

REGENERATION, LIVEABILITY AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO

DECISION SCHEDULE



Friday 2nd June, 2006

at 11.00 am

in Committee Room “A”

The Mayor Stuart Drummond responsible for Regeneration, Liveability and Housing will consider the following items.

1. KEY DECISIONS

No items

2. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

2.1 Pride in Hartlepool Proposals – *Head of Environmental Management*

2.2 Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – Levels of Fines – *Head of Environmental Management*

3. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

No items

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

No items

5. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS

No items

REGENERATION AND LIVEABILITY

Report to Portfolio Holder
2nd June 2006



Report of: Head of Environmental Management

Subject: PRIDE IN HARTLEPOOL PROPOSALS

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider recommendations of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group in respect of proposals for community projects.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

List of Pride in Hartlepool proposals and recommendations for funding of those proposals.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Recommendations of spend on Pride in Hartlepool projects to be confirmed by the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Liveability.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Recommendations of Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group to Regeneration and Liveability.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

To agree the recommendations of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group in respect of proposals for community projects.

Report of: Head of Environmental Management

Subject: PRIDE IN HARTLEPOOL PROPOSALS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider recommendations of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group in respect of proposals for community projects.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group met on 2nd May 2006 and recommended the following for approval:
- 2.2 The Friends of Croft Gardens requested £5,000 funding to improve the gardens by repairing the walls and paths, re-planting overgrown and old shrubs, planting bulbs and new seating. It is recommended that funding of £1000 be approved.
- 2.3 Central Estate Tenant Management Organisation requested funding for hanging baskets for the residents of the sheltered bungalows. Volunteers from the Management Organisation will put up the baskets on the front of the bungalows so that all the local community will benefit. 99 baskets were requested at a total cost of £1881.00. It is recommended that funding of £1000 be approved.
- 2.4 Jesmond Road Primary School requested £703.00 to revitalise and improve their small school garden. Tools and resources will be obtained so that the children can help to work in the garden and use it as an outdoor classroom. It is recommended that the total amount requested be approved.
- 2.5 Scally wags is a children's nursery that currently has a small outdoor space that the children to play in. This space has unsafe paving and is of little inspiration. Scally Wags are requesting funding to improve the space to create a safe, stimulating and caring environment for each child to learn through play. It is recommended that funding of £1000 be approved.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The funding for the above projects is available within the Pride in Hartlepool budget.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 That the recommendations of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group be approved.

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Report of: Head of Environmental Management

Subject: CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS & ENVIRONMENT
ACT 2005 - LEVELS OF FINES

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the portfolio holder of the Fixed Penalty offences contained within the recently introduced Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, and detail the amounts payable to the Council under each offence.
- 1.2 To seek approval to commence charging the set amounts with immediate effect.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

- 2.1 A full list of new powers and suggested levels of fines.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

- 3.1 The Portfolio Holder is responsible for the environment.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

- 4.1 Non-key.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

- 5.1 Portfolio Holder, 2 June 2006.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

- 6.1 Approval to the level of fines suggested.

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2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 received Royal Assent on April 7th 2005, and the various sections of the new legislation have been phased in over the past twelve months.
- 2.2 In a report to the Regeneration & Liveability Portfolio of the 18th November 2005, concise details of the new Act were provided which gave an overview of its potential to provide a safer and cleaner environment for the people of Hartlepool.
- 2.3 At this meeting, the Mayor acknowledged the benefits of the Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 and gave full support to its use in combating the unacceptable levels of environmental crime within the town.
- 2.4 In the report of the 18th November 2005, section 4 informed that where the Council is able to give an offender the option of discharging liability for conviction through the payment of a fixed penalty notice, then it may set the level of fine at what it considers appropriate.
- 2.5 Section 4 also informs that the Council can make provision for treating a fixed penalty notice as having been paid off if a lesser amount is paid within a given time period.

3. LEVELS OF FINES AND EARLY PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1 Appendix A of this report lists the fixed penalty offences introduced under the Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 and details the respective levels of fines.
- 3.2 The Council will accept a lesser amount, where applicable, if a fixed penalty notice is paid within a period of 7 days from the date of issue.
- 3.3 Appendix A of this report lists the respective lesser amounts where applicable.

4. SUMMARY

- 4.1 The Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005 is a welcome new addition to the powers available to the Council as it endeavours to provide a safe and clean environment for the people of Hartlepool.
- 4.2 The effective implementation of these new powers is therefore essential and the Council must consider them fundamental to its key aims and objectives.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That the Portfolio Holder approves the set level of fines as listed at Appendix A.
- 5.2 That the Portfolio Holder approves the early payment arrangements as listed at Appendix A.

Offence	Fixed Penalty Amount (£)	Early Payment Amount (£)
Selling Vehicles on the Road	75	50
Repairing Vehicles on the Road	75	50
Nuisance and Abandoned Vehicles	200	N/A
Littering	75	50
Litter Clearing Notices	100	75
Street Litter Control Notices	100	75
Free Distribution of Printed Matter	75	50
Graffiti and Fly posting	75	50
Transport of Wastes	300	N/A
Waste Receptacle Offences	75	50
Fouling of Land by Dogs	75	50
Keeping of Dogs on Leads	75	50
Exclusion of Dogs from Land	75	50
Number of Dogs which a person may take on to any land	75	50