

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



Wednesday, 20 October 2010

at 2.00 pm

**at Throston Grange Community Centre,
Glamorgan Grove, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM:

Councillors Atkinson, Barclay, Barker, Cook, Fleet, Fleming, Griffin, Jackson, J Marshall, J W Marshall, McKenna, Plant, Rogan, Thomas and Wright

Resident Representatives: Christine Blakey, John Cambridge, John Maxwell, Joan Noman, Linda Shields, Bob Steel and Joan Steel

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 4. MINUTES**
 - 4.1 To confirm the minutes of the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum meeting held on 18 August 2010
 - 4.2 Matters arising
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

6. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

- 6.1 Presentation on Tree Strategy – *Arboricultural Officer*
- 6.2 Presentation on Parking Strategy – *Parking Services Manager*

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION and/or INFORMATION

- 7.1 Putting People First – *Strategic Commissioner – Working Age Adults*
- 7.2 Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum: Investigation into 20's Plenty –
Traffic Calming Measures – *Chair of Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum*
- 7.3 Verbal Update on North Cleansing / Ground Maintenance Round –
Neighbourhood Manager

8. ITEMS FOR DECISION

9. WARD ISSUES FROM WARD MEMBERS AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES

10. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the North Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum will take place on Wednesday, 10 November 2010 at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue, commencing at 10.00 am.

The next meeting of the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum will take place on Wednesday, 15 December 2010 at West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue commencing at 10.00 am

WARDS

Brus
 Dyke House
 Hart
 St Hilda
 Throston

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

18 August 2010

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm in West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Mary Fleet - Dyke House Ward

Vice Chair: Bob Steel (Resident Representative)

Councillor Rob Cook	Hart Ward
Councillor Sheila Griffin	- Brus Ward
Councillor Christopher McKenna	- Throston Ward
Councillor Trevor Rogan	- Brus Ward
Councillor Stephen Thomas	- Dyke House Ward

Resident Representatives: Christine Blakey, John Cambridge, John Maxwell, Joan Steel and Robert Steel

Public: Mr M Hanley, John Lynch, David Nin, Cath Torley, Liz Torley, Alan Vale, B Weegram, Dennis Wilson

Officers:

- Ian Bond, Ecologist
- Dennis Hancock, Senior Engineer (Environmental Issues)
- Peter Graves, Townscape Heritage Initiative Manager
- Karen Oliver, Neighbourhood Manager (North)
- Garry Jones, Neighbourhood Services Officer
- Ann Callaghan, Neighbourhood Development Officer (North)
- Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

Police Representatives: Inspector Carroll, Sergeant Brown
 Housing Hartlepool Representative: Helen Ivison, Housing Manager (Neighbourhoods)
 Scott Wilson Consultants: Richard Hein

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barday, Barker, Jackson

and Wright and Resident Representative Linda Shields.

11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

12. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 JUNE 2010

These were confirmed as an accurate account.

13. MATTERS ARISING

The Neighbourhood Manager updated those present on action which had been taken on matters raised at the previous meeting.

King Oswy Drive – A resident had highlighted problems in the vicinity of the school when buses were unable to gain access. The Neighbourhood Manager said that a meeting had been scheduled with residents and Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) forums and the highways section to facilitate a solution.

Bishop Cuthbert – It was clarified that the Residents' Association which had supported security issues in Middle Warren were the Clavering and Hart Station residents association.

14. MINUTES OF THE POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FORUM HELD ON 28 JULY 2010

These were received by the Forum.

15. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Playbuilder – A resident asked that preference be given to the North area of the town should any future funding be identified for the provision of recreational facilities.

Steetley Site – A resident asked whether there was any news on development of this site. The Ecologist said that there was a timescale by which plans were to be submitted and then a further timescale indicating when work had to be completed.

Henry Smith School Field – A resident queried whether permission had been granted for Jazz bands to rehearse in this location. The Neighbourhood Manager agreed to find out which band was using the field and liaise with property services.

King Oswy Drive – A resident highlighted that the speed warning sign did not appear to be working. The Neighbourhood Services Officer agreed to follow this up.

16. LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

Ecologist Ian Bond outlined the benefits of certain areas around the Central Estate being designated as a Local Nature Reserve or Local Wildlife Site which would provide areas for people to experience and learn about nature. He explained that this could be done with relatively little funding and management. Organisations such as Community Payback and East Durham College could provide assistance with management of the area. If the area was designated, then grant funding could be available. Countryside wardens would be able to liaise with local schools to provide informal events to encourage children to take advantage of the area. He confirmed that prior to any designation, consultation would take place with neighbours of affected areas.

Residents, resident representatives and Members expressed support for the designation.

Sand dunes north of Brus Tunnel - A resident expressed concern that these were being destroyed because motorcycles and quad bikes were being ridden in that area. He was advised that this area was in several ownerships but was managed by the Countryside Wardens. Residents should contact police when they were aware of vehicles being in the area. However future development on the Britmag site should eliminate the problem.

Disabled Access to Central Area Park – A resident highlighted that proposed development in this area would remove disabled access.

17. TOWN WALL COASTAL DEFENCE

The Principal Engineer (Environmental Issues) introduced Richard Hein, Principal Coastal Engineer at Scott Wilson Consultants who had carried out investigations around the Town Wall to ensure that the most suitable coastal defences are in place to protect the coastline now and in the future. The problems were outlined and the preferred solution which was to build a set back wall with toe protection at the foot of the wall. However, consultation would need to take place with English Heritage to ensure that the structure was in keeping with the Wall's historic background. It was established that funding would be available from Central Government for the project. Further consultation would take place including two meetings at the Borough Hall on Tuesday, 24 August 2010 with residents.

A resident commented that he felt that a contributory factor to the erosion and damage of the wall and other areas on the headland coastline including the Heugh Breakwater were the practises used by PD Ports. A resident representative commented that the local

knowledge held by some residents should be taken into consideration.

18. HOUSING HARTLEPOOL'S PROPOSAL TO FORM A GROUP WITH TRISTAR HOMES

The Housing Manager (Neighbourhoods) from Housing Hartlepool gave details of the proposed partnership formation with Tristar Homes who currently manage 10,000 homes for Stockton Borough council. This was due to take place from December 2010 following a meeting of the Board in November after consultation with tenants. This partnership should improve service delivery and performance for Hartlepool tenants. Housing Hartlepool would continue to be landlord for the Hartlepool properties.

It was clarified that the two companies would go into partnership on equal terms although the structure of both organisations were likely to undergo some changes.

The Housing Manager agreed to provide contact details for those present at the meeting.

19. WARD ISSUES

Presentations - A resident representative commented that there had been three presentations during the meeting despite assurances previously that there would be a limit on the number.

Resident Consultation - A resident representative stated that she thought resident representatives and the neighbourhood forums were a 'tick box' exercise on behalf of the Authority and had experienced a negative atmosphere from some of those present at this and other meetings. She was informed that the Authority had positive views with

regards to consultations with residents' views and highlighted the Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) forums and the Neighbourhood forums.

Neighbourhood Forum Review – A resident representative asked whether there had been any outcomes from the Neighbourhood Forum Review. The Neighbourhood Manager said that an Action Plan had been circulated and a meeting would be arranged to discuss this with resident representatives.

Playpark and Play Equipment – A resident representative highlighted that a decision had been made on the play area next to Hartfields. She also commented that she had identified some unsafe play equipment, raised the issue with Officers and this had been addressed.

Falcon Road – A resident representative said that residents were frustrated by the delays in resolving traffic issues and asked that an update be given.

Coast Road – A resident representative informed the police officers present about speeding traffic in this location who agreed to follow this up.

Community Notice Board, Sainsbury – A resident representative thanked police for their help in transporting a notice board for residents to Sainsbury on Bishop Cuthbert.

Funding – A resident representative asked that when funding for projects was withdrawn, the reasons for withdrawal should be outlined.

Tall Ships 2010 – A resident representative outlined accessibility problems at the event and stated that the Disability Discrimination Act had not been complied with.

Middleton Grange Shopping Centre – A resident representative asked whether

anything could be done to prevent shops closing. She was informed that the Local Authority did not own the shopping centre but talks were ongoing with the Mayor and manager of the centre to address this problem.

Hartbeat – A resident suggested that this publication should have a 'you said, we did' feature to update residents on progress on issues raised by them.

Resident Representatives – A resident representative suggested that contact details be publicised on the Council website. The Neighbourhood Development Officer said that there was ongoing discussion in relation to this.

The meeting concluded at 8.07 pm.

CHAIR

North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum**taken from meeting on 18 August 2010****Issues Raised/Action Sheet**

Issue Details	Action Taken	Officer
King Oswy Drive	The West View and King Oswy NAP Resident Sub Group have met – Action Plan currently been developed which will consider issues raised by residents and Ward members in relation to speed and parking	Garry Jones
Henry school field noise from jazz band	Group have been notified and asked to cease practice in this location	Karen Oliver
King Oswy Drive: speed warning system not working	Contractors have been notified – repair work to take place asap	Peter Nixon
Town Wall Coastal defence	Next consultation exercise will take place in November 2010	Dennis Hancock
Neighbourhood Forum Review	Work currently underway to develop website for Resident Rep. Meeting has been arranged with Res. Reps. To take this development forward	
Faloon Road – residents concerned that work had not commenced.	Faloon Rd – installation of raised junction and 'pinch point' in Oct 2010. Merlin Way: Installation of three sets of speed cushions in Oct. 2010	Peter Nixon



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I Introduction

The Our health, our care, our say White Paper and statements in the 2007 budget report and Comprehensive Spending Review announcement outlined the key elements of a reformed adult social care system in England; a system able to respond to the demographic challenges presented by an ageing society and the rising expectations of those who depend on social care for their quality of life and capacity to have full and purposeful lives.

Demography means an increasing number of people are living longer, but with more complex conditions such as dementia and chronic illnesses. By 2022, 20% of the English population will be over 65. By 2027, the number of over 85 year-olds will have increased by 60 %.

People want, and have a right to expect, services with dignity and respect at their heart. Older people, disabled people and people with mental health problems demand equality of citizenship in every aspect of their lives, from housing to employment to leisure. The vast majority of people want to live in their own homes for as long as possible.

In the context of changing family structures, caring responsibilities will impact on an increasing number of citizens. Examples include an eighty-year-old woman having to cope with her husband's dementia, a young mum pursuing a career and bringing up a family while looking after her elderly parent, a business executive working overseas whose widowed mother is hospitalised overnight following a stroke and older parents seeking for the right support to ensure their adult son with a learning disability can live independently.

We agree that there is a need to explore options for the long term funding of the care and support system, to ensure that it is fair, sustainable and unambiguous about the respective responsibilities of the state, family and individual. As stated in the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) announcement 2007, the Government will produce a Green Paper following extensive public consultation setting out the key issues and options for reform. Notwithstanding the Green Paper on longer-term reform of the funding system and following the recent CSR settlement, there is now an urgent need to begin the development of a new adult care system. A personalised system which can meet the challenges described earlier and is on the side of the people needing services and their carers. While acknowledging the Community Care legislation of the 1990s was well intentioned, it has led to a system which can be over complex and too often fails to respond to people's needs and expectations.

This landmark protocol seeks to set out and support the Government's commitment to independent living for all adults. It also outlines the shared aims and values, which will guide the transformation of adult social care. It is unique in establishing a collaborative approach between central and local Government, the sector's professional leadership, providers and the regulator. It seeks to be the first public service reform programme which is co-produced, co-developed, co-evaluated and recognises that real change will only be achieved through the participation of users and carers at every stage. It recognises that sustainable and meaningful change depends significantly on our capacity to empower people who use services and to win the hearts and minds of all stakeholders', especially front line staff. Local government will need to spend some existing resources differently and the Government will provide specific funding to support system-wide transformation through the Social Care Reform Grant, in line with agreements on new burdens.

We do not seek to prescribe uniform systems and structures in every part of the country. However, access to high quality support should be universal and available in every community. Some of these reforms can be made within the parameters of the local adult social care policies. Others require adult social care to take a leadership role within local authorities, across public services and in local communities.

Ultimately, every locality should seek to have a single community based support system focussed on the health and wellbeing of the local population. Binding together local Government, primary care, community based health provision, public health, social care and the wider issues of housing, employment, benefits advice and education/training.

This will not require structural changes, but organisations coming together to re-design local systems around the needs of citizens. The new local performance framework, which covers the delivery of all services by local government working alone or in partnership, will help to create an improved approach to local partnership, enabling local authorities and partners to work together to lead their area and better meet the public's needs. The transformation of adult social care will be delivered through the new performance framework, and will draw on new mechanisms within the framework, such as the new statutory requirement on local authorities and PCTs to undertake a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, to ensure that the transformation process really delivers on the challenges for each local area.

In future organisations will be expected to put citizens at the heart of a reformed system. Incentives will include the new focus of the local performance framework, guidance on commissioning for health and wellbeing, Human Rights legislation, and any international obligations such as the new UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

2 Values

Ensuring older people, people with chronic conditions, disabled people and people with mental health problems have the best possible quality of life and the equality of independent living is fundamental to a socially just society.

For many, social care is the support which helps to make this a reality and may either be the only non-family intervention or one element of a wider support package.

The time has now come to build on best practice and replace paternalistic, reactive care of variable quality with a mainstream system focussed on prevention, early intervention, enablement, and high quality personally tailored services. In the future, we want people to have maximum choice, control and power over the support services they receive.

We will always fulfil our responsibility to provide care and protection for those who through their illness or disability are genuinely unable to express needs and wants or exercise control. However, the right to self-determination will be at the heart of a reformed system only constrained by the realities of finite resources and levels of protection, which should be responsible but not risk averse.

Over time, people who use social care services and their families will increasingly shape and commission their own services. Personal Budgets will ensure people receiving public funding use available resources to choose their own support services – a right previously available only to self-funders. The state and statutory agencies will have a different not lesser role – more active and enabling, less controlling.

3 A personalised Adult Social Care System

The key elements will be:

3.1 Local authority leadership accompanied by authentic partnership working with the local NHS, other statutory agencies, third and private sector providers, users and carers and the wider local community to create a new, high quality care system which is fair, accessible and responsive to the individual needs of those who use services and their carers.

The current Darzi review of the NHS has recognised the relationship between health, social care and wider community services will be integral to the creation of a truly personalised care system.

3.2 Agreed and shared outcomes which should ensure people, irrespective of illness or disability, are supported to:

- live independently;
- stay healthy and recover quickly from illness;
- exercise maximum control over their own life and where appropriate the lives of their family members;
- sustain a family unit which avoids children being required to take on inappropriate caring roles;
- participate as active and equal citizens, both economically and socially;

- have the best possible quality of life, irrespective of illness or disability;
- retain maximum dignity and respect.

3.3 System-wide transformation, developed and owned by local partners covering the following objectives:

- A joint strategic needs assessment undertaken by local authorities, relevant PCT and NHS providers. This should be undertaken in conjunction with other local needs assessments and plans (for example, local housing strategies). The joint strategic needs assessment and these other plans will inform the Sustainable Community Strategy. It will also be accompanied by an integrated approach with local NHS commissioners and providers to achieve specific outcomes on issues including:
 - relevant preventative public health policies, e.g. infection control and fall reduction strategies;
 - hospital discharge arrangements;
 - the provision of adequate intermediate care;
 - the management of long term conditions;
 - packages of support with a health and/or nursing care element;
 - co-located services, bringing together social care; primary care and other relevant professionals;
 - community equipment services;
 - universal information, advice and advocacy;
 - carer support and public/patient involvement;
 - complaints systems.

The full range of relevant local statutory, voluntary and private sector organisations need to be fully engaged. Where appropriate, Local Area Agreements will be the vehicle to bring together national policy with local priorities, informed by the vision developed by local partners. This will mean organisations being willing to allocate funding to others, if this will have greater impact on shared outcomes. The NHS Operating Framework will reflect a new shared responsibility for the health and wellbeing of citizens, families and communities.
- Commissioning which incentivises and stimulates quality provision offering high standards of care, dignity and maximum choice and control for service users.

Supports third/private sector innovation, including social enterprise and where appropriate is undertaken jointly with the NHS and other statutory agencies eg Learning and Skills Council, employment services, and Housing Authorities. This must be shaped by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

- A locally agreed approach, which informs the Sustainable Community Strategy, utilising all relevant community resources especially the voluntary sector so that prevention, early intervention and enablement become the norm. Supporting people to remain in their own homes for as long as possible. The alleviation of loneliness and isolation to be a major priority. Citizens live independently but are not independent; they are interdependent on family members, work colleagues, friends and social networks.
- A universal information, advice and advocacy service for people needing services and their carers irrespective of their eligibility for public funding. A 'first shop stop', which could be accessed by phone, letter, e-mail, internet or at accessible community locations. Key strategic partners to be the Pensions Agency and relevant voluntary organisations. The LinkAge Plus pilots are providing strong evidence of the benefits for older people of this approach. Personal advocates to be available in the absence of a carer or in circumstances where people require support to articulate their needs and/or utilise the personal budget.
- A common assessment process of individual social care needs with a greater emphasis on self-assessment. Social workers spending less time on assessment and more on support, brokerage and advocacy.
- Person centred planning and self directed support to become mainstream and define individually tailored support packages. Telecare to be viewed as integral not marginal.
- Personal budgets for everyone eligible for publicly funded adult social care support other than in circumstances where people require emergency access to provision. Lord Darzi's recent NHS next stage review interim report suggested that in the future personal budgets for people with long-term conditions could include NHS resources.

- Direct payments utilised by increasing numbers of people, as defined by locally set targets in LAAs.
- Family members and carers to be treated as experts and care partners other than in circumstances where their views and aspirations are at odds with the person using the service or they are seeking to deny a family member the chance to experience maximum choice and control over their own life. Programmes to be supported which enable carers to develop their skills and confidence.
- A transformed community equipment service, consistent with the retail market model.
- Systems which support integrated working with children's services, including transition planning and parent carers, and identifying and addressing concerns about children's welfare.
- Support for at least one local user led organisation and mainstream mechanisms to develop networks which ensure people using services and their families have a collective voice, influencing policy and provision.
- Systems which act on and minimise the risk of abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults, supported by a network of "champions", including volunteers and professionals, promoting dignity in local care services.
- Local workforce development strategies focussed on raising skill levels and providing career development opportunities across all sectors. Strategies to be co-produced, co-developed and co-evaluated with the private and voluntary sectors.

Adult social care will also take responsibility for championing the rights and needs of older people, disabled people, people with mental health needs and carers within the local authority, across public services and in the wider community. Early priorities will be intergenerational programmes involving older people as active citizens, integrated policy development which supports independent living (housing, access to work, education/training and leisure) including transition planning for young disabled people and local action to tackle the stigma faced by people with mental health problems.

4 Support for Reform

The Department of Health will provide funding over the next three years to support system-wide transformation in every local authority. Local authorities and their partners will agree together how this funding will be spent to develop the personalised system described in Section 3.

A detailed prospectus consistent with our core principles will be published in December.

In line with the soon to be published National Improvement and Efficiency Strategy (NIES), Department of Health (DH), will refocus the relevant activities of Care Services Efficiency Delivery Programme (CSED) and Care Services Improvement Partnership (CSIP) and seek partnerships with Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnerships, local consortia, In Control and other 'change agents' to ensure every local authority has access to high quality support for the necessary change programme.

DH, and where appropriate, other Government Departments, will ensure new capital investment supports a more integrated approach to health and wellbeing in every community.

DH will lead a new cross-ministerial group including the Treasury, Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG), Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) and Department for Children, Schools and Families to ensure a joined-up approach to adult social care transformation and the review of long-term funding. The need for legislative and regulatory changes will be considered in consultation with local Government, providers and other stakeholders.

A new skills academy is being developed with partners to support world class commissioning and leadership in social care. Skills for Care and the General Social Care Council (GSCC) will provide leadership to ensure entry level training, continued professional development and workforce registration to reflect the new skills required in a personalised system. In taking this forward, we will ensure that opportunities for co-ordination and joint capacity building are exploited with the World Class Commissioning programme for PCTs and those programmes in Children's services and the rest of local government. DH will also work with CLG and the Local Government Association (LGA) to consider how best to take this forward in the context of the NIES.

Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) will be expected to promote, identify, and disseminate best practice and innovation, acting as a catalyst for system-wide transformation. Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) and their successor regulator will align their approach to inspection and regulation with the reform agenda, in the context of the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA).

5 Timescale

Every local transformation process will include clear benchmarks, timescales and designated delivery responsibilities.

By the end of the CSR period in March 2011, we expect people who use services and their carers as well as front line staff and providers to experience significant progress in all local authority areas. Incremental progress should be evident over a shorter period of time.

6 Engagement/ Consultation

If we are to win the hearts and minds of all stakeholders, especially frontline staff, it is essential that they are participants in the change programme from the design stage onwards.

It is hoped that every local authority will create forums, networks and task groups which involve staff across all sectors, people who use services and carers as active participants in the change process.

7 Conclusion

We recognise that organisations such as In Control, other voluntary organisations and some local authorities have been at the cutting edge of innovation in adult social care for some time. The Individual Budget, Partnerships for Older People and LinkAge Plus pilots have begun to demonstrate what works as well as identifying barriers to progress.

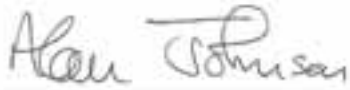
However, national and local leadership is now essential if we are to achieve system-wide transformation. This is necessary because of demographic realities, but driven by a shared commitment to social justice.

This protocol seeks to be a catalyst – not a straightjacket – for innovation and is the first stage in a unique attempt to co-produce, co-develop and co-evaluate a major public service reform.

We will judge our success through the views and experiences of those who use the social care system, progress in supporting adults to live independently, objective measures of performance, and the job satisfaction of those working at all levels of the system.

In the future, adult social care will touch the lives of an increasing number of families.

By signing this historic protocol, we accept our shared responsibility to create a high quality, personalised system which offers people the highest standards of professional expertise, care, dignity, maximum control and self determination.



Secretary of State for Health



Chief Executive, NHS Confederation



Secretary of State for Work and Pensions



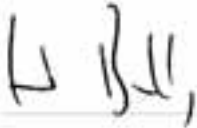
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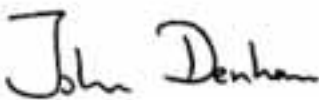
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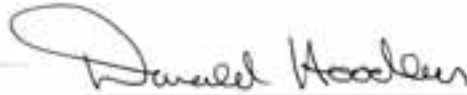
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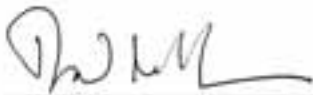
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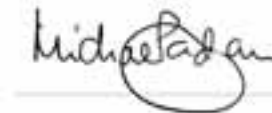
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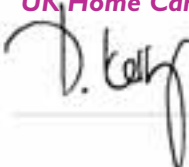
National Care Association



Chief Executive, NHS



UK Home Care Association



Executive Director, National Care Forum



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum:
Investigation into 20's Plenty – Traffic Calming
Measures – Covering Report

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum as part of its work programme for this Municipal Year is investigating '20's Plenty – Traffic Calming Measures'.
- 1.2 The terms of reference for the investigation are as follows:
- (a) To gain an understanding of how traffic calming is implemented in Hartlepool and the legislative and policy requirements;
 - (b) To gain an understanding of the types and effectiveness of traffic calming measures used nationally and locally;
 - (c) To explore how traffic calming could be undertaken in Hartlepool in the future utilising innovative solutions, including 20's Plenty as a possible alternative to physical measures; and
 - (d) To gain an understanding of the impact of current and future budget pressures on the way in which traffic calming is provided in Hartlepool;
 - (e) To explore how traffic calming could be provided in the future, giving due regard to:-
 - (i) Improving the effectiveness and efficiency of the way in which the service is currently provided; and
 - (ii) If / how the service could be provided at a reduced financial cost (within the resources available in the current economic climate).
- 1.3 As part of the Scrutiny Forum's investigation the Chair of the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum will be in attendance at today's meeting to deliver a presentation and seek views on the way forward for the provision of traffic calming measures in Hartlepool.

- 1.4 A questionnaire is attached, please could you complete and either hand in at this meeting or return to Laura Stones, Scrutiny Support Officer, Hartlepool, Civic Centre, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Forum is asked to consider the presentation and complete the attached questionnaire.

Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum – 20's Plenty
Traffic Calming Measures

- (a) Do you think physical traffic calming measures are effective?

YES ☐

NO ☐

- (b) Would you like to see the implementation of 20 mph as the default speed limit for all residential and town centre roads?

YES ☐

NO ☐

- (c) How you think the Council should be approaching traffic calming issues in light of the budgetary restrictions?
