

TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

4 October 2010

The meeting commenced at 8.30 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor: Peter Jackson (Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Dave Stubbs (Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods)
Denise Ogden (Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services)
Alastair Smith (Assistant Director, Transport and Engineering)
Angela Hunter (Principal Democratic Services Officer)

17. Tees Valley Bus Network Improvements – Year 1 Schemes *(Assistant Director, Transport and Engineering)*

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of report

To provide an update on the individual schemes for Year 1 of the programme.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The Assistant Director, Transport and Engineering presented a report which detailed that the five Tees Valley area authorities, along with Tees Valley Unlimited, submitted a successful bid to the Department for Transport for funding to provide infrastructure improvements along core bus routes. The project for Hartlepool was to be spread over 4 years, with Year 1 being financial year 2010/11.

One of the key aims of the project was highlighted as giving improved journey times for bus passengers and the schemes outlined in this report would make a significant contribution towards that aim.

Written consultation was taking place on any works that would be directly outside of residential or business properties, with all schemes being covered in a press release and detailed on the Council's website. Any negative issues or concerns highlighted by residents from the consultation process would be

reported to a future portfolio meeting.

Decision

- (i) The detailed schemes to be implemented were noted.
- (ii) That any negative issues or concerns arising from the public consultation to be reported to a future meeting for consideration.

18. Business Transformation – Waste Management Recommendations – Wheeled Bin Charges *(Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services)*

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of report

To seek approval to increase the charges to residents for replacement wheeled bins.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report provided the background to the introduction of wheeled bins in 1999 and referred to the Business Transformation/Service Delivery Options contained in the Cabinet Report of 28 June 2011, in particular the increase in charges for replacement wheeled bins. The report sought approval to increase the charge to residents for replacement wheeled bins from 1 April 2011.

It was noted that during the 2009/10 financial year, the cost of replacing domestic household wheeled bins was circa £25,000 which was an 18% increase on the previous year. A survey of local authorities across the Tees Valley area had been undertaken which highlighted that £25 was a fair price across the region. This amount would not generate income but would ensure that the costs of replacement wheeled bins would be met. It was proposed that this increase would be effective from 1 April 2011.

The Portfolio Holder indicated that this was an incredibly difficult decision to have to make, he noted the increase was to cover the cost of the bins themselves and that the Authority had subsidised the service for many years, however in view of the current budgetary pressures the Council was facing, there was no alternative and this increase would bring the Council in line with other authorities in the Tees Valley area.

Decision

The increase in charges for replacement wheeled bins from £10 to £25 was approved to be effective from 1 April 2011.

The meeting concluded at 8.39 am.

PETER DEVLIN

CHIEF SOLICITOR

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