

JOINT COMMUNITY SAFETY & HOUSING AND FINANCE & PROCUREMENT PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

27 October 2010

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor The Mayor, Stuart Drummond (via telephone link)
 Councillor Robbie Payne

Officers: Graham Frankland, Assistant Director (Resources)
 Damien Wilson, Assistant Director (Regeneration and Planning)
 Valerie Hastie, Principal Policy Officer, Sustainable
 Development
 Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

1. Sustainable Construction Policy *(Principal Policy Officer, Sustainable Development)*

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of Report

To seek endorsement for the proposed Sustainable Construction Policy.

Issues for consideration by the Portfolio Holders

The Portfolio Holders had been provided with the report relating to Hartlepool Borough Council's intentions with regard to incorporating sustainability issues into its construction activities and introducing the role of sustainable construction in delivering Hartlepool's Community Strategy.

The Finance and Procurement Portfolio Holder asked what the cost implications would be to drive the policy forward. He was informed that although there were no actual figures outlined, initially construction costs could be higher but there would be significant savings made on future running costs, in addition to the reduction of CO₂ emissions which the Council must deliver.. The Portfolio Holder expressed concern that smaller local companies could suffer when

submitting quotes/tenders for work if they were unused to sustainable construction. He was informed that support would be offered by the Strategic Procurement Manager to smaller businesses within the procurement processes where they might be unable to compete singly they could be encouraged, to work together with other small businesses to achieve economies of scale.

Decision

The Portfolio Holders endorsed the Sustainable Construction Policy as a precursor to the development of a more comprehensive Sustainable Construction Strategy to be reported to a future joint meeting of the Portfolio Holders.

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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