. What affect will this strategy have on the voluntary and community sector?

There is a strong voluntary and community sector operating in Hartlepool. It is important that Children's Centres and Extended Schools continue to work together in each of the cluster areas. The cluster co-ordinator will be responsible for working with the voluntary and community sector to ensure they are fully involved.

10. What affect will this strategy have on the private sector?

Services for children and families are already being delivered by the private sector. It is important that we work with these organisations to make sure they can contribute to Children's Centres and Extended Schools. The cluster co-ordinator will be responsible for ensuring that the private sector are fully involved.

11. I am a teacher in a school and concerned about possible extra workload. Will I have to work extra hours?

No. External organisations can deliver the services in partnership with the school therefore teachers will not need to work extra hours unless they choose to develop a service. Extended Schools will work within the framework of the National Workforce agreement.

12. Will this strategy affect the school or nursery that my child will go to?

No. This strategy will not affect nursery or school admissions.

13. My child goes to a school that is becoming a Children's Centre and Extended School. Will this affect the education my child will receive?

No. Children's Centres and Extended Schools are being developed to complement your child's education. Schools will offer extended services for families and the wider community not just children. Schools and the local community will have the opportunity to contribute to which services will be developed.

Services can be delivered by external organisations therefore teachers within the school will not need to deliver any of the services unless they wish to. This will ensure that teachers can concentrate on teaching and learning.

14. What is the Extended Schools core offer?

- A range of study support activities: sports, arts, music, homework clubs, etc;
- Parenting support opportunities, including family learning;
- Swift and easy referral to a range of specialised support services for pupils;
- Childcare available at least 8am-6pm, term time and school holidays;
- A "youth offer": a range of before and after school and holiday activities to engage young people;
- For secondary schools Opening up ICT, sports and arts facilities for use by the wider community.

15. What are the benefits to our school, as opposed to the wider community, of offering extended services?

- Higher levels of pupils achievement ;
- Increased pupil motivation;
- Specialist support to meet pupils' wider needs;
- Additional facilities and equipment;
- Contributes to the delivery of the ECM outcomes;
- Enhances life chances for children.

16. What are the benefits of Extended Schools to pupils?

- Improvement in child behaviour and social skills;
- Greater parental involvement in children's learning;
- More opportunity for local adult education and family learning and parenting support;
- Greater availability of specialist support for families;
- Improved economic and general well being of families.

17. What are the benefits of Extended Schools to families?

- Better access to essential services;
- Improved local availability of sports, arts and other facilities;
- Local career development opportunities;
- Better supervision of children out of school hours;
- Closer relationships with schools.

18. What are the benefits of Extended Schools to communities?

- Better access to essential services;
- Improved local availability of sports, arts and other facilities;
- Local career development opportunities;
- Better supervision of children out of school hours;
- Closer relationships with schools.

19. Is there any research on Extended Schools?

There have been a number of studies on the impact of Extended Schools . Although it is impossible to summarise the findings of all the evaluation studies here, in general they have found that it is likely that Extended Schools generate benefits for children, young people and families in a number of ways, and that involvement in extended activities is compatible with maintaining high standards in raising pupil attainments.

20. Where can I get more information about Children's Centres and Extended Schools?

Further information about Children's Centres and Extended Schools can be found at:

www.surestart.gov.uk www.dfes.gov.uk www.everychildmatters.gov.uk www.teachernet.gov.uk

or contact

Danielle Swainston, 01429 523671 danielle.swainston@hartlepool.go.uk Ian Merritt, 01429 523774 ian.merritt@hartlepool.gov.uk

HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENT DRAFT CHILDREN'S CENTRES AND EXTENDED SCHOOLS STRATEGY

I wish to make the following comments on Hartlepool Borough Council's draft strategy for Children's Centres and Extended Schools.

Signed:			
Name:	 		
Address:	 	 	

Please return this form by 16th December to: Hartlepool Borough Council Children's Services Department (For the attention of Sylvia Frain) Civic Centre Victoria Road Hartlepool TS24 8AY

Report of: Director of Children's Services

Subject: FIRST CONSULTATIVE DRAFT OF A CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the forum of progress towards a first Children and Young People's Plan for Hartlepool.

2. FIRST CONSULTATIVE DRAFT OF A CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN

- 2.1 Hartlepool Borough Council has responsibility, under the Children Act 2004, to prepare and publish a Children and Young People's Plan, in cooperation with individual key partners and partner organisations. The Children and Young People's Plan is to be the over-arching strategic plan that will cover all services available to the children and young people of Hartlepool.
- 2.2 The main aim of the Children and Young People's Plan will be to ensure that all partners engaged in providing services for children and young people do so in a coordinated way. In the preparation of this Plan, Hartlepool partners have begun to work even more closely together and will continue to do so as this three-year rolling Plan is reviewed and refreshed.

3. CONSULTATION PERIOD

- 3.1 A first consultative draft of the Children and Young People's Plan was published on 16th November 2005 and the consultation period on this first draft runs from 16th |November **until Friday 16 December 2005**.
- 3.2 Approximately 400 copies of the First Consultative Draft and accompanying Consultation Response Form have been sent to partners, partner organisations, Elected Members, schools, colleges and representatives of young people and their families.
- 3.3 The documents can also be downloaded from the Council's website and can be found at <u>www.hartlepool.gov.uk/childrensservices</u>

4 ISSUES FOR CONSULTATION

4.1 Section 7 of the first consultative draft of the Children and Young People's Plan begins to identify some of the emerging issues for Hartlepool in respect

of the services for children and young people provided by the Borough Council and its partners. Views on the content of this section and additional issues to be included are particularly sought.

5 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 The Consultative Forum is asked to note progress towards a first Children and Young People's Plan for Hartlepool.
- 5.2 Individual members of the Forum are invited to raise issues, express view or ask questions by completing the Consultation Response Form and submitting it as suggested in the documentation.

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Report of: The Director of Regeneration and Planning Services

Subject: DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the forum of progress in the preparation of the Draft Statement of Community Involvement and to seek comments on its content.

2. DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2.1 Hartlepool Borough Council has prepared a Draft Statement of Community Involvement, which sets out the Council's policy for involving the community and key stakeholders both in the preparation and revision of Local Development Documents and with respect to planning applications.
- 2.2 The Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) will form one of the first documents of the new Local Development Framework being introduced under the new planning system set out in the Planning & Compensation Act 2004.
- 2.3 Pages 12-15 of the Draft SCI explain how the Council will engage and inform the community during the preparation of Local development Documents. The Neighbourhood Forums are referred too on pages 13 & 14.

3 CONSULTATION PERIOD

- 3.1 The Draft SCI has been widely published. Copies of the draft SCI were made available for public inspection at public buildings across the Borough. The statutory consultation period ran from Friday 29 July 2005 until Monday 31 October 2005.
- 3.2 Presentations were given by planning officers to various community groups including the Hartlepool Access Group, Communities Working Together and The All Ability Forum to target hard to reach groups.
- 3.3 In all, 499 companies, groups, individuals and statutory organisations were contacted to inform them of the Draft Statement of Community Involvement and subsequent consultation process, as were all members of the Council. While full draft documents were sent out to all Statutory Consultees, documents were available free to all on request. The document was also put on the Council's website and was in a format that could be downloaded.

3.4 A four page summary document was produced and sent out to interested parties and was circulated at group meetings. Finally a standard form was devised to provide formal comments for the SCI. This was sent out with the letters and documents and also available on the website.

4 PUBLICITY

4.1 In addition to the direct contact highlighted above, a public notice publicising the SCI consultation process was put in the Hartlepool Mail on the 28th July 2005, 25th August 2005 and the 22nd September 2005. A public notice was also printed in the Northern Echo on the 28th July 2005. News items were placed on the Borough Councils website homepage on several occasions

5 CONSULTATION RESULTS

5.1 In total there was 29 formal responses to the Draft SCI. 12 of these respondents were supporting the draft SCI and 11 were seeking to change part or parts of the draft SCI. Most of these suggested changes were minor in detail and will be easily incorporated. Changes sought by respondents included their organisation being listed as a consultee to detailed comments such as the use of technical language and the need for a more "town planning" focused title.

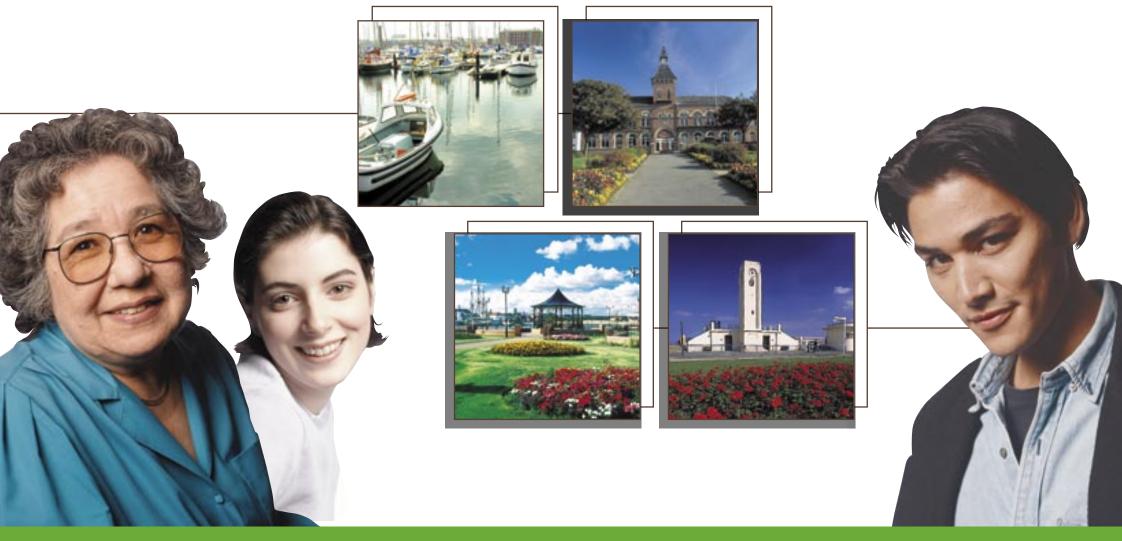
6 NEXT STEPS

6.1 The Council's Cabinet will consider the representations to the draft SCI in December and decide on any changes to be made. Once the Cabinet has agreed any changes an amended SCI will be then submitted to Council for approval and then to the Secretary of State. There will then be a further public consultation period lasting 6 weeks and, if required a local public inquiry to consider any significant outstanding objections.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The Consultative Forum is asked to note the progress in producing a Statement of Community Involvement for the Borough and to make any comments on its content.

^{6.3} Summary of Draft Statement of Community Involvement 2005





Taking Part in Planning in Hartlepool Summary of Draft Statement of Community Involvement



The Government has introduced changes to the way local plans are prepared, under the new Local Development Framework. One of the main aims of the changes is to encourage more meaningful community involvement.

As part of the new system, the Council has put together a draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

This tells you:

- · how you can access information,
- when you have the opportunity to contribute ideas
- when there are opportunities to take an active part in developing proposals and options,
- when you will be consulted and can make comments on planning applications and on options and proposals for future development,
- how you will get feedback and be informed about progress and outcomes.

Community Involvement in the Local Development Framework

The Council wants to involve you throughout the plan-making process, from the early stages, giving you a chance to influence plans when it is still possible to make changes. This is essential to achieve local ownership for the plans which will shape the future of the Borough.

The methods used to consult will be tailored to engage the appropriate parts of the community at all stages where involvement is relevant and of value. The Council want to make sure that all sections of the local community have the opportunity to have their say. Information will be made widely available via a variety of methods, including

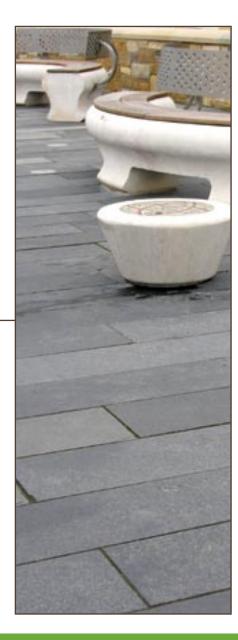
- · paper and electronic formats,
- at local authority offices, local libraries and on our web site,
- · newsletters and the local press, and
- a variety of formats to cater for special needs.

We are committed to provide feedback to those who participate in the consultation. In addition the Council will evaluate and learn from the consultation exercises, so that methods and arrangements can be changed and improved to meet your needs.

Community Involvement in Planning Applications

Under the new system, the Government is keen to see developers working with the community on development proposals before applying for planning permission. The Council is therefore encouraging developers to carry out pre-application consultation with the community on major applications which may have wide-ranging effects.

Once applications have been submitted, the Council will use a range of measures to publicise and consult on proposals and inform interested parties of the decisions reached. The measures used will be sensitive to the specific circumstances of proposals and designed to ensure that all interested parties can be informed and involved.



More Information

To view a full copy of the draft SCI, follow the website links at www.hartlepool.gov.uk where a copy is available to download. Alternatively, you can inspect copies at Bryan Hanson House, Civic Centre, the Central Library and Branch Libraries.

If you would like your own copy, please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01429 523532.

If you wish to receive this draft in another format, e.g. large text, Braille, spoken tape or another language, please contact the Planning Policy Team by telephone on 01429 523532 or by email to planningpolicy@hartle pool.gov.uk.

Making Comments

Comments on the draft SCI should be made on the form available for this purpose. The form can be found at the locations mentioned above, be downloaded from the Hartlepool website (www.hartlepool.gov.uk/plann ingandbuildingcontrol/planningpolicy) or can be sent electronically to you (contact planningpolicy@hartlepo ol.gov.uk. Forms should be returned by post, fax or e-mail by 31st October 2005 to:

Planning Policy

Department of Regeneration and Planning Bryan Hanson House Hanson Square Hartlepool TS24 7BT

Fax: 01429 523532

Email: planningpolicy@hartlepool.gov.uk



A short presentation will be made by a Cleveland Fire Brigade Officer.

Copy leaflet and questionnaire are attached. Colour booklets and further information will be available at the meeting.



FIREFIGHTERS TAKE TO THE STREETS

At one time if you saw firefighters in your community you knew there was a problem. There was usually an incident - often lifethreatening - and we were there to rescue people.

THAT IS BEGINNING TO CHANGE

Today you are more likely to see firefighters out and about in the community working with people to prevent incidents from happening in the first place. It is all part of our plans to be the best when it comes to protecting our local communities.

A whole range of community safety activity is carried out in the following areas:

Community Fire Safety
Arson Task Force
Youth Development
Road Safety

Individual programmes which have contributed to a reduction in total fires of 27% include:

HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKS

These offer a free home check designed to identify hazards, provide free fire safety advice and assist in fire planning. Carried out by trained firefighters, they frequently include fitting free smoke alarms. Since the programme was launched in June 2003, nearly 40,000 checks have been carried out. The brigade plan to carry out a further 25,000 checks in 2006-2007 if the improvements, proposed in the summary, are implemented.

SCHOOLS EDUCATION PROGRAMME

This targets local children from nursery through to secondary school to discuss the role of the brigade, causes of domestic fires and preventing hoax calls. In 2002-2003 over 200 schools received educational visits and a further 100 were present at workshops attended by Cleveland Fire Brigade.

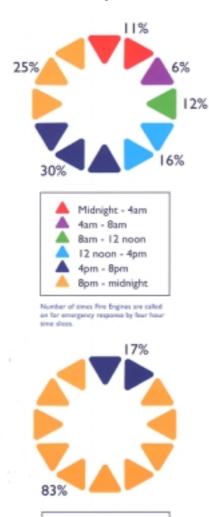
FIRESETTING INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES

Firesetting Intervention Programmes are run by a professional team to educate children and young people from 3 to 18 on the dangers of playing with fire. To catch problems early, the team is invited into the home by parents who are worried that their children are playing with fire.

LOCAL INTERVENTION FIRE EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Local Intervention Fire Education Programme is run in partnership with local youth development agencies. A one week intensive course, it is designed to develop the potential of young people.

Programmes such as these - and many more are delivering a safer community in our four local authority areas. If the Safety Improvement Plan is implemented the amount of time and resources dedicated to community work such as this will increase significantly while at the same time the Brigade will maintain its excellent response services.



A 8am - midnight Midnight - 8am

Utilization of Fire Engines by time period

SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS

Most incidents resulting in injuries and death occur in people's homes, yet our resources have traditionally been organised to respond to town centre and major industrial fires. The same number of firefighters are on duty around the clock, yet 83% of the occasions when our fire engines are called into action for emergencies are between 8am and midnight - the same time when we need to be out in the community educating people on how to keep themselves and others safe.

This is not the best use of our resources. We need to put the right people in the right place at the right time if we are to achieve our goal of making our communities safer. To make that a reality, we are recommending the following changes:

- Modify and improve standards of fire cover to provide benchmarks for emergency response which recognise the risk level in residential areas and provide adequate response to other areas
- By working with partner organisations and maintaining a strong presence in our local communities on fire prevention activities, we aim to reduce the level of fires which are started deliberately currently, approximately 90% of all fires in the area are started deliberately

In order to reduce the number of people who die or are injured from accidental fires, we are aiming to increase the number of Home Fire Safety checks to 25,000 per year. We will work with our partners in the community to provide safety services and will focus on those people and areas most in need

Through our work with young people we aim to reduce the level of anti-social behaviour in our towns and surrounding areas. Through projects such as the Young Firefighters and LIFE (Local Intervention Fire Education) we will work within the community to develop young people's real potential

- We will prepare and provide resilience to our services and training for our staff to the highest standard so that they are prepared for emergencies at local, regional and national levels
- Specialist fire safety advice and enforcement resources provided to industry and commerce will be developed to ensure that sufficient levels of support are available when needed
- The health safety and welfare of our staff is very important and we will continue to invest in further training to allow them to fulfil their role in providing safety in the community
- We will invest in support services to ensure that adequate facilities and infrastructure are provided to support community services and meet the local requirements of national projects

In a bid to reduce the level of incidents involving road traffic collisions, we will work with our partners in the community to raise awareness of road and vehicle safety.

PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATION

PROPOSAL I - COMMUNITY SAFETY SERVICES

INFORMATION - Cleveland Fire Authority has reduced the number of fires in the area however, there is still more work to be done. Further progress can be made by additional investment in prevention. Analysis of our current services has identified the capacity to reinvest resources of £1,912,745 to improve safety in our communities.

OPTION FOR CONSULTATION - Reinvest resources into the provision of improved protection and prevention services adequately supported by staff development, operational preparedness and sufficient infrastructure.

PROPOSAL 2 - BENCHMARKS FOR RESPONSE

INFORMATION - The old standards of fire cover did not adequately address the life risk in our communities and disproportionately placed resources.

OPTION FOR CONSULTATION - Apply revised risk categories based on local life risk identification and corresponding attendance benchmarks for life risk incidents.

PROPOSAL 3 - STRANTON STATION

INFORMATION - Combined utilisation of the 3 fire engines at Stranton Fire Station is less than that of the 2 fire engines based at Middlesbrough, Stockton or Grangetown stations. Cost per call is double that of Middlesbrough Station. Research suggests an optimum of 2 fire engines at Stranton Station. Response modelling shows a high cost benefit ratio for efficiency savings.

OPTION FOR CONSULTATION - De-staff 3rd fire engine from immediate operational availability but maintain the vehicle as a reserve. Re-deployment of resources equivalent to £693,308 or 24 posts (pending full costing).

PROPOSAL 4 - HEADLAND STATION

INFORMATION - Headland Fire Station was initially provided to comply with the old standards of fire cover due to the dockyard areas which have now largely been redeveloped. The fire engine at the Headland Station is currently staffed on a retained basis i.e. (by firefighters who respond when required from their home or work place). But it is in an area that can be provided for adequately by fire engines from Stranton Fire Station. Current provision only gives emergency response and does not meet all the needs for risk reduction in terms of prevention of incidents in the community. The area would be better served by a community safety provision.

OPTION FOR CONSULTATION - Change of emphasis from response only at the Station to focus on prevention activities that address the risk in the area. Maintain appliance as a reserve and amend contracts to reflect new duties for staff as necessary.

PROPOSAL 5 - CURRENT PROVISION AT THE MARINE STATION

INFORMATION - The Station area has a low frequency of life risk incidents and consequently lower likelihood of injury. Research indicates this resource could be withdrawn without a significant change in life risk. Attendance times achieved in the Marine Station area indicate that fire engines from other fire stations can attend within the new proposed benchmarks for emergency response. It is recognised that the population of the station area is changing and the area is identified as suffering from higher levels of deprivation. The need for prevention work during afternoon and evening periods therefore remains relatively high.

OPTION FOR CONSULTATION - Change in the status of the fire engine to permanent staffing from 12.00hrs to 24.00hrs only. Re-deployment of resources into Community Safety equivalent to £412,389 or 14 posts (pending full costing).

PROPOSAL 6 - CREW SIZES AT THORNABY STATION

INFORMATION - Incident performance information indicates that one fire engine is the optimum to meet attendance benchmarks for the Brigade; however Thomaby Station provides a reinforcing role for Coulby Newham and Yarm Station areas that currently have only one fire engine. The station also provides specialist emergency provision for water related incidents.

OPTION FOR CONSULTATION - We intend to adjust the crew size to a minimum attendance for 'life risk' incidents of 2 fire engines and 8 frefighters but emergency response times will remain unchanged. Re-deployment of resources into Community Safety equivalent to £227,480 or 8 posts (pending full costing).

PROPOSAL 7 - CREW SIZES AT REDCAR STATION

INFORMATION - Lower utilisation of both fire engines for emergency response. The station provides a supporting role to 'low risk areas' and has industrial risks within the current station boundary. Support from neighbouring stations is influenced by its location.

OPTION FOR CONSULTATION - We intend to reduce the crew size to a minimum attendance for 'life risk' incidents of 2 fire engines and 8 fire fighters but emergency response times will remain unchanged. Re-deployment of resources into Community Safety equivalent to £227,480 or 8 posts (pending full costing).

PROPOSAL 8 - PROVISION OF AERIAL APPLIANCES (HYDRAULIC PLATFORMS)

INFORMATION - The aerial appliances have not been used for rescues from fires in the last 3 years. They are occasionally used to provide fire fighting water, to rescue people trapped or injured at height and to provide safe systems of work for firefighters. The provision of these appliances needs to be balanced against the cost and maintenance demands. They are very expensive pieces of machinery which require special skills and training for staff. One of the 2 aerial appliances is approaching the end of its serviceable life and replacement by a similar appliance would cost approximately £750,000.

OPTION FOR CONSULTATION - De staff one hydraulic platform. Make arrangement with Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service for an aerial appliance to be available if required. Re-deployment of resources into Community Safety equivalent to £352.088 or 12 posts (pending full costing).



BRIGADE PLANS BUILD ON SUCCESS

At Cleveland Fire Brigade our aim is to make local communities safer and better places in which to live - and our record proves that we are living up to that promise.

In 2004-2005 the Brigade helped reduce the total number of fires by 27%. At the same time hoax calls were reduced by 28% and road traffic accidents by 3%.

These improvements were achieved at a time when no extra resources were put into response services. Instead, we have focused on working closely with partners and local communities to prevent incidents from happening in the first place.

We have also concentrated on matching our resources to areas of greatest need, namely in those areas where people live. In particular, we have been active in developing and supporting projects working to prevent incidents in our most disadvantaged areas.

This is an approach which is working - and one which we are giving a further boost through our new Safety Improvement Plan 2006/2007.

The plan is designed to improve our performance still further, by moving resources into areas where they are most needed out in the community.

The improvements, which are summarised in this document, are based on extensive research and years of experience. They are designed to match resource to risk. For example, we know that the lowest demand for our services is during the night, yet our operational staffing remains the same throughout a 24 hour period. This is restricting the amount of work we can do in carrying out Home Fire Safety Checks, educating young people on the dangers of fire, helping prevent arson and hoax fire calls, and our work with partnerships with all members of the varied community in Cleveland. The changes we are proposing will release a , substantial resource to work in the community during the day, helping to prevent fires. At the same time, we have been able to manage our resources in a way which ensures that our ability to respond to 999 calls does not suffer.

This leaflet summarises the improvements we would like to make, but we want to hear your views.



Working with others to wild a safer environment

HAVE YOUR SAY

Our aim is simple - to be the best fire and rescue service at protecting local communities.

To help achieve that aim the Brigade publishes a Safety Improvement Plan every year which it puts out to public consultation. This leaflet summarises the plan for 2006-2007. It outlines proposed improvements and is designed to encourage you to provide your comments on those changes to the Brigade.

If you wish to comment on the content of this leaflet, would like a copy of the full consultation document or require documentation in an alternative format or language please: Visit Cleveland Fire Brigade's website on www.clevelandfire.gov.uk

- Email IRMP@clevelandfire.gov.uk
- Or contact Tracey Bell Cleveland Fire Brigade Headquarters, Endeavour House, Stockton Road, Hartlepool TS25 5TB 01429 872311 ext 4113

DURING 2004-2005 WE HAVE REDUCED ...

Total Fires	down	27%	
Road Traffic Accidents	down	3%	
Hoax Calls	down	28%	
Accidental Dwelling Fires	down	7%	
Deliberate Small Fires	down	30%	
Deliberate Dwelling Fires	down	20%	
Automatic Fire Alarms	down	7%	
Deliberate Vehicle Fires	down	28%	



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9.	Thornaby & Redcar. We intend to adjust the crew size to maintain a minimum attendance for life risk incidents of 2 fire engines with 8 firefighters but emergency response will remain unchanged. We will redeploy released resources to our Community Safety Programme.					
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Report of: South Neighbourhood Forum

Subject: MINOR WORKS PROPOSALS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To consider improvement schemes for potential funding from the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum Minor Works Budget

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Minor Works Budget remaining for this financial year to 31st March 2006 amounts to £25,034.00. Attached as appendix A is a full list of schemes approved to date
- 2.2 A number of schemes are detailed below to address concerns raised by ward members and residents in the South Forum area. These are as follows:
 - (i) <u>Rossmere Ward Travellers Gate see Appendix B</u>

The shrub beds in this location have become badly overgrown and are causing problems for the residents with regard to the safety and security of their properties. A scheme to replace these large shrubs with grass and supplemented with tree planting has been designed. This will improve the appearance and allow greater visibility in the cul-de-sac whilst also reducing the residents' fear of potential crime in the area. The scheme is as follows

Remove 160m2 of shrubbed area£800.00Cultivate and seed above area£268.00Supply and plant 3 no. trees $\underline{£563.25}$ Total£1631.25

(ii) Stockton Road Area: Argyle Road and Stockton Road see Appendix C

The existing rose beds in these two areas as highlighted contain roses which have reached the end of their useful life. A scheme to replant the existing beds in Argyle Road has been designed so as to replace the roses with new flowering shrubs and to bark mulch the beds so as to reduce maintenance.

One of the shrub beds in Stockton Road adjacent to number 272/274 has not thrived due to competition from the existing trees. The scheme would remove the dead roses and cultivate and seed this area so reinstating to grass.

(iii) Blairgowrie Grove – Car Parking Scheme see Appendix D

Following requests from residents and ward members this proposal is to provide parking bays to Blairgowrie Grove to alleviate parking problems. The Highways Services Division has developed and costed a scheme as detailed in appendix D. This will allow extra parking for those vehicles currently without the option of a vehicle crossing to their properties.

Total Cost **£8,285.00**

(iv) <u>Greatham Ward – Saltaire Terrace see Appendix E</u>

It has been brought to our attention the need for street lighting improvements to Saltaire Terrace (see appendix E). The area has been inspected by the Street Lighting Division and a scheme has been recommended to improve the illumination in this area by providing 4 new street lighting columns and thereby give residents a greater feeling of safety and security in their neighbourhood.

Cost £3,726.00 with 50% contribution from the Minor Works Budget

Forum Contribution is **£1,863.00**

(v) <u>Greatham Ward – Trees adjacent Greatham Cemetery see Appendix F</u>

Following site visits to this area (see appendix F) it is apparent that the existing hedge to the rear of Hill View is in need of substantial height reduction. The trees in this area would also benefit from thinning and in some cases complete removal. A scheme has been developed by the Arboriculture Officer to address these issues. The costs would be as follows:

Reduce hedge height	£240.00
Thin and remove trees as required	£1890.00

Total Cost £2130.00

3. **RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 The Forum is requested to recommend to the Liveability Portfolio Holder that the scheme be approved from the Minor Works Budget at a total cost of £15,324.95

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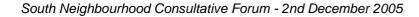
FORUM APPROVED DATE	LOCATION	WARD	WORK	COST	TOTAL
26/11/04	All Wards		Pride in Hartlepool contribution	£5000.00	£5,000.00
10/06/05	Monach Road	Owton	Verge reinstatement with bitmac	£3384.00	£8,384.00
12/08/05	All Wards		Dropped crossing programme	£3500.00	£11,884.00
12/08/05	Glentower Grove	Seaton	Street lighting replacement	£8150.00	£20,034.00
12/08/05	Huntley Road	Owton	Verge reinstatement with bitmac	£4600.00	£24,634.00
12/08/05	Innes Road	Fens	Verge reinstatement with bitmac	£1500.00	£26,134.00
12/08/05	Winthorpe Grove	Fens	Street lighting replacement	£3832.00	£29,966.00
07/10/05	Spalding Road	Fens	6 dropped crossing installations	£1650.00	£31,616.00
07/10/05	Greenock, Fordyce and Motherwell Road	Owton	Verge reinstatement with bitmac	£5350.00	£36,966.00
07/10/05	Greatham Play Area	Greatham	Contribution to playground improvements	£10000.00	£46,966.00
07/10/05	Station Lane	Seaton	Pedestrian crossing installation	£5000.00	£51,966.00







7.1 APPENDIX C



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