

Chief Executive's Department  
Civic Centre  
HARTLEPOOL

26<sup>th</sup> July, 2010

The Mayor (Stuart Drummond)

Councillors Aiken, C Akers-Belcher, S Akers-Belcher, Atkinson, Barday, Barker, Brash, R W Cook, Cranney, Fleet, Fleming, Flintoff, Gibbon, Griffin, Hall, Hargreaves, Hill, Ingham, Jackson, James, Laffey, Lauderdale, Lawton, A E Lilley, G Lilley, London, Maness, A Marshall, J Marshall, J W Marshall, McKenna, Dr. Morris, Payne, Plant, Preece, Richardson, Rogan, Shaw, Simmons, Sutheran, Thomas, H Thompson, P Thompson, Turner, Wells, Worthy and Wright.

Madam or Sir,

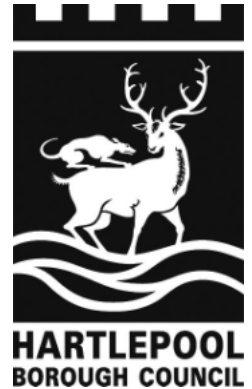
You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on THURSDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2010 at 7.00 p.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool to consider the subjects set out in the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

P Walker  
Chief Executive

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# COUNCIL AGENDA



**5<sup>th</sup> August 2010**

**at 7.00 p.m.**

**in the Council Chamber**

1. To receive apologies from absent members.
2. To receive any declarations of interest from members.
3. To deal with any business required by statute to be done before any other business.
4. To receive questions from and provide answers to the public in relation to matters of which notice has been given under Rule 10.
5. To approve the minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 24 June 2010, as a correct record (copy attached).
6. Questions from Members of the Council on the minutes of the last meeting of the Council.
7. To answer questions of members of the Council under Council Procedure Rule 11;
  - (a) Questions to members of the Executive about recent decisions of the Executive (without notice)
  - (b) Questions to members of the Executive and Chairs of Committees and Forums, for which notice has been given.
  - (c) Questions to the appropriate members on Police and Fire Authority issues, for which notice has been given. Minutes of the meetings of the

Cleveland Police Authority held on 17 March 2010 and 11 May 2010 are attached.

8. To deal with any business required by statute to be done.
  - (i) Special Urgency Decisions – No special urgency decisions were taken in respect of the period April 2010-June 2010.
9. To receive any announcements from the Chair, the Mayor, members of the Cabinet or the head of the paid service.
10. To dispose of business (if any) remaining from the last meeting and to receive the report of any scrutiny forum or other committee to which such business was referred for consideration.
11. To receive reports from the Council's committees and working groups other than any overview and scrutiny committee and to receive questions and answers on any of those reports;
12. To consider any other business specified in the summons to the meeting, including consideration of reports of the overview and scrutiny committees for debate and to receive questions and answers on any of those items;
13. To consider reports from the Executive:-
  - (a) Proposals in relation to the Council's budget and policy framework
    - (i) Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Development Plan Documents: Revised Draft Submission Documents (copy attached)
    - (ii) Changes to the Hartlepool Local Plan 2006 Local Centre Boundaries (copy attached)
    - (iii) Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2010-2011 (copy attached)
  - (b) Proposals for departures from the budget and policy framework
    - (i) Strategy for Managing Reductions in 2010/11 Government Grants (copy attached)
14. To consider any motions in the order in which notice has been received.

*That the increase in VAT from 17.5% to 20%, announced in the Government's June Budget, will fall hardest on those least able to afford it. The amount of disposable income spent on VAT is 11.6% for the lowest 20% of earners, while for the top 20% it is only 5.7%. This means that an increase in VAT will hit the poorest twice as hard as the richest and is by definition an unfair tax.*

*That the increase in VAT will lead to higher prices for goods and services; will have a disproportionate impact on pensioners, families and those least well off in our town; and will have a severe impact on businesses, charities and community groups in Hartlepool.*

*That this attack on pensioners, families and those least well off in society runs counter to the Government's Coalition Agreement statement on 20 May 2010 that it would "ensure that fairness is at the heart of those decisions so that all those most in need are protected".*

*Moreover the increase in VAT is a total betrayal of the pre-election pledge made by the Liberal party to not increase this tax.*

*Finally the increase in VAT will unfairly tax SME in Hartlepool, damage the local economy and increase unemployment. It is the "real jobs tax"*

*That the Institute of Fiscal Studies has stated the VAT increase was not "unavoidable", as the Chancellor of the Exchequer said in his Budget speech.*

*Council resolves:*

*To write directly to the Chancellor of the Exchequer raising concerns about the impact of the proposed VAT increase on pensioners, other vulnerable groups and businesses in Hartlepool. That this letter should be signed by all group leaders, plus any other member that wishes to"*

*Signed:-*

*Councillor C Simmons*

*Councillor J Brash*

*Councillor S Maness*

*Councillor G Morris*

*Councillor R Wells*

*Councillor S Griffin.*

15. To receive the Chief Executive's report and to pass such resolutions thereon as may be deemed necessary.

# **COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **24<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

#### **PRESENT:-**

The Chairman (Councillor C Richardson) presiding:

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond

#### **COUNCILLORS:**

C Akers-Belcher	S Akers-Belcher	Atkinson
Barclay	Barker	Brash
Cook	Cranney	Fleet
Fleming	Flintoff	Gibbon
Griffin	Hall	Hargreaves
James	Laffey	Lawton
A Lilley	G Lilley	London
Maness	A Marshall	J Marshall
McKenna	Payne	Preece
Rogan	Shaw	Simmons
Sutheran	Thomas	H Thompson
P Thompson	Turner	Wells
Wright		

Officers    Andrew Atkin, Assistant Chief Executive  
              Peter Devlin, Chief Solicitor  
              Alan Dobby, Assistant Director (Support Services)  
              Chris Little, Chief Finance Officer  
              Alastair Rae, Public Relations Manager  
              Joan Stevens and Elaine Hind, Scrutiny Team  
              Amanda Whitaker and David Cosgrove, Democratic Services Team.

#### **15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENT MEMBERS**

Councillors Aiken, Hill, Ingham, Jackson, Lauderdale, JW Marshall, Morris and Worthy.

**16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS**

None.

**17. BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO BE DONE BEFORE ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**18. PUBLIC QUESTION**

None.

**19. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Minutes of Proceedings of the Annual Council meeting held on the 27 May 2010 and the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 10 June 2010, having been laid before the Council.

RESOLVED - That the minutes be confirmed.

The minutes were thereupon signed by the Chairman.

**20. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

None.

**21. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

- (a) Questions to Members of the Executive about recent decisions of the Executive

None

- (b) Questions to Members of the Executive and Chairs of Committees and Forums, for which Notice has been given

- (i) Question from Councillor G Lilley to Mayor, Stuart Drummond:-

*“Could the Mayor please identify the specific areas in Hartlepool being considered for clearance or currently being cleared to make way for new affordable housing?”*

In response the Mayor advised that no sites in Hartlepool were specifically being considered for clearance to make way for affordable housing. The sites

where clearance has or will be taking place are Belle Vue, mainly owned by Housing Hartlepool and part to be assembled by the Council will have a requirement on the site to provide 50% affordable housing. Easington Road, owned by Housing Hartlepool and it will have 50% affordable housing. Raby Road Corridor (including Perth Hurworth streets) was currently being assembled for clearance by the Council and will have between 15% and 20% affordable housing on the site. All sites clearance, Brownfield and Greenfield will have a minimum requirement of 10% affordable housing on them

The following supplementary questions were asked by Councillor Lilley:-

- Is Mayor aware of a land tribunal case against Hartlepool Borough Council in relation to value of properties subject to a Compulsory Purchase Order?
- What steps is the Mayor taking to restore confidence in valuations especially in view of the comments made by Mr Francis?

The Mayor advised that he was aware of a land tribunal case against the Council. In terms of confidence in valuations, the Mayor reiterated that there is a site currently being assembled in Perth Street area. The Cabinet had recently authorised a Compulsory Purchase Order on the full site. However, over a number of years the council had been trying to acquire the sales by agreement. The Mayor highlighted that by law the council had to get an independent valuation. The individual used by the Council for valuations had almost 30 years experience and the Mayor was of the opinion that the Council's practice was sound.

(ii) Question from Councillor Brash to Councillor Hall, Adult and Public Health Services Portfolio

*“Could the Portfolio Holder for Adult and Public Health Services give his reaction to the recent decision to withdraw the funding for a new hospital for Hartlepool”*

In his response, Councillor Hall reiterated the comments he had made the previous week and that was to say he was ‘shocked but not surprised’. The Portfolio Holder then referred to several myths which required addressing as follows:-

- The new hospital was not going to be in Sedgefield, it was going to be located at Wynyard, part of Borough of Hartlepool
- Some people who are pleased about announcement believe it will result in increased investment in Hartlepool's current hospital – the Portfolio Holder did not think that would happen.
- In terms of the new hospital for Hartlepool being a ‘pre-election gimmick’, the Portfolio Holder refuted those claims and presented facts in terms of background to Business Case which had been presented in 2009 for a ‘world class facility’.

In conclusion, the Portfolio Holder advised that he considered the announcement was short sighted, ill advised and appalling news for the region. He urged all Members of Council to support the rally which had been organised for 26<sup>th</sup> June.

There were no supplementary questions. However, Councillor Brash did thank the Portfolio Holder for his detailed response and questioned how many clinicians had been consulted by the Government when making the decision. Councillor Brash highlighted that health services had been moved into the community based on the new centre-piece hospital. The view was expressed that the decision did not make sense either a financial or clinical view point. Councillor Brash reiterated comments made by the Portfolio and again urged all Members of Council to unite and call for the Government to reverse its decision.

In the debate that followed, Members supported the views which had been expressed by both the Portfolio Holder and Councillor Brash.

RESOLVED – That the Chairman of the Council write to the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Health to ask why despite the decision to withdraw the funding for a new hospital for Hartlepool, London and Merseyside were to receive funding for a new hospital.

- (c) Questions to the appropriate Members on Police and Fire Authority issues, for which notice has been given.

Minutes of the meetings of the Cleveland Police Authority held on 25th February 2010 and the meetings of the Cleveland Fire Authority held on 26th March 2010 were submitted to Council.

## **22. BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE**

None.

## **23. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

## **24. TO DISPOSE OF BUSINESS (IF ANY) REMAINING FROM THE LAST MEETING AND TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF ANY SCRUTINY FORUM OR OTHER COMMITTEE TO WHICH SUCH BUSINESS WAS REFERRED FOR CONSIDERATION.**

None.



## **25. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

### **(i) Report of Constitution Committee**

Councillor James, Vice Chair of Constitution Committee, presented a Business Report as follows:-

- **Planning Committee**

A discussion had ensued at the Constitution Committee on the number of Members appointed to Planning Committee and the occasions when the meeting was inquorate. It was suggested that an increase in membership may alleviate this issue. The Constitution Committee had agreed, at its meeting held on 11 June 2010, to recommend to Council that the membership of the Planning Committee be increased from 16 to 18 Members.

- **General Purposes Committee**

As part of the Constitution Committee's work programme for 2009/10 a review of the role, remit and responsibility of the General Purposes Committee had commenced. The review would be progressed further during the 2010/11 work programme; however, the Committee had made several initial recommendations in view of the concerns already raised by Members in relation to the General Purposes (Appeals and Staffing) Committee. The current arrangements should the Chair of the Committee (the Vice Chair of the Council fulfilling this role) be unavailable are that a chair of another regulatory committee is appointed to Chair the meeting of the General Purposes (Appeals and Staffing) Committee. Members felt that this Committee should operate under the same framework as all other Council Committees and appoint a Vice Chair from within the membership for the current municipal year. Following this, the Chair and Vice Chair should be appointed in line with the normal annual arrangements.

In relation to early retirement decisions under function 4 which related to officers appointed by Members under the Officer Employment Rules, an additional two Executive Members are appointed to the Appeals and Staffing Committee (note 2, to the function of this Committee refers). Members were concerned that in practice this means that the Executive Members appointed may have already been party to the earlier Executive decision to make that particular post redundant. Members believed that this could contravene principles of "natural justice" and that in future Executive members attending an Appeals meeting should do so as ex-officio Members with no voting rights. In view of this it was recommended that note 2 in Part 3 of the Constitution in relation to the Committee be amended as follows:

Note 2 – For early retirement decisions under function 4, concerning officers appointed by Members under the Officer Employment rules, the committee membership will be increased to seven and will include two ex-officio, non-voting

Executive Members. The Mayor will nominate the Executive Members of the Committee.

It had been noted that there was currently no requirement for Members of the General Purposes Committee to undertake training and there was concern that some of the issues considered by the Appeals and Staffing Committee in particular could be extremely complex. It was therefore suggested that Workforce Development arrange training to be available to all Members of the Committee as soon as practicable after appointment at Annual Council.

**RESOLVED –**

- (i) That Council approves the recommendation of the Committee and that the membership of the Planning Committee be increased from 16 Members to 18 Members and that the quorum for the Planning Committee continue as it is currently as 7 members.
- (ii) That the General Purposes Committee appoint a Vice Chair from within its membership to undertake the Chair's duties in the absence of the Chair and that this position form part of the annual proportionality calculations. Should the Chair and Vice Chair be unavailable, a Chair will be appointed from within the membership of the Committee in attendance.
- (iii) That where the membership of the General Purposes (Appeals and Staffing) Committee is to be increased to seven for the consideration of early retirement decisions, that the additional Executive Members be ex-officio non-voting Members and that Part 3 of the Constitution is amended accordingly.
- (iv) That Workforce Development makes arrangements for training to be made available to all Members of the General Purposes Committee as soon as practicable after appointments are made at Annual Council each year to cover all aspects of the Appeals and Staffing Committee.

**26. TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS SPECIFIED IN THE SUMMONS OF THE MEETING**

**(i) Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2009/10**

Councillor James, Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee, along with Councillors Chris Simmons, former Chair of Adult and Community Services Scrutiny Forum, Jane Shaw, former Chair of Children's Services Scrutiny Forum, Jonathan Brash, former Chair of Health Scrutiny Forum and Stephen Akers-Belcher, former Chair of Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum presented the Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2009/10, a copy of which had been circulated with the Council agenda. The report outlined how the Overview and Scrutiny Function had developed and highlighted the key

areas of work undertaken by each of the Scrutiny Forums over the previous year.

As outlined in the Authority's Constitution, it was a requirement of the Overview and Scrutiny Function to produce an Annual Report detailing the work of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and the five standing Scrutiny Forums that had been undertaken during the last twelve months, together with suggested developments etc for the forthcoming year.

It was noted that the Annual Report would be despatched to key stakeholders and placed in key venues of public interest for information purposes.

Councillor James commended the report to Council and, on behalf of scrutiny Members, thanked the Scrutiny Manager and her team for their support over the previous year.

RESOLVED – That the report be received.

## **27. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE**

(a) Proposals in relation to the Council's budget and policy framework

(i) Corporate Plan 2009/10

The Corporate Plan 2009/10 was presented by the Performance Portfolio Holder who reminded Members that the Plan detailed the contributions that the Council is making to achieve the vision set out in Hartlepool's Community Strategy. The Plan, appended to the report, described the Council's priorities for 2010/11 including how weaknesses would be addressed and opportunities exploited. Targets for Performance Indicators had only been set for 2010/11. This approach brought the Corporate Plan in line with the current Local Area Agreement, which covered the period 2008/09-2010/11.

Members were reminded that the Corporate Plan was part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework and therefore required the involvement of Scrutiny and approval of the Council. The Plan had been considered by Cabinet on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and 10 May 2010. Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee had considered the Plan on 11 December 2009 and 16 April 2010. In addition draft proposals had been considered by all of the Service Scrutiny Forums between 22 March and 26 March 2010.

RESOLVED – That the Corporate Plan 2010/11 be approved.

(b) Proposal for Departure from the Budget and Policy Framework

None.

**28. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

None

**29. APPOINTMENTS TO JOINT COMMITTEES AND OTHER OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Chief Executive's report reminded Members that a number of nominations to Joint Committees and other Outside Bodies had been agreed at the Annual Council meeting. However, there were a number of nominations which had been referred to Council for consideration. A schedule had been prepared which outlined the nominations which had been received.

RESOLVED – That the following appointments be approved:-

North East Regional Employers Organisation – Councillors Payne, S Akers Belcher and C Akers Belcher  
 North East Regional Employers Organisation – Executive – Councillor Payne  
 Teesside Pension Fund – Councillor Rogan  
 Hartbeat (Barnardo's) – Councillor Rogan  
 Hartlepool Carers – Councillor Fleet  
 Hartlepool War Memorial and Crosby Homes – Councillor Barclay  
 Heugh Battery Trust – Councillor JW Marshall  
 Merchant Navy Welfare Board – Councillor Rogan  
 North Tees Women's Aid – Councillor Maness  
 PATCH Management Committee – Councillor Maness  
 Teesside Environmental Trust – Councillor Thomas  
 Teesmouth Field Centre – Councillor Thomas  
 National Association of Councillors (General Management Committee and Northern Branch) – Councillors C Akers-Belcher, S Akers-Belcher and Shaw.  
 Hartlepool Citizen's Advice Bureau – Councillors Ingham and Barclay  
 Hartlepool Deaf Centre – Councillors Richardson and Cranney  
 Victoria and Jubilee Homes – Councillors Barclay, Brash, Hall and Lauderdale  
 Hartlepool Access Group – Councillors Cranney and Hall.

**30. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, FORUMS AND OTHER BODIES**

The Chief Executive's report reminded Members that a number of committee seats had been agreed at the Annual Council meeting. However, some seats which had been allocated remained vacant. The report set out details of those vacancies.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That Councillor Laffey be appointed Vice Chair of Licensing Committee;

- (ii) That Councillor C Akers-Belcher be appointed to the vacancy on the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee as a member of Children's Services Scrutiny Forum;
- (iii) That following the approval of Council, earlier in the meeting, Councillors Richardson and Wells be appointed as the two additional Members of the Planning Committee;
- (iv) That following the approval of Council, earlier in the meeting, Councillor James be appointed to the position of Vice Chair of the General Purposes Committee.

### **31. 2010/2011 CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND PRUDENTIAL BORROWING LIMITS**

Council was reminded that in accordance with the constitution Cabinet is responsible for proposing the annual Budget and Policy Framework, which covers both revenue and capital budgets. These details are then referred to Council for consideration. Details of Cabinet's 2010/2011 Budget and Policy Framework proposals, which included 29 separate recommendations and supporting schedules, had been considered and approved by Council on 12 February, 2010. Owing to an administrative oversight the schedule of capital schemes put forward for Council's consideration and approval in February did not include the scheme to replace the Cremators. These works are necessary to comply with new emissions standards. Cabinet, at its meeting on 22 December 2009, was advised that as there is no national or local funding available for these works they would need to be funded from Prudential Borrowing. Therefore, Cabinet approved increasing the cost of an adult cremation by £90 in addition to the annual inflation increase from 1 April, 2010 to meet the repayment costs of using Prudential borrowing to fund this scheme. At the time Cabinet were advised that this increase would bring Hartlepool fees into line with fees being charged by neighbouring authorities. These proposals had originally been included in the initial budget proposals Cabinet consider in September 2009 and then referred to Scrutiny.

RESOLVED – That the inclusion of £1m within the 2010/2011 Capital Programme and Prudential Borrowing limits for the scheme to replace the Cremators be approved.

### **32. BUDGET CUTS**

The Chief Executive's report reminded Members that the Coalition Government had announced, on 24 May 2010, in year cuts for 2010/11 of £6.2 billion and that local Government will make a £1.166 billion contribution towards this. The contribution of each local authority to this overall savings total was announced on 10 June 2010 and the main impact on Hartlepool is a £1.66 million cut in the Area Based Grant. These savings needed to be achieved in the current financial year and are in addition to those savings implemented in the setting of the budget by Council for 2010/11. It would be necessary to bring forward proposals for achieving these savings in the near future.

Members were advised that the overall local authority in year cuts also include a £125 million cut in Local Performance Agreement Reward grant and the share for the Council is £0.87 million. This was a one-off grant and was allocated to fund one-off cost and the main item related to one-off Building Schools for the Future costs. It will be necessary to review this position and bring forward an alternative funding strategy.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That a Council wide Working Group comprising all members of the Council be established to commence consideration of the savings that will need to be achieved for an alternative budget strategy in view of the budget cuts recently announced by the Coalition Government.
- (ii) That it is imperative the Council scrutinise fully service delivery options and do not compromise ourselves by amending the terms and conditions of current staff. To this end the Council must ensure that it can only subscribe to future service delivery options if there is a period of stability on the Council's current establishments. The recommendation that no further appointments, slotting in, re-grades are made until the new working group has considered all service delivery options was agreed.

COUNCILLOR G LILLEY REQUESTED THAT HIS VOTE AGAINST THE ABOVE RESOLUTION BE RECORDED.

### **33. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL**

A report submitted by the Chief Executive advised Members that on 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2010, the Council were informed by the Local Government Boundary Commission of its intention to conduct an Electoral Review commencing on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2010. The Commission had indicated that as part of its work programme over the coming two years Hartlepool had been identified as potentially requiring an Electoral Review.

Members were advised that there were two elements the Commission took into account in its assessment as to whether there was a need to conduct such a review. Both elements related to the level of electoral representation within a local authority area. Under the Commission's guidelines, if either of the following conditions were found to exist, then consideration was given to the need for a review;

- Any local authority with a division or ward that has an electoral variance in excess of 30%. This means a division or ward having at least 30% more (or less) electors in it than the average for the authority as a whole;

and/or

- Any local authority where more than 30% of the divisions or wards have an electoral variance in excess of 10% from the average of that authority.

On the evidence of the December 2009 Electoral Register, Hartlepool had met the criteria, wherein 41% of the Council's Wards had variances of more than 10% from the average. The Commission had requested that the following meetings be arranged to facilitate their Review:

- An initial meeting at Officer level to discuss the detail of the Review;
- A briefing by one of the Commissioner's, supported by Commission staff, to all the Leaders of the Political Groups (accompanied by Council staff if required);
- A briefing by the Commission for the whole Council;
- A briefing by the Commission to representatives from all the Parish Councils within the Borough.

Officers were therefore engaging with the Commission in the organisation of the above mentioned meetings. Similarly there would be a requirement to advertise the Review and to provide certain "preliminary information" to the Commission before the Review formally commenced on the 20th July, 2010. Members would be provided with the Commission's guidance *"Electoral Reviews: What They Are And How They Can Get Involved"*.

The first stage of the Review would start on the 20th July when the Commission would initially consult on the appropriate Council size for the authority. Representations on Council size would need to be submitted no later than the 30th August, 2010. In the light of evidence made available, the Commission would prepare its recommendations on Council size, which was intended to be published in September 2010. These recommendations would be sent to the Council and other organisations as well as to all those parties who submitted representations during "Stage One" of the Review. Thereafter there would be a 12 week period of consultation on possible electoral arrangements. This period of consultation was presently scheduled to run from the 28th September, 2010 to the 21st December, 2010. This consultation would form the basis of the Commission's draft recommendations, and there would subsequently be a 12 week consultation period on the draft recommendations before the Commission formulated its final recommendations. It was anticipated by the Commission that their Review would be completed in September 2011.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

The meeting concluded at 8:25 p.m.

CHAIR

## **CLEVELAND POLICE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE**

The Annual General Meeting of Cleveland Police Authority Executive was held on Wednesday 17 March 2010 in the Members Conference Room at Police Headquarters.

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor Members**

Councillor Caroline Barker, Councillor Mary Lanigan, Councillor Ron Lowes, Councillor Dave McLuckie, Councillor Hazel Pearson OBE and Councillor Victor Tumilty

**Independent Members**

Miss Pam Andrews-Mawer, Mr Chris Coombs, Mr Ted Cox JP, Mr Geoff Fell, Mr Peter Hadfield, Mr Aslam Hanif, Mr Mike McGrory JP and Mr Peter Race MBE

**OFFICIALS:**

Mrs Ann Hall and Miss Kate Rowntree (CC)  
Mr Joe McCarthy, Mrs Julie Leng and Mrs Caroline Llewellyn (CE)

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### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Barry Coppinger, Mr Sean Price, Mr Derek Bonnard, Mr Sean White and Mr Dave Pickard.

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### **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

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### **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Nominations and seconders for the role of Chair and Vice Chair had been submitted to the Chief Executive in accordance with Standing Orders.

The Chief Executive confirmed that he had only received one nomination for the position of Chair and one for the position of Vice Chair. The Chief Executive therefore asked Members to agree to vote by show of hands rather than a secret ballot. This was agreed and Councillor Dave McLuckie was nominated and seconded and unanimously voted as Chair for the forthcoming year.



Mr Peter Race MBE was nominated and seconded and unanimously voted as Vice Chair for the forthcoming year.

**ORDERED** that:-

1. Councillor Dave McLuckie be appointed Chair for the ensuing year.
2. Mr Peter Race MBE be appointed Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

5 **MINUTES SILENCE**

The Chairman asked that Members acknowledge the passing of our Local MP and friend, Mr Ashok Kumar with a minute's silence.

6 **POLICE AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP**

The Chairman formally welcomed Mr Geoff Fell to this his first meeting of the Police Authority since his appointment as an Independent Member on the Authority.

The Chairman also advised Members that Cllr Steve Wallace would be standing down as a Hartlepool Councillor at the local election this year. On behalf of the Authority he wished him well for the future.

7 **COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP AND NOMINATIONS FOR ANSWERING QUESTION AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Deputy Chief Executive reported the decision that had been made by the Police Authority Joint Committee held on 7 June 2007 regarding the elected membership of the Police Authority. At that Police Joint Committee it was agreed that the Councillor Members from the four Unitary Authorities be elected to serve as Police Authority Members for a period of four years. Therefore there was no change to the elected membership for the Police Authority for the coming year.

**ORDERED** that:-

1. Members noted that the following Councillors

be appointed to the Police Authority to serve their fourth year as agreed by the Police Joint Committee on 7 June 2007:-

- **Hartlepool** – Councillor Caroline Barker, Councillor Victor Tumilty and Councillor Steve Wallace (until local election when a new Councillor would be nominated)
- **Middlesbrough** – Councillor Barry Coppinger, Councillor Ron Lowes and Councillor Hazel Pearson OBE
- **Redcar and Cleveland** – Councillor Mary Lanigan and Councillor Dave McLuckie
- **Stockton** – Councillor Paul Kirton

2. The above Councillor's be appointed as representatives to answer questions on the discharge of the function of the Police Authority at meetings of their relevant councils be agreed.

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#### **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**ORDERED** that pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act

#### **LEADERSHIP ISSUES**

The Chairman provided Members with a verbal update on various Leadership issues.



## **SPECIAL CLEVELAND POLICE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE**

A Special meeting of Cleveland Police Authority Executive was held on Tuesday 11 May 2010 in the Members Conference Room at Police HQ.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Caroline Barker, Councillor Barry Coppinger, Councillor Mary Lanigan, Councillor Ron Lowes, Councillor Dave McLuckie (Chair), and Councillor Hazel Pearson OBE

Independent Members

Miss Pam Andrews-Mawer, Mr Chris Coombs, Mr Geoff Fell, Mr Peter Hadfield, Mr Mike McGrory JP and Mr Peter Race MBE

**OFFICIALS:** Mrs Julie Leng, and Mrs Caroline Llewellyn (CE)

### **9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Ted Cox JP.

### **10 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

### **11 POLICE AUTHORITY MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FOLLOWING ELECTIONS**

The Chairman informed Members that following the elections on 6 May 2010, Mr Steve Wallace had opted not to stand as a Councillor and Mr Victor Tumilty had not been successful in his reappointment as an Independent Councillor, therefore there were currently two vacancies on the Authority and Police Joint Committee were addressing.

The Chairman advised Members that he had nominated Mr Chris Coombs to take over as Vice Chair on the Operational Policing Panel with immediate effect to replace Cllr Steve Wallace.

### **12 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**ORDERED** that pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

### **13 APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER ON**

## **CLEVELAND POLICE AUTHORITY**

The Chairman invited Members to make one appointment to the Independent Membership of Cleveland Police Authority.

Following the completion of a four year term of one Independent Member the Police Authority had undergone a recruitment process in accordance with the Police Authority Regulations 2008 (SI 630 2008), updated in the Police Authority (Community Engagement and Membership) Regulations 2010.

An advertisement had been placed within the Evening Gazette and Hartlepool Mail and made available on the Police Authority website. This resulted in 12 expressions of interest and 10 applications were returned for consideration.

The Selection Panel considered the 10 applications on 30 April 2010 and invited 4 candidates to interview on 6 May 2010. The interviews focused on the competency criteria and questions focused on the key criteria identified important to the role.

In accordance with the regulations two names were submitted for consideration including a copy of their application forms and the Selections Panel order of preference.

### **ORDERED** that:-

1. the recommendation of the Selection Panel to appoint Mr Aslam Hanif to the position of Independent Member for a second four year term with immediate effect be approved.

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## **VERBAL UPDATE IN RELATION TO THE CLEVELAND POLICE HELICOPTER**

**COUNCIL**  
5<sup>th</sup> August 2010



**Report of:** The Cabinet, to be presented by the Mayor as  
Community Safety and Housing Portfolio Holder

**Subject:** TEES VALLEY JOINT MINERALS AND WASTE  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS: REVISED  
DRAFT SUBMISSION DOCUMENTS

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The report provides information regarding the representations received following the “publication” of the Joint Tees Valley Minerals and Waste DPDs last year. In response to these representations the report seeks approval to publish the Schedules of Proposed Changes and the associated Infrastructure Strategy for further consultation and subsequently to submit to Government for Independent Examination, the Development Plan Documents which will guide future minerals and waste development in Hartlepool.

**2. RELEVANCE TO THE COUNCIL**

- 2.1 The joint Minerals and Waste Development Plan Documents form part of the Development Plan for the Borough which is part of the budget and policy framework. The joint Development Plan Documents are of strategic significance to the Council for development and use of land in relation to waste and minerals matters.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Joint Tees Valley Minerals and Waste DPD's set out the spatial planning framework for guiding the development of minerals and waste facilities and operations. They have been prepared jointly by the five Tees Valley authorities.

- 3.2 The new Minerals and Waste DPDs will comprise:

- (i) Joint Minerals and Waste **Core Strategy** Development Plan Document, which will comprise the long-term spatial vision and



overarching primary policies needed to achieve the strategic objectives containing the overall strategy and generic development policies for minerals and waste developments in the Tees Valley. The Core Strategy DPD will provide a coherent spatial strategy until 2025;

- (ii) Joint Minerals and Waste **Policies and Sites** Development Plan Document with Proposals Map. This will identify specific minerals and waste sites and provide a framework of development control policies to access future minerals and waste applications in the Tees Valley. The Policies and Sites DPD will be in conformity with the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Core Strategy.
- 3.3 The Council approved the 'publication' versions of the DPDs in July 2009, following which representations were invited on the soundness of the documents. To be found sound a DPD should be **justified, effective and consistent with national policy**. These were considered as the final versions of the documents that were to be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.
- 3.4 During this consultation stage, a number of organisations and individual made representations to the DPDs. The vast majority of the representations were of a minor nature. However, specific issues concerning the approach to minerals extraction and the delivery of large scale waste facilities were raised. These were considered to be of a 'significant nature', which could have led to the DPDs being found 'unsound' at examination if they are not fully assessed. It was therefore decided that the DPDs should not be submitted to Government without further consideration by the Tees Valley local authorities.

#### 4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 Since the 'publication' stage, discussions have been ongoing to determine the most appropriate way of addressing these issues. This has culminated in the preparation of three 'Schedules of Proposed Changes' setting out how the DPDs should be amended. These are as follows:
- Schedule of Changes to the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document.
  - Schedule of Changes to the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Policies and Sites Development Plan Document.
  - Schedule of Changes to the Tees Valley Joint Minerals and Waste Development Plan Document Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment.
- 4.2 In addition to these proposed changes and in response to advice from Government Office North East, an 'Infrastructure Strategy' has been prepared as an additional background evidence paper. This demonstrates how existing and planned infrastructure, such as roads and railways, will be

able to accommodate anticipated minerals and waste developments over the plan period.

## **5. NEXT STEPS AND FUTURE STAGES TO ADOPTION**

- 5.1 The Schedules of Proposed Changes and Infrastructure Strategy will be published to enable representations to be made on these changes, before the DPDs and the amendments are submitted to the Secretary of State for examination. This will be in the form of a statutory six week consultation period between August and October 2010.
- 5.2 Following the consultation, the DPDs, the proposed changes and minor amendments arising from new representations will be submitted to the Secretary of State who will appoint an Inspector to hold a public examination into the legal compliance and “soundness” of the DPDs. Adoption of the DPDs is currently timetabled for the summer of 2011.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 That Council authorise the following:

(a) members approve the publication of the Schedule of Proposed Changes and the associated Infrastructure Strategy in so far as they relate to the Borough of Hartlepool for public consultation;

(b) subject to no substantive changes to the documents being necessary following publication, approval be given for subsequent submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for Independent Examination ; and

(c) authority is given for the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Planning Policy, to make any necessary minor amendments to the documents prior to submission to the Secretary of State.

## **7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 Copies of the Schedules of Proposed Changes and Infrastructure Strategy have been placed in the Member’s Room and can be accessed online on the planning policy page of the Council’s website [www.hartlepool.gov.uk](http://www.hartlepool.gov.uk) or obtained from the contact officer below.

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**COUNCIL**  
5 August 2010



**Report of:** The Mayor, as Community Safety and Housing Portfolio Holder

**Subject:** CHANGES TO THE HARTLEPOOL LOCAL PLAN  
2006 LOCAL CENTRE BOUNDARIES

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To propose changes to ten of the Local Centre boundaries currently saved under Policy Com5 of the 2006 Hartlepool Local Plan and to incorporate a new local centre at Belle Vue. This is an important policy and is used to inform planning decisions within the local centres around the town, meaning that the boundaries need to be regularly reviewed. Council approval of these changes is required as they relate to the Development Plan for the town which forms part of the Budget and Policy Framework.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Local Centre survey for the Borough is conducted annually between the months of April and June. The most recent one was conducted in June 2010. The main aim of the survey is to assess the vacancy rates and composition status of different types of services within the Local Centres. Results of the survey are occasionally referred to when determining planning applications. Policy Com5 may be used to help ensure that local centres maintain a balance of facilities and for instance avoid an oversupply of certain types of service.
- 2.2 There are currently 19 local centres in the Borough as reflected in Policy Com5 of the Hartlepool Local Plan 2006. The 2010 survey indicates a need to re-draw boundaries of some local centres to reflect development activities and changes that have occurred over the years since the Local Plan was adopted in 2006.

### 3. PROPOSALS

#### 3.1 The proposed changes to the local centre boundaries are explained below and are illustrated in **Appendix 1**:

1. **Brenda Road/Sydenham Road** – It has been necessary to extend this local centre to the south to include two large retail units. The boundary has also been slightly altered to remove residential properties to the east.

2. **Brierton Lane** - The current boundary has been amended to more accurately reflect the boundaries of the doctors surgery and car park.

3. **Middle Warren** – The boundary as currently illustrated within the Local Plan was an indicative area to safeguard the delivery of a local centre for Middle Warren. The local centre has been built since the Plan was adopted and the boundary of the local centre is significantly different from the area shown on the proposals map and therefore needs redrawing.

4. **Murray Street** – It is proposed to extend the Murray Street local centre northwards to include a number of retail units currently outside of the local centre boundary and also to include two units on the western edge that are currently excluded.

5. **Owton Manor (East)** – It is proposed to extend the boundary to include an off licence and a post office that currently lie outside of the boundary and also to include the servicing area to the rear of the shops.

6. **Owton Manor (West)** – It is proposed to slightly reduce the boundary at the western end to exclude a residential property.

7. **Oxford Road** – It is proposed to alter the boundary to exclude residential properties in the west and to include retail units in the east.

8. **Raby Road/Chatham Road** - Due to the demolition of a large number of properties on the western side of Raby Road as part of the Headway housing re-development scheme, the north western area has now been excluded from the boundary to create a more compact local centre.

9. **Wiltshire Way** – This local centre has grown substantially since the adoption of the Local Plan and therefore it is felt appropriate to extend the boundary to accurately reflect this.

10. **Wynyard Road** – It is proposed to alter the boundary to exclude the Housing Hartlepool offices which do not fall within the accepted use class for a local centre and to include the nursing home and the Gold Mine Bar and Grill.

#### 3.2 A further change that has occurred since the adoption of the Hartlepool Local Plan is the construction of the new retail units at **Belle Vue** (located at the intersection of Bellevue Way and Brenda Road) which need to be

included as a new local centre under Policy Com5 of the Hartlepool Local Plan. The proposed boundary for this new local centre is included in **Appendix 2**.

**4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with making these changes to the local centre boundaries.

**5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 That Council approve the proposed changes to the Local Centre boundaries as described within this report.

**6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 To ensure that the Development Plan for the town is updated and reflects changes within the individual local centres.

**7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 See **Appendix 1 and 2**.

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## Appendix 1

### Brenda Road/Sydenham Road Local Centre



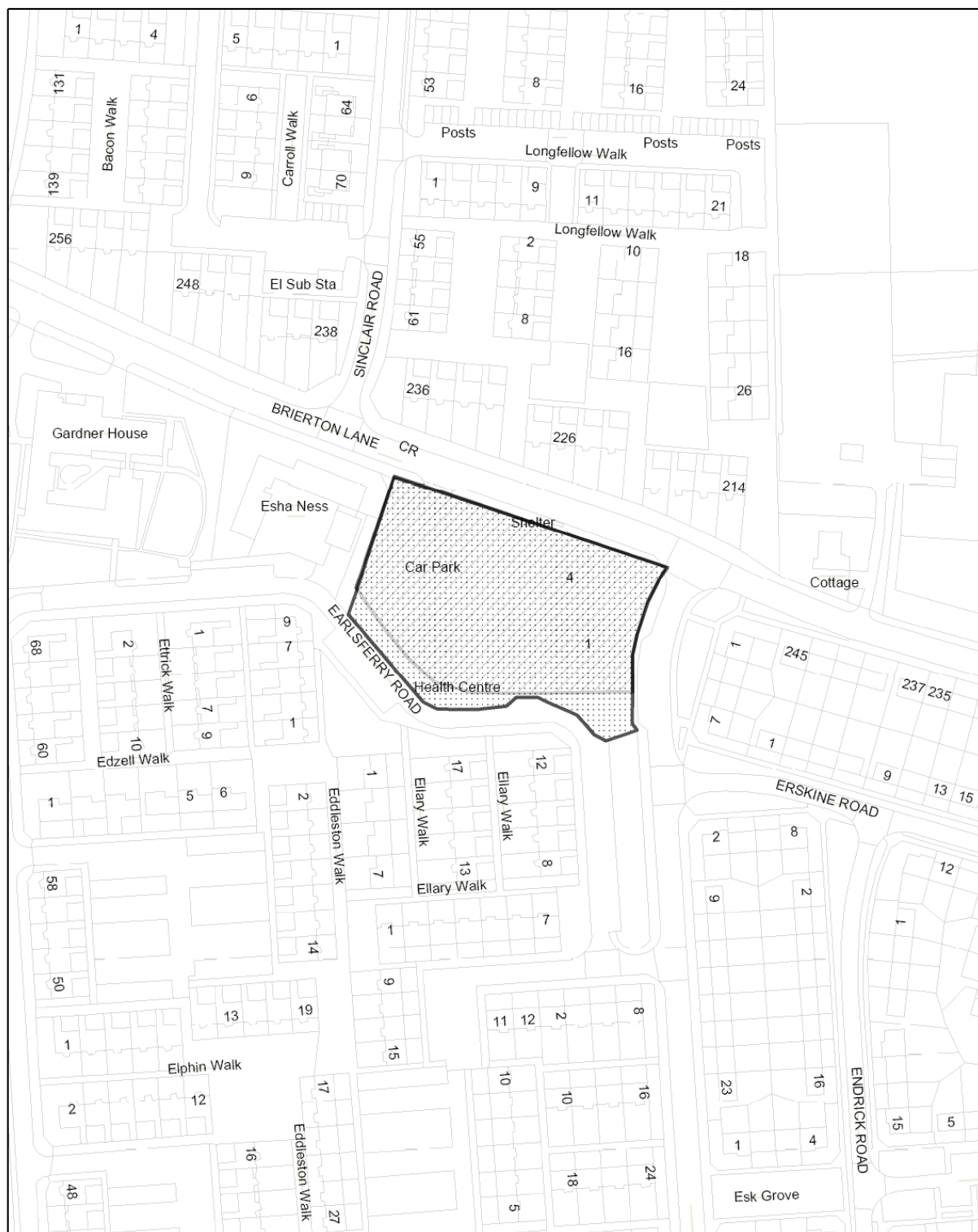
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## Brierton Lane Local Centre



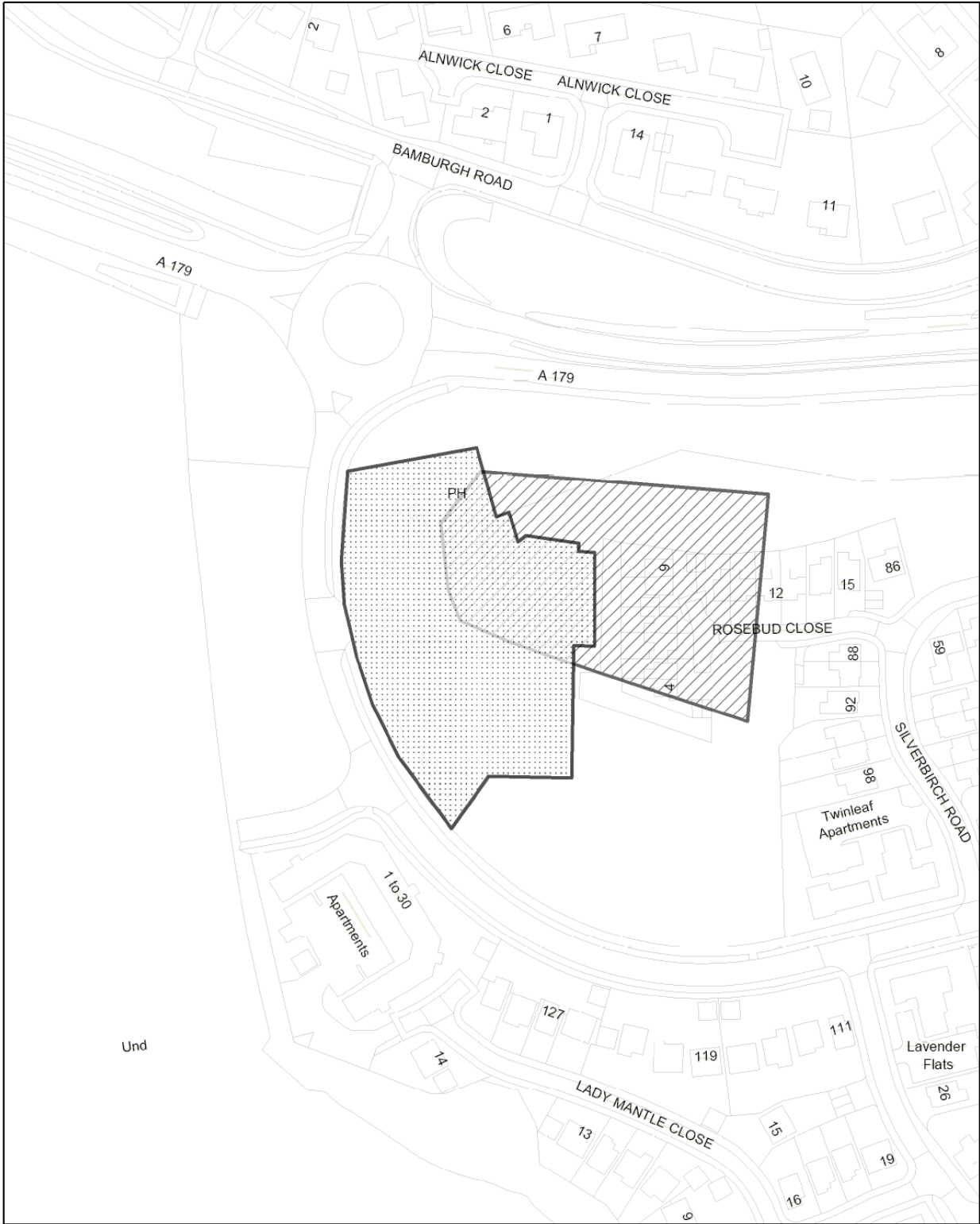
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Middle Warren Local Centre



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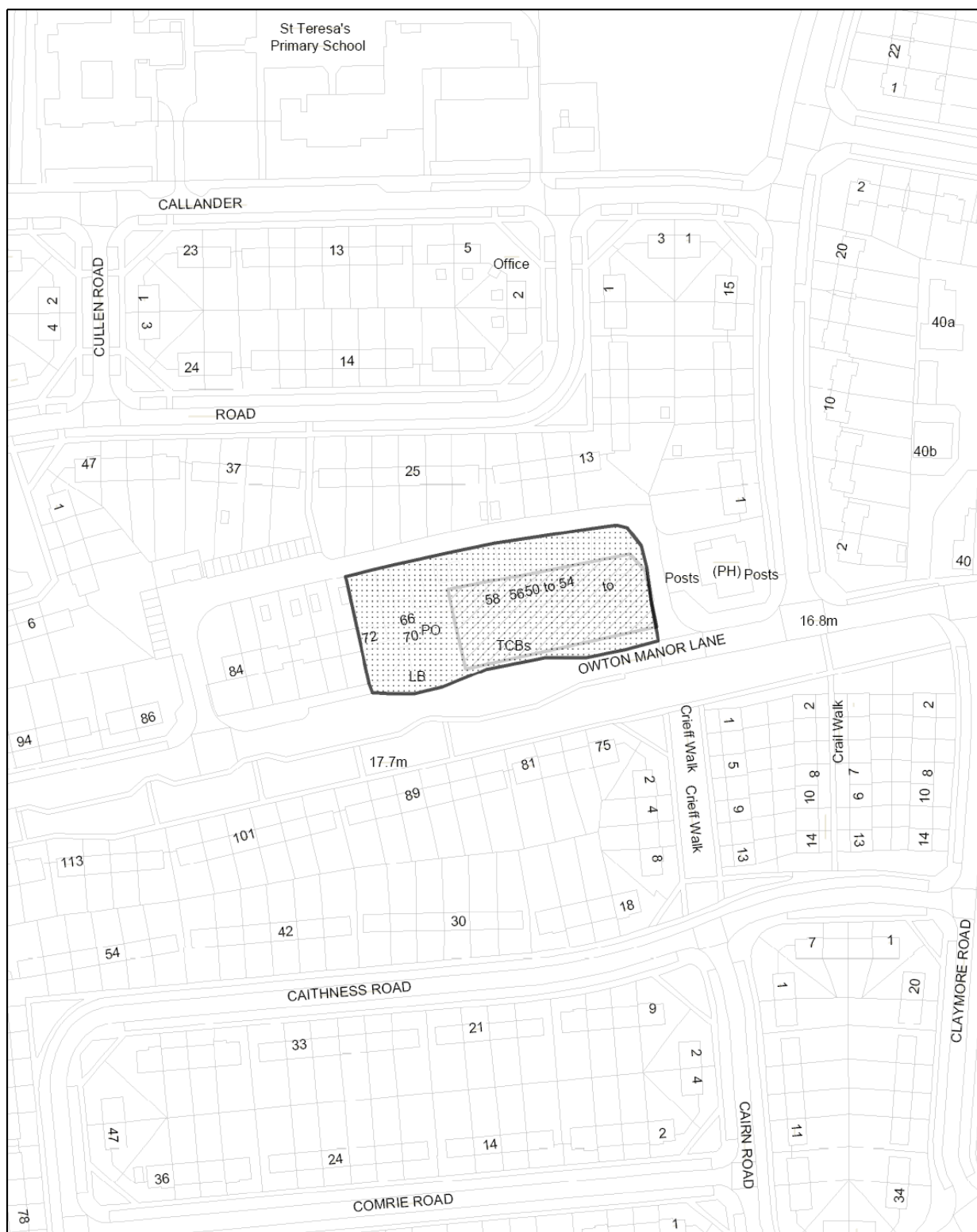


## Murray Street Local Centre





## Owton Manor East Local Centre



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- Proposed Boundary
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## Owton Manor West Local Centre



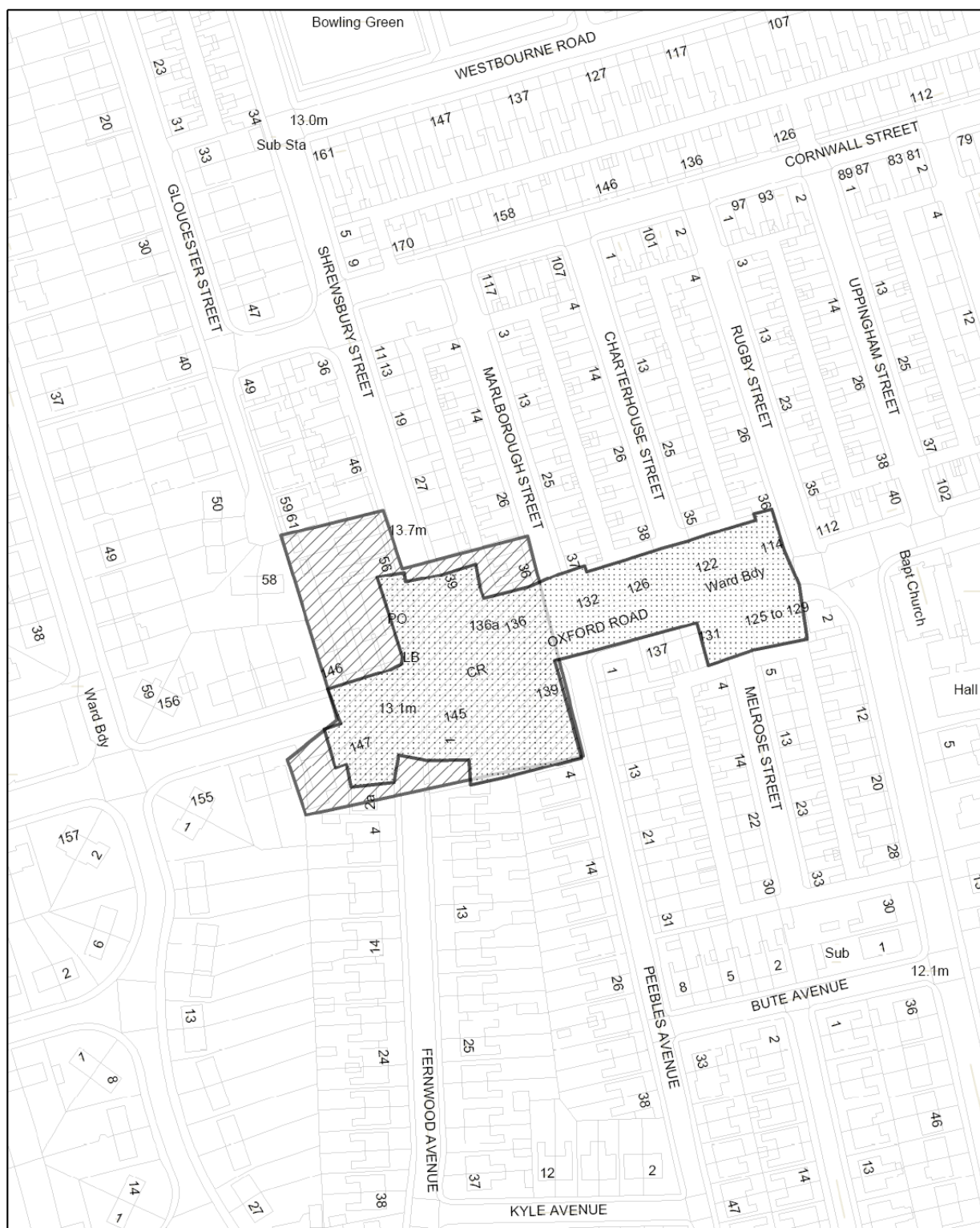
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# Oxford Road Local Centre



## Legend

-  Proposed Boundary
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## Raby Road/Chatham Road Local Centre



### Legend

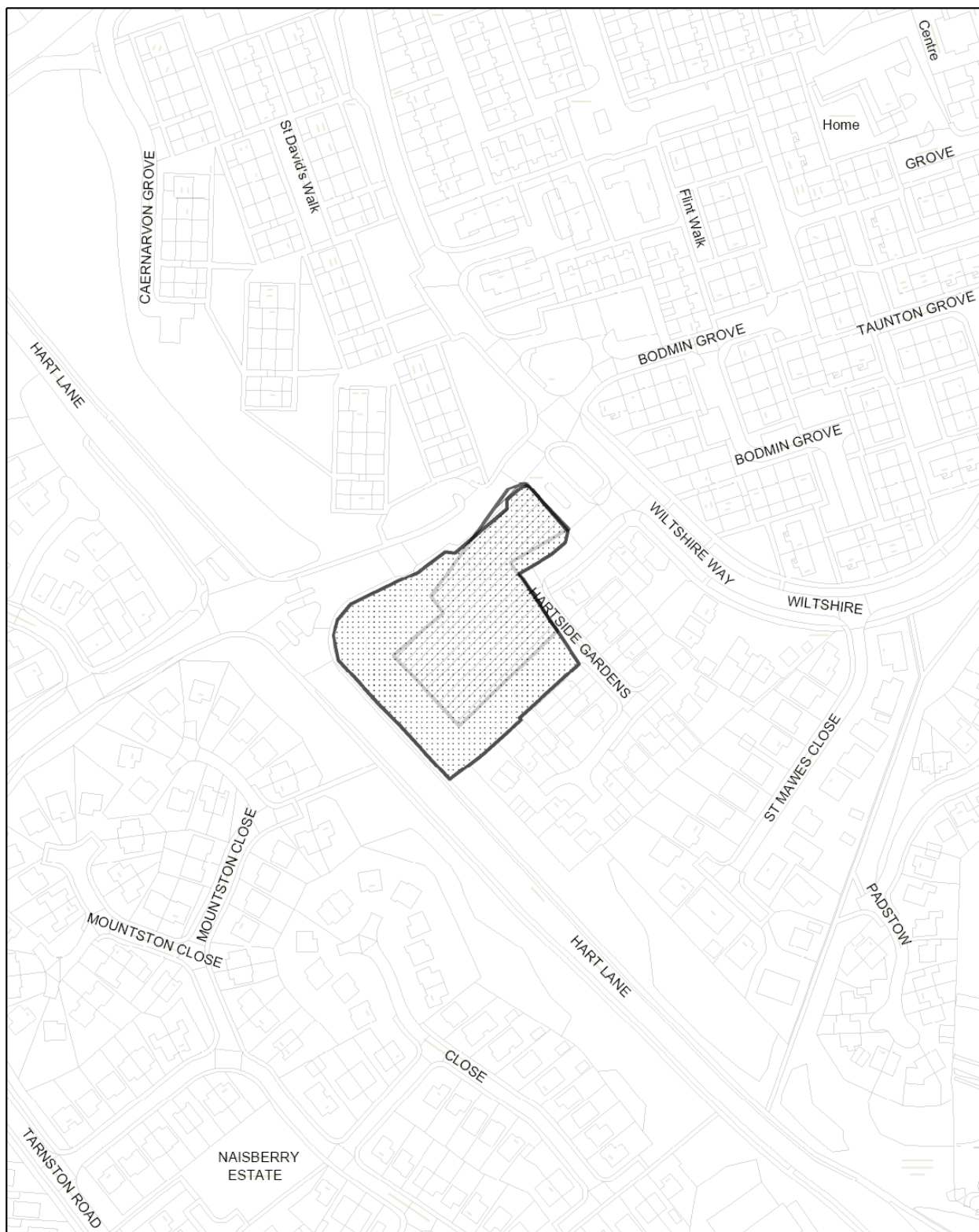
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## Wiltshire Way Local Centre



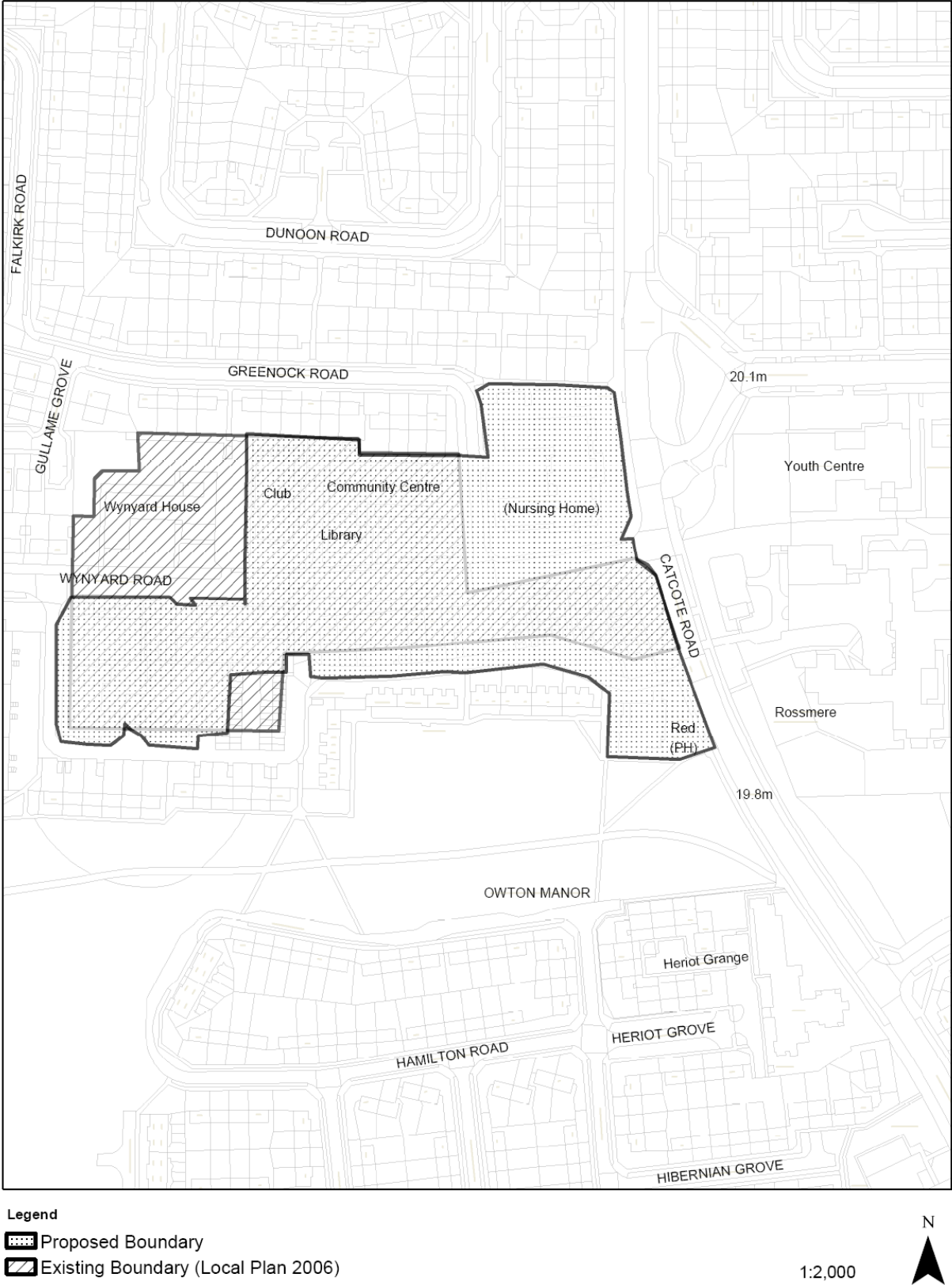
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Wynyard Road Local Centre





## Appendix 2

### Belle Vue Local Centre



#### Legend

-  Proposed Boundary
-  Existing Boundary (Local Plan 2006)

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**COUNCIL**  
5 August 2010



**Report of:** The Executive (to be presented by The Mayor)

**Subject:** YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN 2010 - 2011

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To consider the Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2010 – 2011 for approval.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Youth Justice Board requires all Youth Offending Services to submit a Youth Justice Strategic Plan.

The attached Youth Justice Strategic Plan for 2010 – 2011 (**Appendix 1**) addresses the four key areas identified by the Youth Justice Board:

- Resourcing and value for money
- Structure and governance
- Partnership arrangements
- Risks to future delivery

In addition the plan details the Youth Offending Service priorities for 2010 – 2011 and the achievements during 2009 – 2010.

**3. DECISION MAKING ROUTE FOR THE PLAN**

- 3.1 The plan is part of the Budget and Policy Framework for the Authority. The programme has been fulfilled as follows:
- 1) Proposals for the development of the Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2010 - 2011 were considered and approved by the Cabinet on 28 June 2010.
  - 2) The draft Youth Justice Strategic Plan was considered by the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum on 8 July 2010.
  - 3) The final plan was considered by Cabinet on 19 July 2010 and has been approved. The plan is to be submitted to the Youth Justice Board by 31 August 2010.



**4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Council approves the Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2010 – 2011 for submission to the Youth Justice Board.



# HARTLEPOOL YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE

Final  
DRAFT

STRATEGIC PLAN

2010 - 2011

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## **Section 1**

### **1. Needs Analysis**

#### **1.1 Local Demographics**

Hartlepool Youth Offending Service is located in the North East region of England, with an estimated population of 91,865 of which 10,120 or 11% are aged 10 – 17 years. The 10 – 17 population is predominantly white British (97.5%), with people from black and minority ethnic backgrounds making up 2.5% of the population.

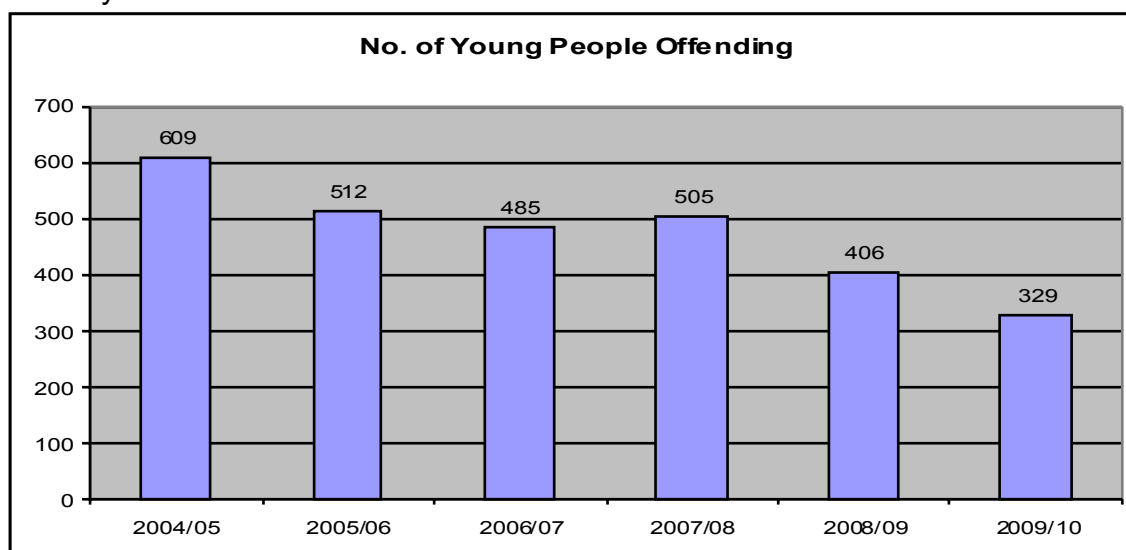
Of the 354 local authorities Hartlepool is ranked the 23<sup>rd</sup> most deprived (2007). Hartlepool has 17 wards, seven of which fall into the top 10% of the most deprived wards in Britain. Five wards fall into the top 3% and one ward is in the top 1% most deprived.

The unemployment level in Hartlepool is 6.8%.which is above the average for the Tees Valley at 6.1%, North East 5.0% and nationally 3.9%.

Organisational structures are in place to support partnership working across the Tees Valley (Darlington, Hartlepool, Stockton and South Tees Youth Offending Services). Intensive Supervision and Surveillance (ISS) is currently delivered by the Tees Valley ISS Consortium with case workers dedicated to Hartlepool Youth Offending Service; however it is likely that the consortium will be disaggregated during the coming year.

#### **1.2 Youth Crime**

In 2009/10 Hartlepool Youth Offending Service dealt with 329 young people (3.3% of 10 – 17 population) who committed 632 offences. This represents a 19% reduction in offenders and 9.6% reduction in offences when compared to the previous year. This is a continuation of the general downward trend over recent years.



In 2009/10 the breakdown by age and gender of the 329 young people offending was as follows:

Age	Male	Female	Total
10	3	1	4
11	4	1	5
12	11	4	15
13	19	5	24
14	35	10	45
15	38	21	59
16	64	17	81
17	49	10	59
18	36	1	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>329</b>

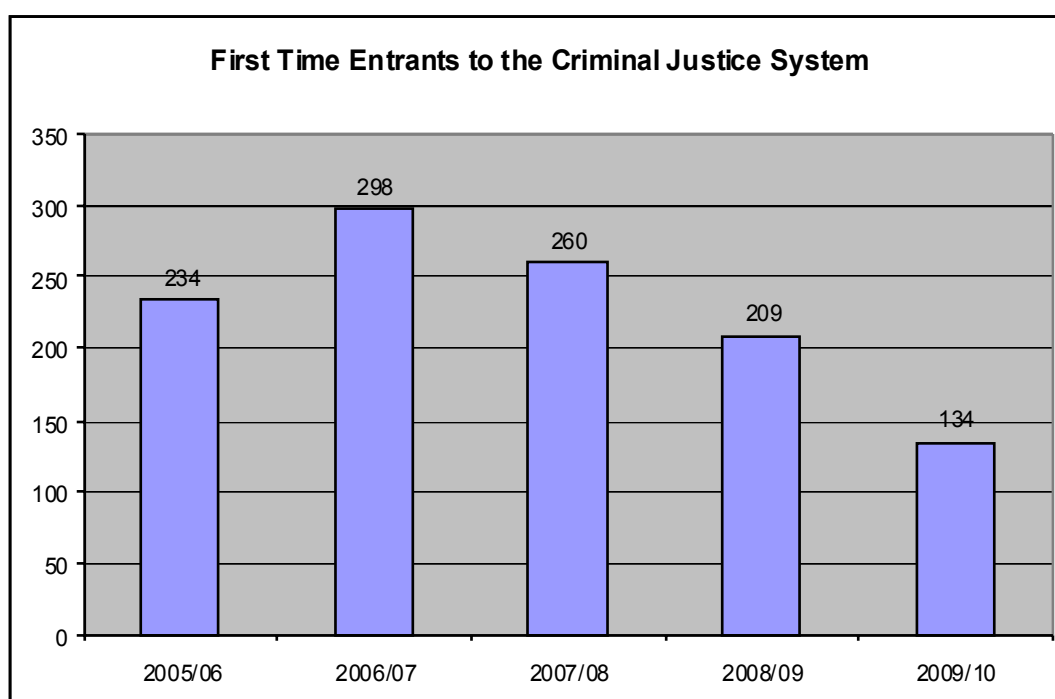
### Types and Number of Offences Committed by Young People

	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10
Violence Against Person	106	124	187	146	117	128
Racially Aggravated Offences	1	3	8	2	0	3
Sexual Offence	2	2	2	3	5	1
Death or Injury by Reckless Driving	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motoring Offences	169	136	87	74	51	73
Robbery	8	3	4	0	6	4
Domestic Burglary	17	22	47	35	22	14
Non-Domestic Burglary	7	11	16	14	25	8
Vehicle Theft	28	35	24	30	12	21
Theft and Handling	167	142	215	245	200	140
Fraud and Forgery	2	5	13	2	1	5
Arson	0	4	9	8	6	1
Criminal Damage	90	90	140	121	109	103
Drugs Offence	18	16	13	9	23	22
Public Order	36	51	104	101	71	57
Other	23	14	19	18	9	11
Breach of Conditional Discharge	3	2	5	6	6	3
Breach of Statutory Order	21	8	45	33	28	38
Breach of Bail	9	14	14	11	8	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>632</b>

Of the 329 young people offending 27 (8%) committed 5 or more offences accounting for 33% of the 632 offences

Whilst the Youth Offending Service has been successful in reducing the numbers of young people being dealt with in the youth justice system, those remaining require more intensive work and close supervision if we are to continue to reduce offending and reoffending.

The introduction of Triage in the police custody suite and the Team Around the School approach to prevention work has strengthened linkages with all partner agencies identifying earlier those children and young people who are at risk of becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour. Every secondary school has an allocated Youth Offending Service Prevention Worker who spends at least two days per week working in the school. These initiatives have contributed to the number of young people entering the Criminal Justice system for the first time decreasing by 35.9% in 2009/10 compared to the previous year, which continues the downward trend achieved in recent years.



The 35.9% reduction in first time entrants compares favourably to the North East reduction of 32.5%, a family reduction of 26.9%, and an England reduction of 25.1%.

## **Section 2**

### **2.1 Resourcing and Value for Money**

The Youth Offending Service budget for 2010/11 has remained relatively stable with contributions from partner agencies being similar to the previous year with inflation added. The Local Authority contribution has diminished slightly, but this is due to a change in the staffing arrangements resulting from the business transformation process with the information officer becoming part of the central ICT team. The budget is made up of grants from the Youth Justice Board (YJB) and contributions from statutory partners (Health, Police, Probation and Children's Social Care). Hartlepool Borough Council is the major funding partner.

Youth Offending Service contributions 2010/11:

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contribution £</b>
Police	77,602
Probation	52,382
Health	62,776
Local Authority	627,047
Youth Justice Board	535,867
Other	57,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,413,374</b>

A significant risk to the financial position of the Youth Offending Service in the future is the uncertainty associated with the grants currently received by the YOS, namely:

- Core funding: which supports the delivery of services by the Youth Offending Service.
- Integrated Resettlement Support: supports young people on custodial sentences and those in the community to access a range of interventions and treatments to meet their identified resettlement needs and provide stability and security in their lives.
- Keeping Young People Engaged: To assist and support young people to engage in education, training or employment
- Prevention: To identify and support young people and their families who are at risk of becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Youth Crime Action Plan: Work with young people arrested for minor offences to prevent them entering the criminal justice system. Reparation activity in the community on evenings and weekends

If funding remains the same during the current year there are sufficient resources and staff to deliver youth justice services in line with national standards.

The Youth Offending Service Management Board has supported workforce development with sufficient resources to ensure staff and volunteers have all the necessary support, training and advice to improve their skills and knowledge to deliver effective youth justice services.

Hartlepool has played an active role in the Regional YJB Workforce Development Group and successfully met the training targets set by the YJB. The group has made positive links with the Open University and provides relevant INSET training in which Hartlepool Youth Offending Service participates and makes a financial contribution.

## **2.2 Achievements 2009/10**

- Met training targets.
- Delivered services within the budget.
- Delivery of Prevention Services through Triage and Team Around the School.
- Recruited and trained 7 additional Referral Order Panel Volunteers

## **Strategic Priorities 2010/11.**

- Continue to develop and improve interactions to address the needs of young people following the introduction of the Youth Rehabilitation Order and the Scaled Approach.
- Undertake a training needs analysis to support staff with appropriate and relevant training.
- Ensure arrangements are in place for service provision in 2011/12 in light of government spending review (Autumn 2010)



### **Section 3**

#### **3. Structure and Governance**

##### **3.1 Structure**

The Youth Offending Service is currently structured into two main areas; prevention and statutory work.

The Prevention Team works with children and young people at risk of becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour who require support to prevent them entering the criminal justice system. The team also work with those young people who have come to the attention of the Police and have been the subject of a triage intervention, reprimand or final warning. Each worker within the team is attached to a designated secondary school as part of the Team Around the School arrangements.

The statutory work is undertaken with young people aged 10 – 17 who have entered the criminal justice system and are subject to a court order.

The team work closely with the Police, Courts and a range of agencies including social care, CAMHS, education, housing and the substance misuse team to deliver services to young people and their families to reduce the risk factors associated with their offending.

The Youth Offending Service currently has a staff team of 41 people, which includes five seconded staff, six outsourced staff, six sessional workers and a student.

The Youth Offending Service has a team of 15 volunteers who sit as Referral Order Panel members.

All staff and volunteers are subject to enhanced CRB checks which are renewed every three years.

Hartlepool Youth Offending Service is committed to workforce development, understanding the need to develop and maintain a competent and skilled workforce able to deliver an effective and efficient Criminal Justice service.

##### **3.2 Governance**

Following the Core Case Inspection in October 2009 which highlighted a lack of integrated working to safeguard and protect children and young people, the local authority reviewed the location of the Youth Offending Service. It was agreed that the Youth Offending Service should be located within the Prevention, Safeguarding and Specialist Services Division of the Child and Adult Services Department to provide a direct link to other Children's Services and support case management at a child centred level.

There is a close working relationship with the Community Safety and Public Protection Division, particularly in terms of providing better outcomes for children and young people.

The Youth Offending Service Management Board is chaired by the Director of Child and Adult Services and has representatives from Child and Adult Services, Community Safety, Police, Probation, Health, Courts and Housing.

The leadership, composition and role of the Management Board are crucial as the Board is directly responsible for:

- Delivery of the principal aim of preventing offending and re-offending and accountability for performance against the youth justice national indicators
- Strategic and performance oversight
- Ensuring the effective delivery of youth justice services for children and young people
- Accountability and representation of youth justice issues
- Ensuring children and young people involved in the Criminal Justice System have access to universal and specialist services delivered by partners and other key agencies.

The Management Board meets on a bi-monthly basis and monitors the performance of the Youth Offending Service against the National Indicators, comparing data against family groups regionally and nationally. Due to the size of Hartlepool members of the board also participate in many other related boards and groups which helps ensure effective partnership working at a strategic level and provides synergies between strategic plans and service delivery.

### 3.3 **Membership of the Board**

Nicola Bailey	-	Director, Child and Adult Services
Alison Mawson	-	Assistant Director, Community Safety and Public Protection
Sally Robinson	-	Assistant Director, Prevention, Safeguarding and Specialist Services Child and Adult Services
Khalid Azam	-	Assistant Director, Children's Services PCT
June Fawcett	-	Senior Clinical Nurse – Children and Young People
Lucia Saiger	-	Director of Offender Services, Durham Tees Valley Trust
Jean Bell	-	Principal Legal Advisor Hartlepool Magistrates Court

Peter Knights - Inspector Neighbourhood Safety

Lynda Igoe - Principal Housing Advice Officer

The Youth Offending Service Manager is a member of a number of groups where strategies need to take into account young people who offend for example Criminal Justice Intervention Managers, Anti-social Behaviour, Family Intervention Project, Parenting Strategy, Substance Misuse, Pupil Referral Unit Management Board, Social Inclusion Strategy Group, Children's Trust Infrastructure Group, Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA), Strategic Management Board, and Local Children's Safeguarding Board and the Cleveland Criminal Justice Board. The Youth Offending Service is represented on the Children's Trust, Local Safeguarding Children Board and the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership.

### 3.4 **Achievements 2009/10**

- Successful move of line management responsibility of the Youth Offending Service
- Strong partnership working in Hartlepool

### 3.5 **Strategic Priorities 2010/11**

- Implement the action plan from the Core Case Inspection to improve quality of practice and effectiveness of service delivery.
- To work closely with the Youth Justice Board Performance Improvement Team to address:
  1. Governance and leadership.
  2. Performance and quality systems.
  3. Resources, practices and processes.
  4. Partnership working
  5. People and organisation.
- Management Board to secure representation from the voluntary and community sector.

## **Section 4**

### **4.1 Partnership Arrangements**

Partnership working across the statutory and voluntary sector is well established and effective. Relevant partners second the appropriate level of staff and contribute funding to the Youth Offending Service pooled budget. Additional sources of income have been achieved through successful partnership bids to the Youth Justice Board and the Youth Crime Action Plan, which supports projects such as prevention, parenting, mentoring, reparation schemes, restorative justice and the Integrated Resettlement Service.

Intensive Supervision and Surveillance funding is obtained via the Tees Valley through the four Youth Offending Services (South Tees, Stockton, Darlington and Hartlepool) working together and delivering on a sub regional basis.

The Youth Offending Service is a key member of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership, which is a crime prevention and community safety service, covering anti-social behaviour, prevention of offending and re-offending, drugs and alcohol with a focus upon public reassurance.

Service level agreements and protocols are in place with partner agencies for referrals and delivery of appropriate services to young people and their families to meet their needs.

A protocol is in place which sets out the working arrangements between Children's Social Care and the Youth Offending Service to ensure delivery of effective joint working with young people to achieve positive outcomes.

A Service Level agreement exists with Barnardo's to deliver parenting support and interventions to parents requesting help and to those subject to a parenting order imposed by the courts who have not previously engaged with parenting services. Barnardo's also provide mentoring programmes to support young people in the criminal justice system.

The Children's Society deliver restorative justice interventions including victim offender mediation and work with victims in completing victim impact statements to be used in the work with the offender.

Prevention services have been developed by the multi-agency involvement in Team Around the School, with a significant decrease in the number of young people entering the criminal justice system.

A good working relationship with the local Police has facilitated the implementation of 'Triage' for young people in Police custody who would previously have received a conviction. The Triage intervention addresses the young persons offending and includes a restorative activity. If the young person successfully completes the Triage intervention there will be no further

action from the Police. As a result the young person does not have a criminal record, which could affect their life chances in the future.

The Youth Offending Service is represented within the Children's Trust Partnership and is a member of the appropriate sub-groups of the Trust. It is also represented on the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

The Positive Contribution element of the Children and Young People's Plan includes the work of the Youth Offending Service in preventing crime and anti-social behaviour.

#### **4.2 Achievements 2009/10**

- Implementation of the Team Around the School with a Prevention Worker allocated to each secondary school.
- Introduction of 'Triage' at the point of arrest for young people who are assessed by a Prevention Worker. Young people and their parents are offered support and guidance and undertake an intervention which includes a restorative approach. Where young people complete the intervention they are diverted out of the Criminal Justice System.
- The inspection of youth offending work in Youth Crime Prevention in December 2009 commented "that Hartlepool's prevention approach was in our collective opinion the best structured one we have seen in our field of work. This structure is supported by excellent professional relationships between all agencies, a genuine common purpose ethos was detected"
- The successful introduction and implementation of the Youth Rehabilitation Order and the Scaled Approach.
- Feedback from victims of crime indicates a high satisfaction level.
- Performed well against the National Indicators when compared to the North East region the family group and England for:
  - Reductions in first time entrants.
  - Low custody rates.
  - Young people in education, training or employment.

#### **4.3 Strategic Priorities 2010/11**

- Sustain the reduction of first time entrants into the Criminal Justice System through the delivery of effective prevention services.
- Strengthen restorative justice services that support victims of crime and provide confidence to the community and Criminal Justice system.
- Update procedures and partnership working arrangements.
- Continue to work closely with community sector partners to make interventions that are meaningful and address education, training and employment.
- Review of protocol with Housing regarding homeless 16/17 year olds.
- Review Information Sharing and recording arrangements with Health
- Undertake audit of domestic violence relating to young people in the Youth Justice system.

## **Section 5**

### **5.1 Risks to Future Delivery**

Major changes to legislation and ways of working have resulted from the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 (which introduced the Youth Rehabilitation Order) and the Youth Justice Board's Scaled Approach which were implemented at the end of November 2009. These changes enable the service to deliver more specific tailored interventions to those young people assessed as being the most likely to re-offend or who present a risk of serious harm to others. Minimum levels of contact are based upon the young persons assessed score using ASSET (assessment tool).

Prior to implementation of the Scaled Approach and the Youth Rehabilitation Order, all Youth Offending Services completed a forecasting toolkit which calculated the levels of contact required under the Scaled Approach. For Hartlepool this predicted a percentage increase in contact with young people of between 12% and 25%; however it was later acknowledge that the tool was not reliable in respect of smaller Youth Offending Services such as Hartlepool. To date there has been little impact in terms of increased contact but there has been an increase in reparation activity of approximately 50%. Reparation is supervised by the Reparation Officer with support from sessional workers however due to the increased hours, a sessional worker has been employed almost fulltime to meet the increased demand. Both the Reparation Officer and the sessional support workers are grant funded.

A further risk relates to the allocation of future grant funding and the possible loss of trained and experienced staff who have concerns relating to future funding and begin to look at employment opportunities elsewhere. (Sustainability of services needs to be reviewed during the current year)

Recruitment of social work staff has proved problematic in the past year; however, all social work posts are now filled. A pool of sessional workers has been recruited and trained to ensure that services continue to be delivered to young people in the event of staff absence.

The inspection of youth offending work in Hartlepool by the HMI Probation Inspection Team in October 2009 found that "improvements were needed in the quality of assessment and planning and work to manage vulnerability and safeguarding. We also found that work with Children's Services was not sufficient in all cases to safeguard all children and young people".

The recommendation from Local Management Reports following serious incidents during 2009/10 identified similar issues in relation to the management of vulnerability and the need for multi agency involvement in the planning process and the delivery of services.

The disaggregation of the Tees Valley Intensive Supervision and Surveillance consortium whilst offering opportunities to reshape and strengthen Intensive

Supervision and Surveillance programmes within Hartlepool Youth Offending Service, this also presents a risk in respect of the funding allocation formula not fully reflecting the use of Intensive Supervision and Surveillance in Hartlepool over recent years when there has been a full complement of staff.

## **5.2 Strategic Priorities 2010/11**

- Review the sustainability of current services.
- Ensure the disaggregation of Intensive Supervision and Surveillance is achieved with no disruption to services and appropriate funding obtained to support the programme.

# COUNCIL REPORT

5<sup>th</sup> August, 2010



**Report of:** THE CABINET

**Subject:** STRATEGY FOR MANAGING REDUCTIONS IN  
2010/11 GOVERNMENT GRANTS

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## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present details of the proposed strategy for managing reductions in 2010/11 Government grants.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 24 May 2010, the government announced details of cross government departmental savings in 2010/11 of £6.2 billion, this included £1.166 billion of Local Government savings. Details of the impact on 2010/11 grant allocations for individual councils were not provided by the Government until 10 June 2010. For Hartlepool the revenue grant cut is £2.154m and the capital cut is £1.402m.
- 2.2 Initial proposals for managing these funding reductions were considered by Cabinet on 19<sup>th</sup> July. A further report will be considered by Cabinet on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2010 and a copy of this report is attached (**Appendix 1**)
- 2.3 The attached report details a proposed strategy for managing the cuts in both revenue and capital grants which are being made in the current year. The Cabinet report emphasises that this issue needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency to avoid spending money the Council will not now receive and to protect the financial position beyond the current financial year.

## 3. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS BY COUNCIL

- 3.1 As indicated above Cabinet will consider the attached report, and feedback from the Council Working Group on 27<sup>th</sup> July at its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, before they finalise the proposed strategy for managing in year grant cuts they wish to refer to Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2010.
- 3.2 A copy of the 2<sup>nd</sup> August Cabinet report was provided to all Members in advance of the Council Working Group to enable Members to familiarise themselves with the issues affecting the Council.



- 3.3 Once Cabinet have finalised their proposals a further report will, if necessary, be issued to Council to advise Members of any changes to the proposals detailed in the attached report.

**4. PROPOSALS**

- 4.1 Details of the proposal Cabinet will be referring to Council are provided in paragraph 8 of the attached report. Revised proposals will be issued before your meeting to detail any changes made by Cabinet at its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2010.

# CABINET REPORT

02 August 2010



**Report of:** Corporate Management Team

**Subject:** STRATEGY FOR MANAGING REDUCTIONS IN  
2010/11 GOVERNMENT GRANTS

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## SUMMARY

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To revisit the report of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and enable Cabinet to determine a strategy for managing reductions in respect of in year 2010/11 Government grants.

### 2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

- 2.1 A report was considered at Cabinet's previous meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010 which provided details of 2010/11 grant cuts announced by the Government on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and the impact on the Council.
- 2.2 The reductions in 2010/11 grants are a precursor to more significant cuts in Government expenditure. This position was confirmed by the Chancellor in his Emergency Budget on 22 June 2010 which indicated non protected Government departments face average cuts of 25% over four years commencing 2011/12. This implies some Government departments will face higher funding cuts. Details of the phasing and impact of these cuts on individual government departments will not be known until the Spending Review is published on 20 October 2010 and possibly much nearer Christmas for the Local Government Settlement.
- 2.3 The 2010/11 direct grant cuts total £3.556m, consisting of revenue grant cuts of £2.154m and capital grant cuts of £1.402m. The previous report advised Members that it is essential that a strategy is developed for managing the 2010/11 grant cuts as a matter of urgency to avoid spending resources the Council will no longer receive and to partly mitigate the financial challenge facing the Council in 2011/12 and future years.
- 2.4 As a range of revenue and capital grants are being cut, different strategies are needed for individual grant streams to reflect the different impacts on the

Council's financial position. The previous report outlined a range of proposals for addressing the various grant cuts. This included initial proposals for addressing the cut in the Area Based Revenue grant of £1.662m, which is the most difficult area to reduce part way through the financial year. These proposals reflected a comprehensive review of schemes currently funded from this grant, including the Working Neighbourhood Fund and identified savings of £0.609m in the current year, towards the required £1.662m.

- 2.5 As requested by Members the initial strategy for managing the Area Based Revenue grant cut has been reviewed to reflect comments made by Members and to also reflect comments from partner organisations on the level of cuts they can achieve in the current year in the Working Neighbourhood Fund element of the Area Based grant. On this basis updated proposals for reducing Area Based grant expenditure have been identified which either reduces all Working Neighbourhood Fund schemes by 10%, or a higher amount where this is possible. In total the revised strategy identifies savings of £0.865m in the current year, compared to the initial savings of £0.609m.
- 2.6 The increase in the proposed savings reduces the amount of temporary funding which needs to be used in the current year. This uncommitted resource can therefore be earmarked to increase the one-off resources allocated to fund potential termination costs of implementing the in-year Area Based Grant reductions. As previously reported a detailed assessment of one-off termination costs still needs to be completed and despite the increase in one-off resources allocated for these potential costs there is still a risk these costs will exceed the available resources. In the event this is the case this issue will need to be addressed as part of the 2010/11 outturn strategy.

### **3. RELEVANCE TO CABINET**

- 3.1 The cuts in Government grants impact on the approved Budget and Policy Framework and Cabinet needs to determine a strategy for managing this position.

### **4. TYPE OF DECISION**

- 4.1 Budget and Policy Framework

### **5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE**

- 5.1 Cabinet 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2010 and Council on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010

### **6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

- 6.1 Cabinet is required to determine a strategy for managing the in-year cuts in Government grants.

**Report of:** Corporate Management Team

**Subject:** STRATEGY FOR MANAGING REDUCTIONS IN  
2010/11 GOVERNMENT GRANTS

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To revisit the report of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and enable Cabinet to determine a strategy for managing reductions in respect of in year 2010/11 Government grants.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 On 24 May 2010, the government announced details of cross government savings in 2010/11 of £6.2 billion, this included £1.166 billion of Local Government savings. Details of the impact on individual councils were not announced until 10 June 2010.

- 2.2 The reductions in 2010/11 grants are a precursor to more significant cuts in Government expenditure. This position was confirmed by the Chancellor in his Emergency Budget on 22 June 2010 which indicated non protected Government departments face average cuts of 25% over four years commencing 2011/12. This implies some Government departments will face higher funding cuts. Details of the phasing and impact of these cuts on individual government departments will not be known until the Spending Review is published on 20 October 2010 and possibly much later.

- 2.3 The Chancellor's Emergency Budget increased the total net reduction in public spending by 2014/15 from £73 billion planned by Labour, to £113 billion. The majority of this reduction, some 73% (£83 billion) will take the form of spending cuts. It is clear from the Chancellor's statement that the public sector faces a sustained period of austerity.

The Council's medium term financial strategy already anticipated a 15% grant reduction over 3 years. This forecast is now looking optimistic and a further report will be submitted to Cabinet to update the financial forecasts for 2011/12 to 2014/15.

- 2.4 In the meantime this report concentrates on developing a strategy for managing the 2010/11 grant cuts. It is essential this issue is addressed in the current year to avoid spending resources the Council will no longer receive and to partly mitigate the financial challenge facing the Council in 2011/12 and future years.

**3. SUMMARY OF 2010/11 GRANT CUTS**

- 3.1 The cuts to 2010/11 grants cover both revenue and capital grants. The Community Secretary has stated that “no individual local authority will face a reduction in their revenue grant of more than 2%”.
- 3.2 This statement is based on the total level of grants paid to a local authority, including the Dedicated Schools Grant, Sure Start, School Development Grant, Social Care Reform Grant, Formula Grant and Area Based Grant. A number of these grants are ring fenced and not controlled by individual local authorities and should therefore not be included when calculating the percentage reduction.
- 3.3 In practice, the largest revenue grant cut relates to the Area Based Grant. At a national level, cuts within the Area Based Grant significantly exceed 2%. At a local level the Council’s overall Area Based Grant has been cut by 10% - which is a reduction of £1.662m.
- 3.4 Details of the direct cuts in 2010/11 grants are as follows:

	<b>Revenue Grant £'000</b>	<b>Capital Grant £'000</b>	<b>Total Grant £'000</b>
<b>Area Based Grant</b>	1,662	0	1,662
<b>Local Public Service Agreement Reward Grant</b>	347	643	990
<b>Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme</b>	40		40
<b>Housing and Planning Delivery Grant</b>	105		105
<b>Integrated Transport Block</b>		259	259
<b>Housing Market Renewal Grant*</b>		500	500
	2,154	1,402	3,556

\* Estimate as the government are still consulting on how the national grant reduction of £50m will be allocated.

- 3.5 Details of known indirect cuts, which are cuts in grants paid by government departments other than Communities and Local Government, for 2010/11 are shown below:
- Free Swims £8k
  - Renaissance in the Regions £20k
  - Youth Capital Fund £33k
  - Harnessing Technology Fund £209k
  - Teachers Development Agency £90k

- Migration Impact Fund\*
- Children's Workforce Development\*
- General Sure Start Capital Grant\*

\* impact on individual Councils not yet provided by Government

#### **4. PROPOSED STRATEGY FOR MANAGING CUTS IN 2010/11 GRANTS**

4.1 As a range of revenue and capital grants are being cut, different strategies are needed for individual grant streams to reflect the different impacts on the Council's financial position. Detailed proposals are outlined in the following paragraphs.

#### **4.2 Proposed strategy for managing Area Based Grant reduction of £1.662m**

4.3 The Area Based Grant (ABG) was introduced in 2009/10 and brought together 39 specific grant schemes into a single grant, which included the Working Neighbourhood Fund (WNF). Additional grants were included from April 2010, most significantly the Supporting People Grant of £4m. In total the Council was due to receive approximately £16m in ABG funding in the current year. The Government have now reduced this funding by £1.662m and indicated individual authorities have flexibility to determine how this cut is managed at a local level.

4.4 This is the most difficult area to manage as a significant number of schemes have been ongoing for more than one year and they are in year cuts after the agreement of the budget for 2010/11. There will therefore be costs of terminating contracts with employees and third parties, which will need to be funded by the Council. In addition, the achievement of permanent cuts of £1.662m part way through the financial year is difficult to achieve. Therefore, in order to manage this position there needs to be a balance between making permanent cuts in year and temporary measures to manage the position on a practical basis. Where temporary measures are implemented in 2010/11 it will be necessary to identify permanent reductions which can be implemented from April 2011 to ensure a sustainable strategy is implemented to avoid exacerbating the deficit which needs to be managed in 2011/12. This report and appendices addresses both of these issues.

4.5 As requested by Members the initial strategy for managing the Working Neighbourhood Fund element of the Area Based Revenue grant cut has been reviewed to reflect comments made by Members and to also reflect comments from partner organisations on the level of cuts they can achieve in the current year. On this basis updated proposals for reducing Area Based grant expenditure have been identified which either reduces all Working Neighbourhood Fund schemes by 10%, or a higher amount where this is possible. In total the revised strategy identifies savings of £0.865m in the current year from the Area Based Grant, compared to the initial savings of £0.609m. Assuming Cabinet approves these proposals there is a net funding shortfall on the Area Based Grant of £0.797m. Details of the revised

proposals for reducing WNF schemes, including partner comments, are included in **Appendix A** and non WNF ABG reductions in **Appendix B**.

- 4.6 The initial strategy identified permanent reductions which can be implemented from April 2011 of £2.156m, which are still achievable. These proposals include the full year impact of the measures proposed for implementation in the current year and additional proposals which need longer lead times to implement. Details of these proposals are also included in Appendices A and B. These measures do not help address the actual grant cut in 2010/11, although as previously reported they do provide the opportunity to consider using temporary measures in 2010/11, provided Cabinet commit to make these additional reductions now. The total ongoing reductions exceed the ABG grant cut made in the current year and this provides some flexibility to address further cuts in the ABG from April 2011, which are highly likely given the direction of travel the Coalition Government have set with the in-year grant cuts and the levels of cuts indicated from 2011/12 in public spending.
- 4.7 In addition to the permanent reductions which have been identified from April 2011 there are a number of projects which operate on a common theme. These projects have been grouped together and shaded on Appendix A. Officers will review these projects as a package to identify further additional reductions which could be made from April 2011 on top of the £2.156m already identified. The outcome of the reviews will be reported to Cabinet at a later date for consideration.
- 4.8 To help manage the impact of the ABG grant cut in 2010/11 a review of contributions made to departmental reserves and contributions to proposed capital schemes has also been completed to reassess priorities to reflect changes in the Council's financial position since the election and the cuts to grants. This review has identified £0.727m of resources which can be reallocated to partly offset the ABG grant cut, as detailed in **Appendix C**. This is only a temporary measure for the current year and permanent reductions in expenditure will need to be implemented before April 2011 to replace this funding. Cabinet need to commit to these reductions for March 2011 otherwise the budget issues faced will be significantly exacerbated. Not to do this now, to give this clarity, will impact significantly on the ability of the authority to manage this difficult position. Proposals to this effect are included in this report, the appendices and the recommendations.
- 4.9 A review of the Centralised Estimate budget, which covers interest and principal repayments on the Council's outstanding debt, net of investment income on cashflow has also been completed. As Members will be aware the Council has an underlying borrowing requirement, based on previous year's capital programmes of £90m at 31 March 2010, compared to actual long term borrowing of £47m. This temporary position has been achieved by temporarily using investments to offset the need for external borrowing. This strategy was adopted to reduce investment counter party exposure. The strategy also provides a temporary saving and based on activity in the first quarter and the forecast position for the remainder of the year an under

spend of £0.5m is expected for 2010/11. This position is not sustainable in the medium term as new long term borrowing will need to be undertaken when reserves are used up and this cost will need to be funded from the existing budget.

- 4.10 The temporary resources identified in the previous paragraphs total £1.227m and this amount marginally exceeds the unfunded ABG shortfall of £0.797m (paragraph 4.5). It is therefore proposed that these temporary resources are used to partly fund the 2010/11 ABG grant and the uncommitted resource of £0.430m is earmarked to fund one-off termination costs of implementing the cuts identified in ABG schemes detailed in Appendices A and B. A detailed assessment of one-off termination costs still needs to be completed and if additional resources are required this will need to be addressed as part of the 2010/11 outturn strategy.
- 4.11 Proposed strategies for managing Local Public Services Agreement Reward (LPSA) Grant reduction of £0.990m**
- 4.12 As reported to Cabinet in May 2010, the Council had achieved an increased number of LPSA targets and was therefore eligible to receive a higher Reward Grant than anticipated. At that time it was reported that there was a risk the new government would review this position. This risk has materialised and the new government have determined to reduce this grant by £125m at a national level. For the Council the reduction is £0.990m and £0.284m for partner organisations (Harbour, Developing Initiative Supporting Communities, Safer Hartlepool Partnership and the Probation Service)
- 4.13 The Council's resources had been earmarked to fund one-off commitments in relation to Dyke House School's temporary transport costs and Building Schools for the Future (BSF) one-off costs. In the short-term it is anticipated that the reduced cash reserves are sufficient to meet expenditure commitments in 2010/11. Beyond the current year this reduction places an additional financial burden on the Council's budget and increases the risk that these costs will need to be funded from General Fund Balances but this will be subject to review later in the year owing to the recent announcements in relation to BSF.
- 4.14 This position will need to be reviewed when the outturn strategy for the current year is developed and the budget for next year is prepared.
- 4.15 Proposed strategy for managing the Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Scheme Grant - reduction of £0.040m**
- 4.16 This amount was allocated to support the budget in 2011/12 and is therefore no longer available. As this is a relatively small amount no action to manage this reduction is proposed.
- 4.17 Proposed Strategy for managing the Housing and Planning Delivery Grant - reduction of £0.105m**



- 4.18 The achievement of this grant had depended on the Council delivering agreed outcomes and has been a risk area for a number of years. In addition, the continuation of this grant was not certain. Therefore, the base budget already includes a provision for this risk so no action is needed to manage this reduction. The removal of this grant does however mean that this resource isn't available for other purposes or to reduce next year's budget gap.

**4.19 Integrated Transport Block Grant - reduction of £0.259m**

- 4.20 This is a capital grant reduction and therefore reduces the size of the investment in transport issues during 2010/11. Given the overall financial position and outlook for future years it is suggested that Cabinet approves the reduction in the capital programme with immediate effect.

**4.21 Housing Market Renewal Grant – estimated reduction of £0.500m**

- 4.22 The government are still consulting on how the national grant reduction of £50m will be allocated, although they have indicated this will be on a pro-rata basis which will mean a cut of £0.5m in funding allocated to the Council.
- 4.23 This reduction will mean that the existing programme of work slows down. Given the overall financial position and outlook for future years it is suggested that Cabinet approve the reduction in the capital programme.

**5. OTHER GRANT CUTS**

- 5.1 In addition to the direct grant cuts made by Communities and Local Government, the Council is also subject to cuts in grant funding from other government departments. Details of known reductions are shown in paragraph 3.5.
- 5.2 These reductions are currently relatively small amounts and it is anticipated these can be absorbed by individual departments. This position will need to be reviewed to reflect ongoing government announcements and details will be reported as they become available.

**6. RISKS**

- 6.1 There are a number of risks of not implementing proposals in the current year to address the cuts in grants. Failure to implement the necessary revenue and capital reductions of £3.556m will mean the Council incurs unbudgeted expenditure and this will fully utilise the authorities un earmarked general fund balances. As previously reported this is not a sustainable position as these reserves need to be maintained for any temporary use and will need to be repaid in the next financial year. This will not be achievable in the current financial climate.

- 6.2 Failure to implement reductions in the current year will result in a significant additional financial liability being carried forward to 2011/12. This position would not be prudent as the Council already faces a significant budget deficit that year and increasing the deficit is likely to make the position unmanageable.
- 6.3 The proposal outlined in this report provides a strategy to address these risks and protect the Council's medium term financial position by implementing reductions in expenditure in the current year.

## **7. CONCLUSION**

- 7.1 The new government have announced a range of cuts to local authority grants in the current year. For Hartlepool the total cut in direct Communities and Local Government grants is £3.556m - £2.154m cut in revenue grants and £1.142 cut in capital grants.
- 7.2 The implementation of in year grant cuts, particularly revenue grants, is difficult to manage at a local level as no advance notice of these reductions was provided by the Government.
- 7.3 The grant cuts adversely affect the Council's existing service and financial plans and require Members to make a number of difficult decisions. The report proposes a range of measures to manage this position which aim to protect, as far as is possible in the current circumstances, the Council's medium term financial position.
- 7.4 The proposals outlined in the report suggest managing the reduction in grants through a combination of in-year reductions in planned expenditure and the use of temporary measures. This strategy provides a longer lead time to implement permanent reductions from April 2011. This proposal is only sustainable if measures to achieve these permanent reductions are approved by Members now as this will provide an adequate lead time to implement these proposals. Equally, the implementation of these permanent reductions will protect the Council's financial position from April 2011 as steps will have been taken to address this grant reduction.
- 7.5 The cuts announced by the government for 2010/11 are a precursor to more significant cuts in government expenditure and grants to Councils over the next four years. The proposals in this report address the permanent grant cuts announced by the Government in June, they do not yet address the higher level of expenditure reductions which will need to be made when the Government announce the next round of much deeper cuts in grant funding. The full impact will not be known until the Spending Review is published on 20 October 2010 and the detailed local government grant settlement in late November, or early December.

**8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approve the following proposals and refer to Council for approval.

- (i) Approve the revised strategy for managing the Area Based Grant reduction as detailed in paragraph 4.2, including revised budget allocations for individual projects for 2010/11 and 2011/12 detailed in Appendices A and B;
- (ii) Approve further reviews to be carried out in order to identify additional reductions from April 2011 with the outcome being reported to Cabinet at a later date (para 4.7);
- (iii) Note the reduction in the Local Public Service Agreement Reward Grant and the resulting reduction in resources allocated to fund one off expenditure commitments;
- (iv) Note the reduction in the Local Authority Business Incentive Scheme Grant and the resulting reduction in resources available to support the 2011/12 budget;
- (v) Note the reduction in the Housing and Planning Delivery Grant which had already been recognised in the budget forecasts for future years;
- (vi) Note the reduction in the Integrated Transport Capital Grant which will reduce the size of investment in transport schemes during 2010/11;
- (vii) Note the estimated reduction in the Housing Market Renewal Grant which will reduce the scale of capital investment which can be undertaken during 2010/11.

INTERNAL WNF PROJECTS

					CMT proposals as at 19/7/10				
Project	Project Description	Lead Dept	Comments	Outputs	2010/11 Agreed WNF Allocation (£'000)	2010/11 Proposed Funding reduction (£'000)	2010/11 New Proposed WNF Allocation (After Cuts) (£'000)	2011/12 Proposed Funding reduction (£'000)	2011/12 Indicative Funding allocation (after cuts) (£'000)
Economic impact evaluation of the Tall Ships	Funding contributes towards the costs of procuring an experienced consultancy (ies) to undertake an independent evaluation	A&CS	No further evaluations required	Economic Impact Evaluation of Tall Ships Races - 1	20	(20)	0	0	0
Project Coordination - HBC	Funding provides support to the Central education projects.	CS	All funding should be reduced and activity could be added to council officer responsibilities	Narrow Gap L2 – 12.9%, Narrow Gap L4 – 22.3%, Attainment L4 – 72.1%, Attainment GCSE – 37.42%, 2Level Progress Eng – 84.6%, 2Level Progress Maths – 86.13%	5	(5)	0	(5)	0
Exercise Referral - HBC	Provides phase 4 cardiac rehabilitation by developing additional provision, qualified instructors & sites of access based in communities of most need.	A&CS	This project could potentially reduce in funding by 50%	Residents Attending Events - 320	28	(8)	20	(28)	0
Schools Environmental Action Officer	Funding supports 2 Officers to work with schools across the NRA and their wider school community to increase knowledge, skills, and accessibility, to environmental opportunities	NS	This project funding could be reduced.	Number of Pupils Involved with Eco Groups - 200, All Schools Integrated into Programme - March 2011	65	(20)	45	(65)	0
WNF Programme Management	Management of the overall WNF package.	R&P	Funding should be slightly cut however covers staff costs.	N/A	42	(2)	40	Review	42
Hartlepool "On Track" Project - HBC	The project re-engages young people aged 16-19, living within the NRA, particularly those from vulnerable groups, who are NEET or at risk of becoming NEET, in education, employment and training opportunities.	CS	Project contributes well to NEET reduction activities.	Young People Engaged in Education, Employment or Tanning - 80	53	(5)	48	(53)	0
Women's Opportunities - HBC	Assists unemployed women (mainly lone parents and women wanting to return to work) to access training courses that will raise their confidence, self-esteem, skills and qualifications, which in turn will help them access employment	R&P	Project contributes well to improving the employment offer for lone parents and returners to the labour market. Saving can be made as staff member leaving.	Young Parents Engaged - 40, Young Parents Completing Career Development Plan - 30, Training - 15, Qualification - 30, Employment - 10, Volunteering - 5, Business Support - 5	76	(15)	61	(76)	0
Enhancing Employability - HBC	It encourages employers to become involved in educational activity to give young people a positive image of the 'world of work'. This activity will include mentoring, work related learning activities, Business Ambassadors and work experience placements.	R&P	Project contributes well to Business Education activities.	Visits re Business / Tourism - 20, Training - 20, Enquiries - 10, Marketing Campaigns - 8	8	0	8	(8)	0
Targeted Training - HBC	This project aims to work with unemployed residents (specifically those who are long term unemployed and young people) to offer pre-recruitment training which is linked to specific skills sectors.	R&P	Project contributes well to worklessness, skills and business support agenda. Full funding required	Employment – 115, Qualifications – 365, Training – 400	122	0	122	Review as package	122
Jobs Build - HBC	To improve employment prospects for residents with new and existing companies in Hartlepool by offering including bursary schemes, job employment grants and self-employment grants.	R&P	Project contributes well to worklessness, skills and business support agenda. Full funding required	Employment - 314, Qualifications - 60, Training - 75	82	0	82	Review as package	82
Workroute ILM - HBC	Workroute ILM provides fixed term contracts of employment for a minimum of 26 weeks to Hartlepool residents from the targeted community areas.	R&P	Project contributes well to worklessness, skills and business support agenda.	Employment - 15, L2 Qualifications - 10, Training - 15, Jobs Created - 15, Sustained - 5	245	(14)	231	Review as package	245
Progression to Work - Assisting local people into work - HBC	P2W ILM provides fixed term contracts of employment for a minimum of 26 weeks to Hartlepool residents from the targeted community areas. Specifically targeted at adults on sickness related benefits.	R&P	Project contributes well to worklessness, skills and business support agenda.	Employment – 42, Training – 20, Jobs Created – 20, Sustained – 5	283	(5)	278	Review as package	283
Hartlepool Worksmart - Improving the Employment Offer - HBC	Work Smart helps to address the issues relating to unemployment within Hartlepool by providing support to employers to assist them to meet their statutory obligations as employers	R&P	Project contributes well to worklessness, skills and business support agenda.	Business Assisted - 280, Seminars - 12	29	(4)	25	0	29
Incubation Systems and Business Skills Training - HBC/OFCA	This project seeks to increase the number of business start ups within Hartlepool through a number of interventions:	R&P	Project contributes well to worklessness, skills and business support agenda. Full funding required	Jobs Created - 110, New Businesses - 65, Training Ops - 40, Business Advised - 115, Self Employment - 45, Social Enterprise Created - 6, Social Enterprises Supported - 20, People Advised - 165	281	0	281	(140)	141

Departmental responses		
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(20.0)	100	£20k to be sourced from overall ABG.
(0.5)	10	None
(8.4)	30	None
(20.0)	31	One post currently vacant after post holder left and will not be recruited for.
(4.0)	10	None
(5.2)	10	None
(15.0)	20	Savings made from Officer leaving post and project now managed from existing Econ Dev staff.
(0.8)	10	None
(12)	10	50% of post funded through core funding.
(8)	10	None
(25)	10	None
(28)	10	None
(3.0)	10	None
(28.0)	10	2 staff will be made redundant at OFCA

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5	(5)	0	(5)	0
28	(8)	20	(28)	0
65	(20)	45	(65)	0
42	(4)	38	Review	42
53	(5)	48	(53)	0
76	(15)	61	(76)	0
8	(1)	7	(8)	0
122	(12)	110	Review as package	122
82	(8)	74	Review as package	82
245	(25)	221	Review as package	245
283	(28)	255	Review as package	283
29	(4)	25	0	29
281	(28)	253	(140)	141

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Business & Tourism Marketing - HBC	The project has a number of different aims and objectives; in particular it will aim to promote a positive image of the town through various marketing and engagement with the business community.	R&P	Project contributes well to worklessness, skills and business support agenda. Full funding required	Enquiries - 500, Business Assisted - 70, Visitors to Destination Hartlepool 34,000, Marketing Campaigns - 1 2, Training Ops - 20	21	0	21	Review	21	(2.0)	10	None	21	(2)	19	Review	21
Jobsmart - HBC	Support towards the Jobsmart 'One Stop Shop' located at 41 Park Road, Hartlepool which is a first point of contact for residents interested in training and employment opportunities.	R&P	Project contributes well to worklessness, skills and business support agenda. Full funding required for staffing and shop rental costs.	Engaged – 70, Employment – 250	37	0	37	Review	37	(3.7)	10	None	37	(4)	33	Review	37
Support for Businesses in Current Economic Recession - Previously Support for existing businesses to expand	The project will target and directly assist those businesses located in the neighbourhood renewal areas of Hartlepool and in particular those based in local shopping precincts, targeting the economic vitality of these businesses and subsequently improving neighbourhoods.	R&P	Project contributes well to business support agenda. Can reduce this budget to contribute to overall WNF savings.	Jobs Created - 10, Business Created - 8, Training Ops - 5, Business Advised - 45, Crime Prevention - 5	120	(25)	95	Review	120	(12.0)	10	None	120	(25)	95	Review	120
NAP Development	Funding supports the Regeneration Team to prepare NAPs and assist in their implementation by managing the Resident's Priorities and Neighbourhood Element Budgets.	R&P	This funding is required to develop the NAPs, although a reduction can be made through cutting operational costs.	Update of Dyke House, Stranton, Grange NAP - September 2010, Update of Town Centre NAP - September 2010, Update of 1 Existing NAP - October 2010, Review Delivery of NAPS - March 2011	40	(5)	35	(40)	0	(17.0)	43	None	40	(17)	23	(40)	0
NR & Strategy Officer (including Skills & Knowledge)	To cover salary costs for a Regen Officer Post	R&P	This funding is used for 1 full time Regen Post	Support Delivery of the NRS through NAP Development and Implementation - 2010/11	53	0	53	(53)	0	(5.3)	10	None	53	(5.0)	48	(53)	0
Safer Streets & Homes, Target Hardening	The three elements to this project are improving street lighting, provision of a target hardening service and improving the physical security of neighbourhoods.	R&P	could reduce budget including partner staff costs and project running costs	Attendance at Community / Resident Events to promote Community Safety - 50, Support Neighbourhood Policing Joint Action Groups - 50	170	(10)	160	Review as package	170	(17)	10	None	170	(17)	153	Review as package	170
Dordrecht Prolific Offenders Scheme	The initiative is delivered by a multi-agency team, based in the offices of 8/9 Church Street, whose remit is to reduce the offending and reoffending of those causing the most harm in the community	R&P	mainly partner staff costs	Reduce conviction rate of those deemed as prolific or priority offenders - 20%	131	(5)	126	Review as package	131	(13)	10	This budget is managed in conjunction with DIP budget. One HBC post and 2 probation staff. 10% cut will not affect staff in 2010/11.	131	(13)	118	Review as package	131
NRF Project Assistant	Covers cost of Community Safety Project Assistant	R&P	HBC staff costs only	Quarterly QMR's - 4	25	0	25	Review as package	25	(3)	12	Costs can be cut as staffing moved into admin pool	25	(3)	22	Review as package	25
ASB Officer & Analyst	Funding supports the employment of an Anti-social Behaviour Officer and Analyst for the NRA to investigate cases of anti-social behaviour and provide analysis of a range of ASB data	R&P	HBC staff costs only	Cases of ASB dealt with in NRF area - 150, % Cases closed with positive result - 80%, % cases complainant satisfied with service - 90%, Community Events Attended - 6, Planned Analytical Documents - 40, Responsive Analytical Documents - 25	73	0	73	Review as package	73	(7)	10	This funds 2 HBC staff. 10% cut will be managed owing to one employee working 4 days per week at present.	73	(7)	66	Review as package	73
Skills to work - HBC	The project will deliver a package of activities to provide unemployed adults with the opportunities to gain suitable employment. Each beneficiary will be assigned to a mentor/coach.	A&CS	This project could be delivered at a reduced budget/or be amalgamated with CEO activity.	Engaged - 200, Employment - 22, Volunteering - 12, Referred for Education / Training - 40, Attend Education / Training - 25, Achieve Qualification - 15	52	(5)	47	(52)	0	(7.8)	15	None	52	(8)	44	(52)	0
Education Business Links - HBC	The project provides work-related learning and enterprise initiatives through the employment of a WRL Co-ordinator, who works in partnership with the Economic Development Department of the Council and other partners to enhance employability.	CS	Operational costs could be reduced to contribute to overall WNF savings.	Pupils Taking Part in Work Experience - 96%, 14 - 19 Employer Engagement Events - 5, Gateway 5 Application - November 2010	53	(8)	45	(53)	0	(5.3)	10	None	53	(8)	45	(53)	0
Environmental Enforcement Wardens	The project will address environmental issues such as abandoned/nuisance vehicles, fly tipping, litter and dog fouling; it will also address issues relating to household and commercial waste abuse, which contribute significantly towards the social decline of communities.	NS	The majority of funding for the Enforcement unit is based on external funding. This project could reduce by 33%	Reduce Dog Fouling / FPN's Issued - 150, Reduce Littering / FPN's Issued 250, Reduce Levels of Fly Tipping / Investigate in 24 hours - 100%, Reduce Vehicle Crime / Investigate in 24 hours - 100%, No of Vehicles Removed - 150, Notices for Domestic Waste Violations - 500, FPN's Issued for Domestic Waste - 75	162	(48)	114	0	162	(48.0)	30	None	162	(48)	114	0	162

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Environmental Action Team	Dedicated Environmental Action Team activity in specific NAP areas	NS	This project is dedicated to the Dykehouse/Stranton/Grange NAP area. The loss of this scheme could place greater pressures on the councils existing street cleansing team and will be considered as part of year two SDO reviews	Improved Street & Environmental Cleanliness (Hartlepool) - 13%, Percentage who think Litter is a Problem (Hartlepool) - 42%, Percentage who think Litter is a Problem (NRA) - 44%, Improved Street & Environmental Cleanliness (NRA) - 14%	105	(10)	95	Review	105	(11.0)	10	None	105	(11)	94	Review	105
Neighbourhood Renewal/Hartlepool Partnership	Management and Consultancy budget held by Catherine Frank. Includes funding for Grad Trainee Programme, Verification visits, evaluation, admin costs of Partnership	R&P	Will need to reduce activity	Hartlepool Household Survey Prepared - 1	45	(5)	40	(45)	0	(20.0)	44	None	45	(20)	25	(45)	0
Mobile Maintenance - HBC	Mobile Maintenance Service to deliver low level repairs and adaptations to help improve the personal safety of older people living in Hartlepool	A&CS	Will need to reduce activity	Minor Works - 1,000, Major Works - 50, Tenancy Sustainment - 250	47	(5)	42	Review	47	(5.9)	13	Project Lead requesting that £1,716.90 under spend from 2009-10 budget to be carried forward into 2010-11	47	(6)	41	Review	47
Primary/Secondary Schools Direct Funding - HBC	The project builds on existing educational strategies and offers the opportunity to work with individual pupils/students in order to improve levels of attainment and aspiration and improve self-esteem for children and families. Funding is provided directly to schools to deliver enhanced educational opportunities to specific pupils	CS	Funding allocated to Primary and Secondary Schools to assist in narrowing the gap for disadvantaged pupils.	Narrow Gap L2 – 12.9%, Narrow Gap L4 – 22.3%, Attainment L4 – 72.1%, Attainment GCSE – 37.42%	420	0	420	(420)	0	0.00	0	No savings in 2010-11 as grant already allocated to Schools. Full year saving from 2011-12 as schools were anticipating withdrawal of finding from March 2011.	420	0	420	(420)	0
New Initiatives - HBC	Supports specific initiatives aimed at improving levels of attainment especially amongst boys.	CS	This funds a School Advisor to assist in increasing boys attainment in disadvantaged areas.	Narrow Gap L2 – 12.9%, Narrow Gap L4 – 22.3%, Attainment L4 – 72.1%, Attainment GCSE – 37.42%, 2Level Progress Eng – 84.6%, 2Level Progress Maths – 86.13%	42	0	42	(42)	0	(4.2)	10	None	42	(4)	38	(42)	0
14-19 Reform Support	The project builds on existing educational strategies and offers the opportunity to work with individual pupils/students in order to improve levels of attainment and aspiration and improve self-esteem for children and families.	CS	This funds school advisors and also some funding direct to secondary schools to fund projects ie curriculum development and Work experience	Prospectus – 100%, ILP – 100%, App Process – 100%	65	0	65	(65)	0	(6.5)	10	None	65	(7)	58	(65)	0
Landlord Accreditation Scheme	Project provides administrative support to the Landlord Accreditation scheme which offers advice and assistance to landlords on the proper management of tenancies	R&P	HBC staff costs only	Requests for Advice - 200, Visit Properties of New Landlords - 20%, Visit Properties of Existing Landlords 10%, Encourage Landlords to Improve Properties to Decent Homes Standard - 50, Level of Landlords who are Members - 270, Attend Resident Meetings - 6	10	(1)	9	Review	10	(1.0)	10	None	10	(1)	9	Review	10
		Internal WNF Project		Total Internal Jobs	3,010	(225)	2,785	(1,145)	1,845	(368.0)			3,010	(389)	2,621	(1,145)	1,845

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Funding for Redevelopment of Hartlepool College - Previously Support for adults into Skills for Life and NVQ Level 2 courses	This project has now ceased and will now be used for the redevelopment of Hartlepool College of FE	R&P	No further contribution needed by HBC. Contractual arrangement in place for this funding stream.	Funding to Support Redevelopment of HCFE - £130,000	130	0	130	(130)	0	0.00	0	This funding cannot be reduced as the contract has already been agreed by the college.	130	0	130	(130)	0
Homelessness Project - DISC	To provide an increased level of integrated support mechanisms that assist in the rehabilitation of offender behaviour, enable tenancies to be secured and assist in the transition to independent living with clear pathways to training, education and employment.	R&P	Project is of high priority and responds to key groups.	Support – 55, Training – 25, Employment – 10, Jobs Created – 4	163	(5)	158	Review	163	(16.0)	10	Will need to reduce the four posts to 33 hours per week.	163	(16)	147	Review	163
Volunteering into Employment - HVDA	This project will recruit, interview support and place people into volunteering placements with relevant voluntary and community sector (VCS) groups and other volunteer using organisations.	R&P	Project contributes well to worklessness, skills and business support agenda. Full funding required	Volunteers - 150, Employment - 22, Training - 40, Qualifications - 20	102	0	102	Review as package	102	(10)	10	None	102	(10)	92	Review as package	102
Community Employment Outreach - OFCA	The project is a collaboration between three voluntary sector organisations, OFCA, the Wharton Annexe, OFCA and Hartlepool Borough Council. The project engages with a wide range of local residents who are hard to reach by mainstream organisations and encourages them to access the range of labour	R&P	It is possible longer term to review this project and have an over-arching 'accountable body' responsible for the delivery of the CEO project which would improve economies	Engaged - 360, Employment - 130, Training / Volunteering - 120	112	(4)	108	Review as package	112	(11)	10	None	112	(11)	101	Review as package	112
Community Employment Outreach - Wharton Annex		R&P		Engaged - 310, Employment - 108, Referrals - 110, Training / Volunteering - 50	52	(2)	50	Review as package	52	(5)	10	None	52	(5)	47	Review as package	52
Community Employment Outreach - West View Employment Action Centre		R&P		Engaged - 100, Employment - 40	46	(2)	44	Review as package	46	(5)	10	None	46	(5)	41	Review as package	46
Local Employment Assistance - OFCA	The project supports people returning to the labour market after a long absence and young people, by improving social and economic inclusion improving pathways to employment through work experience,	R&P	Although project contributes well to worklessness. Further investigation required to ensure that this project compliments CEO. Initial consideration is that both projects could be merged. However, funding should be cut as shown at this time.	Engaged - 48 , Employment - 9, Qualification - 24, Work Experience / Volunteering - 16	48	(4)	44	Review as package	48	(5)	10	The WNF contributes to 50% to 3 posts. If this cut is made one person would be made redundant.	48	(5)	43	Review as package	48
Financial Inclusion	The project will fund a post, who will work alongside a worker funded by Hartlepool Borough Council, to provide a strategic, coordinated response to tackling financial inclusion in Hartlepool.	R&P	Project contributes well to the financial inclusion and child poverty agenda. Full funding required for staffing.	Financial Inclusion Events to range of organisations and groups - 22, Hartlepool Financial Inclusion Meetings - 4, Establish Referral Process for Debt Advice by Key Workers - 31/03/2011	40	0	40	0	40	(4.0)	10	Carry forward of £2,818 from 09/10 offered up	40	(4)	36	0	40
West View Project	This project works with residents of Hartlepool providing an outreach support and motivational programme of activity centred on watersports. It builds relationships and develops self esteem and confidence informally and then supports clients to access jobs, training or education.	R&P	Project contributes well to worklessness, skills and business support agenda. Full funding required	Employment – 22, Education – 10, Training – 20, Entry Training – 20	38	0	38	Review as package	38	(4)	10	None	38	(4)	34	Review as package	38
Active Skills - West View Project	The aim of the project is to support young people and adults aged 16+ to engage in activity that develops confidence, self esteem, develops skills and results in the achievement of recognised awards.	R&P	This project currently supports elements of the FJF, although in the longer term this project could be amalgamated with CEO activity.	Training – 50, Qualifications – 80	27	(5)	22	Review as package	27	(3)	10	None	27	(5)	22	Review as package	27
Adventure traineeship - West View Project	This project targets young unemployed (may include PT workers or very low wages etc) residents and provides 26 weeks supported employment leading to real prospects of longer term jobs in the outdoor industry	R&P	Project contributes well to worklessness, skills and business support agenda. Full funding required as it is matched to FJF.	Employed - 12	41	0	41	Review as package	41	(17)	40	West View has offered up savings at 40% as only 6 FJF employees will be sustained for a year.	41	(17)	24	Review as package	41



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Introduction to construction - Community Campus	The project enables young and other socially/economically disadvantaged people from the target group to gain valuable vocational and employability skills working on construction sites. The project is focused on working in partnership with e2e and Eotas/schools providers	R&P	Project contributes well to worklessness, skills and business support agenda. Full funding required	Construction Trial – 30, Placements – 12, OCN Quals – 10, Manual Handling – 10	17	0	17	(17)	0	(1.7)	10	None	17	(2)	15	(17)	0
Career Coaching - HVDA	This project targets and supports working age residents and encourages their involvement in the voluntary and community sector (VCS),	R&P	Project contributes well to worklessness, skills and business support agenda. Can reduce operational costs	Volunteers receiving coaching - 40, Training - 10, Employment - 5	38	(3)	35	(38)	0	(3.8)	10	Part time staff to reduce hours.	38	(4)	34	(38)	0
NAP Residents Priorities	Funding is provided to each NAP Forum to enable them to support activities which will respond to their identified resident's priorities.	R&P	This funding is required as it is a good tool for 'buy-in' from local residents to be involved with the NAP Forums. However, unallocated funding to contribute to overall WNF savings. Not all Offer Letters sent as yet.	Monitor Performance & Budget of Each Project Supported by NAP Resident Priority Budget - 100%	221	(81)	140	Review	221	(22.1)	10	The Regen Team identified that through the NAP Priority Budget approximately 20 FTE and 4 PTE will be employed after the 10% cut.	221	(81)	140	Review	221
FAST Project	The FAST Project is a consortium of community voluntary organisations working in partnership to provide a quick response to reported incidents of low level anti-social behaviour.	R&P	Service delivered by vol/comm sector, could reduce budget	Referred – 50, Engaged – 120, Training / Emp – 26	199	(10)	189	Review as package	199	(20)	10	None	199	(20)	179	Review as package	199
Belle Vue Sports	The project provides exercise, weight management and diet advice to men and to parents/carers whose children are referred to the Belle Vue Centre through the Children's Fund or the FAST project.	A&CS	This project could potentially reduce in funding by 50%	Individuals Accessing Fitness Suite - 100, Project Attendances - 1,000, CSL Quals - 16, Volunteering - 10, Smoking Quitters - 70	45	(5)	40	Review as package	45	(5)	10	1 full time staff to reduce to part time hours	45	(5)	40	Review as package	45
COOL Project	The project provides weekly activity sessions for young people aged 8-14 at eleven locations across Hartlepool	R&P	provides after schools activity, could reduce budget	Sessions – 500, Attendees – 10,000, Funding Opps – 4	68	(5)	63	Review as package	68	(7)	10	3 part time staff to reduce to 2 part time.	68	(7)	61	Review as package	68
Connected Care - Manor Residents	The Connected Care project will lead to community designed services that strive to improve service user experience, improve the quality of services and integrates health and social care alongside other services.	A&CS	Potential joint working between organisations to reduce funding	Campaigns - 3, Benefits Advice Referrals - 50, Carers Assessments - 20, Healthy Communities Events - 3	25	(5)	20	(25)	0	(2.5)	10	None	25	(5)	20	(25)	0
Job Club - Owton Manor West Neighbourhood Watch & Resident's Association	The project provides a full time Job Club in order to offer information, advice and guidance to clients in and around the Owton area, including Rift House.	R&P	Within the Owton area, OFCA and Manor Residents also deliver similar activity. Cuts could be made through improved partnership working.	Engaged - 177, Employment - 31, Qualifications - 23, Training / Volunteering - 48	42	(5)	37	Review as package	42	(4)	10	None	42	(5)	37	Review as package	42
Youth into employment - Wharton Trust	The project aims to engage local NEET young people and work intensively with them helping towards training, placements and ultimately employment.	R&P	This funding should remain intact to support the relaunch of the new build at Wharton Trust	Engaged – 70, Employment – 23, Training – 35	40	0	40	Review as package	40	(4)	10	None	40	(4)	36	Review as package	40
Carers into Training and Employment - Hartlepool Carers	Hartlepool Carers provides a full support service to Carers to help them to get back into work, to remain in work or to further develop their skills via further education or training	R&P	This project responds to a key priority group but operational activity could be reduced through stronger partnership working.	Education / Training - 24, Employment - 20	48	(5)	43	(48)	0	(4.8)	10	1 part time reduced to 22 hours	48	(5)	43	(48)	0
Mental Health Dev. & NRF Support Network - Hartlepool MIND	Project to provide an employment support service to people to become ready for employment: removing practical barriers, increasing skills, such as communication, social skills, reducing emotional distress;	A&CS	Both projects are very similar in description and actual activity. One of these projects could be deleted/reduced in cost	Improved Mental Wellbeing - 100, Volunteering - 30, Education - 30, Returning to Work - 20, Employment - 25	93	(5)	88	Review as package	93	(9)	10	None	93	(9)	84	Review as package	93
Employment support - Hartlepool MIND	Moving forward is a pre-employment project for long term incapacity benefit claimants who are not eligible for the Pathways to work – Condition Management programme because that are not new claimants of incapacity benefit.	R&P		Improved Mental Wellbeing - 50, Volunteering - 20, Education - 15, Returning to Work - 5, Employment - 6	52	(7)	45	Review as package	52	(5)	10	None	52	(7)	45	Review as package	52



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Level 3 Progression - HCFE	The project is targeted specially at young people aged 16-19 from the WNF wards and aims to provide support to facilitate progression from level 2 to level 3 and retention at level 3.	R&P	Could reduce costs by reducing activity.	Supported – 90, Participated – 60, Progression – 30, Retention – 36	85	(25)	60	(85)	0	(8.5)	10	As of 16-07-10 forms have not been returned therefore 10% has been reduced at this point.	85	(25)	60	(85)	0
Administration of LLP	Funding supports management of the Skills Partnership.	R&P	This responsibility could be shared with member organisations	Skills Partnership Meetings Supported - 4	4	(4)	0	(4)	0	(1.0)	25	As of 16-07-10 forms have not been returned therefore 10% has been reduced at this point.	4	(4)	0	(4)	0
LIFE - Fire Brigade	The funded programmes are designed as intensive personal development activities targeted at young people (10 per course)	R&P	Could reduce costs by reducing activity.	Attendees – 60, Diversionary Activities - 190	35	(5)	30	(35)	0	(4.0)	11	As of 16-07-10 forms have not been returned therefore 10% has been reduced at this point.	35	(5)	30	(35)	0
Community Chest	The Community Network Team manages a Community Chest, which provides grants of up to £2000 to encourage greater involvement by residents in local activities and to help groups improve their local neighbourhoods.	R&P	This funding could be reduced by decreasing the number of grants given to VCS groups.	Number of Projects Supported by Community Chest Grant Awards - 35	90	(30)	60	(90)	0	(9.0)	10	Part time staff to reduce hours.	90	(30)	60	(90)	0
Neighbourhood Policing	The funding will support the provision of eight (8) PCSOs in Hartlepool as part of the Neighbourhood Policing approach.	R&P	Could reduce but review with Police Priorities	Reduce Overall Crime - 4%, Reduce Criminal Damage - 10%, Reduce ASB - 5%	200	(10)	190	Review	200	(20.0)	10	Please note that the Police only offered 3.75% reductions which equated to £7,500. It is unknown what a 10% cut would relate to in terms of staffing. It is estimated that a 10% cut would reduce from 8 to 7 F/T staff	200	(20)	180	Review	200
HMR- Support for Scheme Delivery	The funding provides a project team whose primary role will be to liaise with residents/stakeholders affected by the regeneration and ensure the effective delivery of the scheme.	R&P	Funds 3.5 Housing Hartlepool staff to deliver HMR programme	Affordable Housing - 80, Sustainable Housing Constructed - 100	126	(13)	113	Review	126	(12.6)	10	None	126	(13)	113	Review	126
Community Empowerment Network Core Costs	The Community Network Team provides support to VCS groups and residents involved in the Hartlepool Partnership, the Theme Partnerships, the three Neighbourhood Consultative Forums and the Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) Forums.	R&P	This funding could be reduced and the Regen Team could become a key partner in driving forward local resident engagement.	Number of Groups involved in Community Network - 75, Individuals involved in Community Network - 105	144	(24)	120	Review	144	(14.4)	10	None	144	(24)	120	Review	144
		External WNF Project			2,371	(264)	2,107	(472)	1,899	(237)			2,371	(357)	2,014	(472)	1,899
		Total WNF Project			5,381	(489)	4,892	(1,617)	3,744	(605)			5,381	(745)	4,636	(1,617)	3,744

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£'000				£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
38	Supporting People Administration	The admin grant part pays for a team which commissions the programme from providers, monitors and reports on performance, supports the Commissioning Body and Part Board, and makes statutory returns.	A&CS	153		153	(125)	28
60	Preserved Rights	Replace income that was previously funded through individual service user contribution.	A&CS	330		330		330
60	Supporting People Projects	See Supporting People below.	A&CS	60		60		60
0	Local Involvement Networks	Grant to procure a host organisation to run the LINK in Hartlepool. Currently in procurement process interim arrangements are in place until the procurement process is complete.	A&CS	99		99		99
0	Learning & Disability Development Fund (via PCT in 2007/8)	Advocacy, Person centered approaches, Leadership development, campus re-provision, employment .	A&CS	106		106		106
(24)	Adult Social Care Workforce (formerly HRDS and NTS)	To deliver a programme of specific training to meet the targets within National Minimum Standards that the Commission for Social Care Inspection apply to regulate services and GSCC registration requirements which is accessed by local authority and private and voluntary sector staff commissioned by the Council.  Local councils, as purchasers of social services from the voluntary sector and private sectors, must work with providers through contract and service level agreements to ensure that they make adequate provision for training. The Authority should ensure that provision is made to enable qualified staff to update their practice and undertake further training. This has become a condition of continued registration with the GSCC and other regulatory bodies. LA should ensure appropriate resources are made available to develop own staff and those in private and voluntary organisations.	A&CS	273	(50)	223	(50)	223
(16)	Carers - 80% Adult	The grant currently funds a range of carers services. These include respite beds, day care places, sitting service and specific carer services delivered by third sector.	A&CS	420		420		420
0	Mental Capacity Act and Independent Mental Capacity Advocate Service	This grant is used to part fund the IMCA service (area-wide initiative) and deliver training on the MCA and IMCA to all staff across the area. This is a statutory duty.  To provide an IMCA service required by MCA 2005 and ensure staff trained to deliver the duties laid upon public services under the Act.	A&CS	63		63		63
(21)	Mental Health	Brooklyn Day Centre (STR workers?) Assertive Outreach team, Community Intervention team, Community Resource Team, Dual Diagnosis Worker. Hartlepool MIND, Hartlepool Carers, The Artrium, PROP badged through Visioning for Success Schemes	A&CS	352		352		352
0	Supporting People	The grant pays for 70 service contracts for accommodation based and floating support services, in accordance with a 5 year Strategy.  SP is often part of overall investment particularly for accommodation based services where funding is committed in partnership with other agencies Adult Care and/or Health eg Hartfield Extra Care Village.	A&CS	3,985		3,985		3,985
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		A&CS	<b>5,841</b>	<b>(50)</b>	<b>5,791</b>	<b>(175)</b>	<b>5,666</b>
0	Sustainable Travel General Duty	This grant will support the development and promotion of the General Duty which will result in a reduced reliance on vehicle transport. This grant is vital in supporting transport issues relating to a significant number of central government educational opportunities, which will include the development of such initiatives as Independent Travel training.	CS	7		7		7

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0	Teenage Pregnancy	This grant supports the multi agency teenage pregnancy team and community based projects aimed at reducing teenage pregnancy. The funding delivers targeted preventative services across the town and aimed at vulnerable groups.  Work with partner agencies, young people, schools and families to reduce the under 18 conception rate by 55% and improve sexual health	CS	144		144		144
0	14-19 Flexible Funding Pot	To support the implementation of the 14-19 agenda ,including support for the area prospectus ,ILP and common application process ,staff time to co-ordinate the activities in the 14-19 white paper including development of diplomas	CS	31		31		31
0	Child Death Review Processes	This requirement came in from 1st April 08. Hartlepool has joined with other LSCB's to form a Tees wide response to the requirements. The LSCB consortium has appointed a Panel Manager and admin support to manage the data and information.	CS	18		18		18
0	Children's Social Care Workforce (formerly HRDS and NTS)	Funding helps to ensure that social care staff are trained to meet the National Minimum Standards for their role. Funds NVQs for health and social care staff, continuing professional development and post qualifying qualifications for social workers. Implementation of Children's Workforce Development Council's Induction standards for social care staff.  The grant supports development activities in the social care workforce that lead to mandatory qualifications i.e. NVQ and post graduate professional development for social workers, and to deliver mandatory training to maintain practioner status.	CS	41		41		41
0	Children's Fund	Main funding goes to the VCS who provide a range of referred services. Services cover children's activity, individual mentoring and parents support. Funding also provided to the Participation Strategy and to the Hartlepool Intervention Panel.	CS	395		395		395
0	Choice Advisers	Very positive outcomes in first year of grant (2007/08) especially in relation to closure of Brierton	CS	25		25		25
0	Education Health Partnerships	To fund the Hartlepool Healthy Schools programme which fosters a partnership and whole school community approach to addressing health inequalities and support the development of healthy lifestyles.	CS	43		43		43
0	Secondary National Strategy - Behaviour and Attendance	The B&A element is used to pay for a full time Secondary B&A Consultant and the roll out of SEAL across all our schools. We are currently ahead of National Strategies targets as more than 80 % of primary schools have implemented SEAL, we have a pilot Secondary school (Dyke House) and two other secondary schools have already begun rolling out the programme. By December 2008 all secondary schools will have introduced SEAL.  The grant is used in line with the standards fund guidance.	CS	68		68		68
0	Secondary National Strategy - Central Co-ordination	Part funds salaries in school improvement.	CS	108	TBD	108	(108)	0
0	School Development Grant (Local Authority Element)	Funding is entirely dedicated to school improvement programmes and sustains targeted support to schools that are underperforming against local and national targets. Crucial in delivering outcomes as part of LAA, corporate and national indicator set.	CS	287		287		287

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£'000				£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
0	School Improvement Partners	School Improvement Partners are a recent requirement of the national New Relationship with Schools. Longer term the further implementation of the SIP programme may require a reconfiguration of central school improvement services. In the meantime, funding is required to sustain the level of challenge and support to schools from the local authority.	CS	42	TBD	42	(42)	0
0	School Intervention Grant	Used to tackle schools causing concern and prevent schools going into OfSTED categories (JAR/APA indicator).	CS	26		26		26
0	Primary National Strategy - Central Co-ordination	Part funds 3.4FTE Primary Strategy Co-ordinators who provide challenge and support to schools in maths and English	CS	72	TBD	72	(72)	0
(7)	Carers - 20% Children	This grant first became available in October 07 with 20% of half year costs provided to children's services. It complements the main carers grant and can be used to support families where unforeseen emergencies arise which prevent carers from being able to care for disabled children for short periods of time.	CS	102		102		102
(24)	Care Matters White Paper	New funding stream to address needs of children in care.	CS	92		92		92
(114)	Connexions	The funding is used to deliver the local Information, Advice and Guidance service (Connexions) who support local young people (13-19) to make the successful transition to post 16 Education, Employment and Training. The funding ensures LA compliance with: The provision of Connexions Services under section 114 of the Learning and Skills Act 2000 The conducting of assessments relating to learning difficulties under section 140 of the act. The provision of careers services under section 8 & 9 of the Employment and Training Act 1973	CS	1,171		1,171		1,171
(43)	Extended Rights to Free Transport	This statutory function has been extended in order to make available free transport to all secondary aged pupils within the Borough of Hartlepool as from September 2008. The extension of free transport eligibility will ensure greater access to education opportunities for pupils from the most disadvantaged families.	CS	19		19		19
0	Extended Schools Start Up Costs	Allocated to every school based on pupil numbers to assist with sustainability of extended services , eg Before and After School Clubs. This grant was significantly reduced from 2009/10 (£477,000) as funding was redirected to the Extended Schools Subsidy Grant ( or Disadvantaged Funding) via Standards Fund.	CS	196		196		196
(33)	Positive Activities for Young People & Neighbourhood Support Fund	The Positive Activities for Young People programme in Hartlepool has been operational since 2003 and is a firmly established and integrated element of the local prevention strategy. The programme provides a broad range of accredited constructive activities year round for 8-19 year olds at risk of social exclusion, truancy, school exclusion and crime placing a particular emphasis on school holiday periods. The programme aims to reduce crime, truancy and school exclusion and to ensure that young return to education, have opportunities to engage in new and constructive activities and can mix with others from different backgrounds.	CS	474		474		474
(5)	Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	To fund range of services and staff to deliver and improve CAMHS services in accordance with local needs and priorities.	CS	229		229		229

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0	Young People Substance Misuse Partnership	Funding is provided for prevention and education campaigns in specific areas. Through joint work with Childrens Services grant also supports specialist treatment service for young people, early intervention, counselling and harm reduction initiatives with targeted groups	CS	41		41		41
0	Child Trust Fund		CS	2		2		2
0	Designated Teacher Funding	Designated teachers to support vulnerable children - allocated to schools.	CS	6		6		6
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		CS	<b>3,638</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,638</b>	<b>(222)</b>	<b>3,416</b>
0	Road Safety Grant	Road Safety Grant to support the operation of Safety Cameras and the broader Road Safety Strategy.	NS	169		169		169
0	Regional School Travel Advisers	Grant to support Sustainable Travel Strategy currently supporting the Tess Valley Integration. Liked with Chief Executrices Directive.	NS	35		35	(35)	0
(0)	Rural Bus Subsidy	Grant to support public transport in rural areas.	NS	31	0	31	(31)	(0)
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		NS	<b>235</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>(66)</b>	<b>169</b>
0	Stronger Safer Communities Fund - BSC, ASB & DPSG elements	In 2008/09 funding allocation agreed by Safer Hartlepool Partnership as follows: - contribution to drugs squad £43k - Safer Hartlepool Partnership publicity service £30k - drugs and alcohol analyst £25k - contribution to HBC staff salaries to deliver Pooled drugs Treatment budget £55,645 - Partnership publicity /activity and perception surveys £18,335	R&P	182	(33)	149	(16)	166
(26)	Cohesion	Funding provided to enable promotion of community cohesion and support local authorities in preventing and managing community tensions. LAs to use the funding to respond their own particular tensions.	R&P	49	0	49	(18)	31
0	Economic Assessment Duty	Statutory duty funding required for technical work and consultation process.	R&P	65	(35)	30	(40)	25
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		R&P	<b>296</b>	<b>(68)</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>(74)</b>	<b>222</b>
0	Community Call for Action/Overview Scrutiny Committee		CORP	2	(2)	0	(2)	0
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		CORP	<b>2</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>(156)</b>				<b>10,012</b>	<b>(120)</b>	<b>9,892</b>	<b>(539)</b>	<b>9,473</b>

### 13 (b) (i) Appendix 1/C

Review of Contributions to Departmental Reserves - schedule of reserves which can be released to partly offset grant cut

Reserve	£'000
Occupational Therapy Equipment	27
Telecare Equipment	80
Stroke Services	65
Tobacco Control	100
Social Care Reform	100
50+ Forum	30
Mental Capacity Act	20
Breast Feeding	40
Teen/Early Years Life Check	20
Integrated Workforce development	20
Youth Service	20
Disabled Access to Childcare	60
Dial-a-Ride	14
Pride in Hartlepool	16
School Crossing Patrol	26
Remedial Works – Building Maintenance	50
Development Control	30
Community Safety	9
Total	727

# COUNCIL REPORT

5<sup>th</sup> August, 2010



**Report of:** The Cabinet

**Subject:** STRATEGY FOR MANAGING REDUCTIONS IN  
2010/11 GOVERNMENT GRANTS  
– SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide additional information in relation to the proposed strategy for managing reductions in 2010/11 Government grants.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As indicated in the report issued with the main agenda papers this supplementary report details additional information following Cabinet consideration of this issue on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 2010.

## 3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOLLOWING CABINET MEETING 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST 2010

- 3.1 Cabinet considered the proposed strategy for managing reductions in 2010/11 Government grants which includes managing the in-year Area Based Grant cut through a combination of in-year funding reductions and use of temporary funding. Cabinet has also considered feedback from the Council Working Groups held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2010. Cabinet wishes to record its thanks for the contributions and suggestions Members have made through the Working Groups. In particular Cabinet acknowledges Members broad support for the proposed strategy and assistance in managing this very difficult position.
- 3.2 In response to feedback from the Working Group on the initial proposals for External Working Neighbourhood Fund (WNF) Projects Cabinet is proposing changes to a small number of the initial proposals. These proposals reduce the value of in year reductions from £0.865m to £0.835m. The resulting shortfall in 2010/11 can be funded from temporary resources.
- 3.3 Details of the changes to the External WNF projects are provided in the following table:

Initial Proposal	Cabinet Comment/ Revised Proposal
NAP Residents Priorities – 2010/11 reduction £81,000 and 2011/12 allocation to be reviewed.	Cabinet propose revising the 2010/11 reduction to £51,000 and confirm that the 2011/12 allocation will be reviewed as part of the 2011/12 budget process.
Connected Care – 2010/11 reduction £5,000 and 2011/12 reduction £25,000.	Cabinet have reviewed this project and the original project approval which only provided funding until 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2011. Cabinet are therefore proposing that the 2010/11 reduction of £5,000 is implemented and no funding is provided in 2011/12 in accordance with the original project approval.
Community Chest – 2010/11 reduction £30,000 and 2011/12 reduction £90,000.	Cabinet confirm the proposed 2010/11 reduction of £30,000 and propose a lower 2011/12 reduction of £60,000, subject the remaining funding being reviewed alongside other similar funding as part of the 2011/12 budget process.

#### 4. PROPOSALS

4.1 Details of Cabinet's proposals were provided in paragraph 8 of the report circulated with the main agenda. These proposals are shown below for ease of reference and unless otherwise stated references to paragraph numbers and appendices refer to the Cabinet report circulated with the Council agenda. Members should note that only proposal (i) has changed to reflect the issues detailed in paragraph 3.3 above.

- (i) Approve the revised strategy for managing the Area Based Grant reduction as detailed in paragraph 4.2, including revised budget allocations for individual projects for 2010/11 and 2011/12 detailed in Appendices A and B and amended to reflect the revised proposals detailed on paragraph 3.3 above;
- (ii) Approve further reviews to be carried out in order to identify additional reductions from April 2011 with the outcome being reported to Cabinet at a later date (para 4.7);
- (iii) Note the reduction in the Local Public Service Agreement Reward Grant and the resulting reduction in resources allocated to fund one off expenditure commitments;



- (iv) Note the reduction in the Local Authority Business Incentive Scheme Grant and the resulting reduction in resources available to support the 2011/12 budget;
- (v) Note the reduction in the Housing and Planning Delivery Grant which had already been recognised in the budget forecasts for future years;
- (vi) Note the reduction in the Integrated Transport Capital Grant which will reduce the size of investment in transport schemes during 2010/11;
- (vii) Note the estimated reduction in the Housing Market Renewal Grant which will reduce the scale of capital investment which can be undertaken during 2010/11.

**COUNCIL**  
5 August 2010



**Report of:** Chief Executive

**Subject:** BUSINESS REPORT

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**1. APPOINTMENTS TO JOINT COMMITTEES AND OTHER OUTSIDE BODIES**

- (i) Notification has been received that Councillor J Marshall wishes to resign from his appointment to the National Society for Clean Air with immediate effect. A replacement nomination is therefore sought.
- (ii) Council is advised that notification has been received that that the Police Joint Committee appointed the Mayor, Stuart Drummond and Councillor Carl Richardson to the two vacancies on the Cleveland Police Authority.

**2. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, FORUMS AND OTHER BODIES**

Notification has been received that Councillor James will replace Councillor Griffin on the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum. Council is requested to approve the change in membership of the Scrutiny Forum.