

TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO

DECISION RECORD

14 September 2010

The meeting commenced at 9.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor Peter Jackson (Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Paul Thompson

Officers: Dave Stubbs, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Denise Ogden, Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services)
Damien Wilson, Assistant Director (Regeneration and Planning)
Jeff Mason, Head of Support Services
Mike Blair, Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager
Gemma Day, Principal Regeneration Officer
Craig Thelwell, Waste and Environmental Services Manager
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

Public: Messrs Hird, Keen and Turner

10. Town Centre Communities Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) Update (Final for Endorsement) - *Principal Regeneration Officer*

Type of Decision

Key (test ii applies)

Purpose of Report

To seek endorsement of the NAP for the Town Centre Communities area. The Plan was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Issues for Consideration

The report described the background to NAPs with a specific focus on the Plan for Town Centre Communities. NAPs are important in encouraging local people and organisations to work together to narrow the gap between the most deprived wards and the rest of the country. The report outlined the consultation process undertaken, the contents of the Plan and implementation procedures proposed by way of an annual action plan which would be prepared by the Town Centre Communities Forum. The report summarised the financial

implications of the NAP once endorsement had been sought from relevant partners. It was recognised that there was a degree of risk with securing future resources post 2010/11 but the Forum and key officers would continue to work in partnership with other service providers to ensure that all funding opportunities were utilised.

The Portfolio Holder thanked officers for the work involved in producing the NAP.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder endorsed the Town Centre Communities Neighbourhood Action Plan.

11. Dial A Ride and Community Lynx Bus Fares - *Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager*

Type of Decision

Non key.

Purpose of Report

To advise the Portfolio Holder of the fares applied to the Dial a Ride and Community Lynx Bus services in order to meet requirements of an audit report.

Issues for Consideration

The report detailed the fares charged by the Dial a Ride and Community Lynx Bus services for the period 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 and sought retrospective approval for the fare increase applied to the Dial a Ride service in April 2009. An appendix to the report also detailed the outcomes of a customer satisfaction survey which showed that 94% of users were happy that the cost of £2.50 per journey was fair.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the fares currently charged by the Dial a Ride and Community Lynx Bus Services and gave retrospective approval for the Dial a Ride fare increase applied in April 2009.

12. The Front, Seaton Carew – 20 mph Speed Limit Objection – *Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager*

Type of Decision

Non key.

Purpose of Report

To seek approval to introduce a 20 mph speed limit on The Front, Seaton Carew following an official objection to the legal order.

Issues for Consideration

The report detailed that approval had been given on 24 November 2009 to implement several 20 mph speed limits on roads across the town. Legal notices had been advertised and 1 objection had been received for Seaton Front which was detailed in Appendix 1 to the report. It was clarified for members of the public present that it was proposed to erect signage and no other traffic calming measures were envisaged. The 20 mph would lead into a 30 mph limit before the 60 mph on the outskirts of the town. These road safety measures would be monitored and reported back to the Portfolio Holder.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder:-

- approved the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit on the Front, Seaton Carew with speed limit signing alone. Crawford Street which has existing conventional traffic calming would also be included.
- Requested that the area be monitored and a further report brought to him in 6 months time.

13. Merlin Way/Falcon Road – Traffic Calming Objection – *Highways, Traffic and Transportation Manager*

Type of Decision

Non key.

Purpose of Report

To seek approval to introduce traffic calming on Merlin Way and Falcon Road following an official objection to the legal order.

Issues for Consideration

Cabinet had been given an update on 6 April 2010 on the traffic issues. Approval had been given to implement additional traffic calming measures on Falcon Road, Moorhen Road and Lapwing Road together with traffic calming on Merlin Way. An objection to this had been received outlining a number of issues and responses to these were provided in the report. The objector attended the meeting

and gave additional comments in relation to his objection which were answered by Officers. He was assured that should the restrictions were not adhered to, then enforcement action would be taken by the Police who were fully supportive of the measures.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder agreed:-

- Traffic calming on Falcon Road consisting of a new raised junction, along with a priority build out and associated speed cushion to complement the existing traffic calming measures.
- Traffic calming on Merlin Way consisting of three sets of speed cushions
- That prior to the installation of the traffic calming measures on Merlin Way, markings would be put on the road to allow residents to see exactly where the speed cushions would be sited.
- To write to the District Commander at Hartlepool Police Office to ask him to enforce the restrictions once in place.

14. Dyke House/Stranton Grange Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) Update (Draft for Consultation) – Principal Regeneration Officer

Type of Decision

Non key.

Purpose of Report

To seek agreement to consult on the first draft of the Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) for the Dyke House/Stranton/Grange area which was appended to the report and to note the proposed 8 week consultation period from early September 2010.

Issues for Consideration

The report described the background to NAPs with a specific focus on the plan for Dyke House/Stranton/Grange. It outlined the current position with regard to the consultation process and provided an overview of the future consultation methods proposed. These had been extensive as funding had been obtained from the Department for Communities and Local Government allowing more opportunity to engage with the wider community, particularly involving young people in organising consultation events. Once the draft document is agreed by the Portfolio Holder, then the second round of consultation will commence. The report drew the Portfolio Holder's attention to the revised format of the document and provided some detail in relation to

the implementation procedure. Finally it explored the financial implications of the NAP, once endorsement had been sought from relevant partners and the associated risks to secure future funding.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder agreed the first draft of the Dyke House/Stranton/Grange NAP as a consultation document and noted the proposed consultation arrangements.

15. Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2009/10 – Year End Indicator Performance – Head of Support Services

Type of Decision

Non key.

Purpose of Report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the progress made against Performance Indicators identified in the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2009/10 for the year to the end of March 2010.

Issues for Consideration

The progress against key performance indicators contained in the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2009/10. It was noted that 11 of the 44 indicators had been identified as 'Target not achieved'. Two of these had previously been reported as not expected to achieve target. The remaining nine indicators which had not achieved targets were detailed in the report and the reasons behind this.

Key areas of achievement were also outlined in the report and the Portfolio Holder commented favourably on these.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the progress of key Performance Indicators.

16. Juvenile Litter Awareness and Enforcement Programme – Assistant Director (Neighbourhood Services)

Type of Decision

Non key.

Purpose of Report

To outline the issues with regard to littering by juveniles and in particular the impact this has on areas around schools and along school routes.

To introduce the Waste and Environmental Services innovative response to this issue via a comprehensive litter education and enforcement programme.

Issues for Consideration

The report highlighted the problems caused by juveniles who commit littering offences and the difficulties associated with apprehending these offenders. The report also detailed the Waste and Environmental Services innovative approach to this town wide nuisance. Fixed Penalty Notices could be issued to those over 10 years of age, but the Local Authority would provide education and awareness of the anti-social behaviour and detriment to the environment aspects of littering. Education would be aimed at primary and secondary school children as well as those in higher education and enforcement would occur on those individuals who were prolific offenders.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the report and expressed support for its content.

The meeting concluded at 10.07 am.

PETER DEVLIN

CHIEF SOLICITOR

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