

# **REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO**

## **DECISION SCHEDULE**



**Friday 1 April 2011**

**at 3.30 pm**

**in Committee Room A, Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

Councillor P Hargreaves, Cabinet member responsible for Regeneration and Economic Development will consider the following items.

### **1. KEY DECISIONS**

No items

### **2. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION**

- 2.1 Clavering Road Parking Lay-By - *Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)*

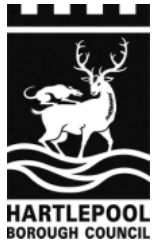
### **3. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Future Jobs Fund – Final Outturn – *Assistant Director (Regeneration and Planning)*
- 3.2 Working Neighbourhood Funding – Exit Review – *Assistant Director (Regeneration and Planning)*

## **REGENERATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO**

Report to Portfolio Holder

Date 1 April 2011



**Report of:** Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)

**Subject:** CLAVERING ROAD PARKING LAY-BY

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### **SUMMARY**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To report objections to a proposed parking lay-by on Clavering Road.

#### **2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS**

The report details the background to the scheme, the objections to it and the proposed course of action.

#### **3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER**

The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for Traffic and Transportation issues.

#### **4. TYPE OF DECISION**

Non key.

#### **5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE**

This is an executive decision by the Portfolio Holder.

#### **6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

That the objections be noted, and the parking lay-by be approved.

**Report of:** Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)

**Subject:** CLAVERING ROAD PARKING LAY-BY

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To report objections to a proposed parking lay-by on Clavering Road.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 As part of the Tees Valley Bus Network Improvements, one of the schemes identified is a parking lay-by on Clavering Road, just north of the school entrance, as shown in **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 At school pick up and drop off times the road can become congested due to parked vehicles, and the provision of a parking lay-by would take these vehicles out of the main carriageway, freeing up the road for both buses and general traffic.

**3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1 The lay-by would see vehicles parking approximately 2-3 metres in from where they currently do on the main carriageway, with the footpath re-aligned adjacent to it. As a small number of shrubs are to be removed as part of the improvements, replacement trees are proposed to be planted in their place. The detail of these works will be agreed with the Council's Arboricultural Officer, who has no objection to the removal of the existing shrubs.
- 3.2 A petition has been received from local residents' along with two individual letters and representations from Ward Councillors, objecting to the scheme. An e-mail has also been received from the school Head Teacher in support of the proposal. (All objections/ letters of support are shown in **Appendix 2**).
- 3.3 The objections to the lay-by relate to problems with anti-social behaviour, loss of shrubs, and the view that the Council's Parking Enforcement Officers should deal with the problem.
- 3.4 The school feel that the scheme would ease congestion and reduce the risk of accidents.

- 3.5 Whilst acknowledging that anti-social behaviour is a serious issue and understandably of great concern to residents, it is difficult to see how the provision of this lay-by would exacerbate the problem. The lay-by will only be used twice a day for around 30 minutes each time, by people picking up and dropping off children at the school. A Police view of the anti-social behaviour situation has been requested, and an update will be provided for the meeting.
- 3.6 In addition, residents of Talland Close have for some time complained about school time parking within their street, with people then walking through to access the school. Previous requests for school time parking restrictions have not been taken forward, as this would have simply moved the problem to the next street. However, with the provision of an alternative parking area such as the proposed lay-by, the possibility of restrictions in Talland Close could be re-visited, if necessary.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The works are estimated to cost £100,000, with funding coming from the Tees Valley Bus Network Improvements scheme. This is a joint-funded project by both the Department for Transport and Hartlepool Borough Council, with £75,000 for the Clavering Road scheme coming from the DfT.
- 4.2 Should the scheme not go ahead, it is unlikely that funding will be forthcoming in the future to address this issue.

#### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 That the objections be noted, and provision of the parking lay-by be approved.

#### **6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 To reduce congestion and the risk to road safety outside of Clavering School, whilst also improving parking provision.

#### **7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

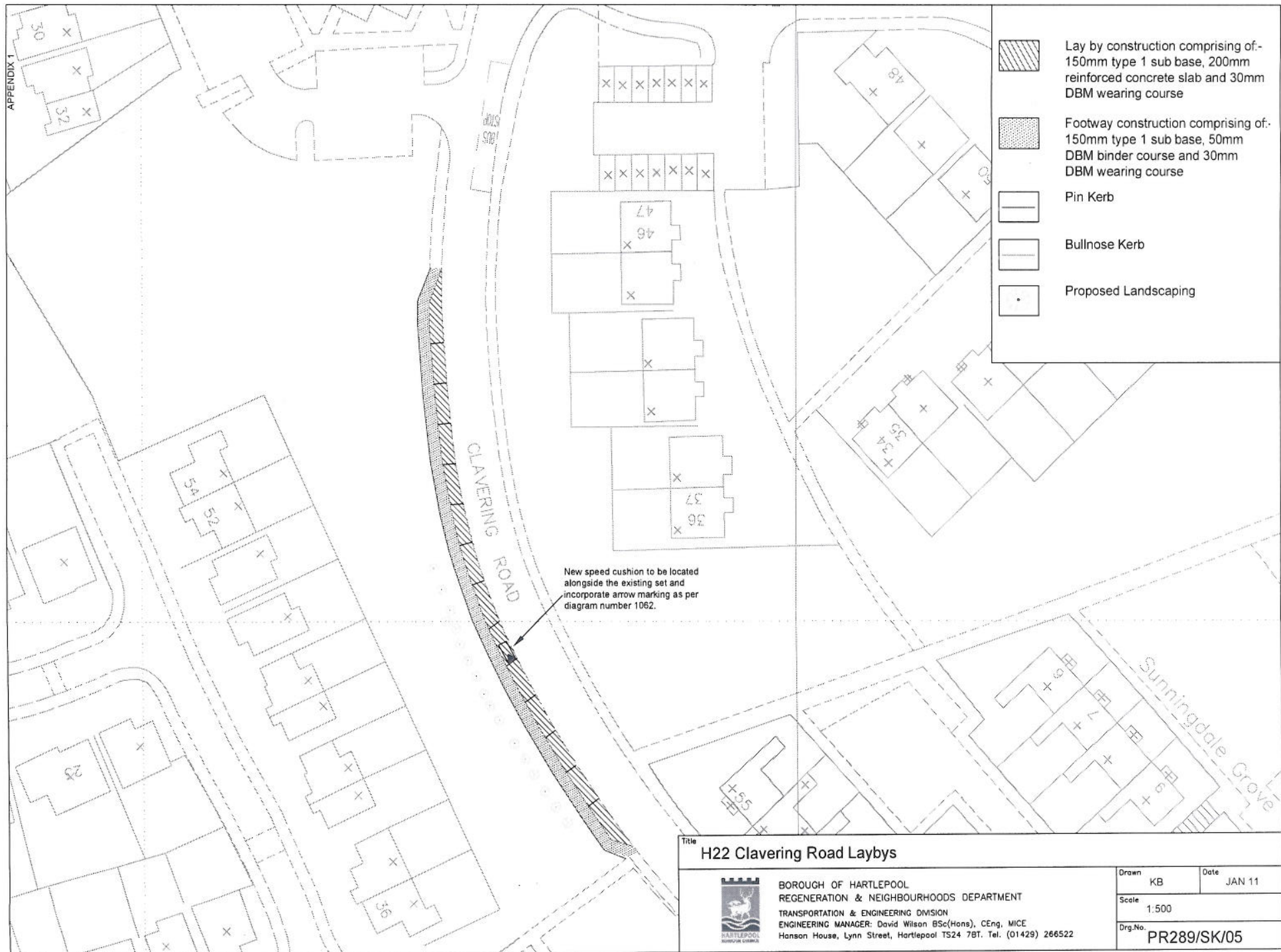
- 7.1 **Appendix 1** – Scheme Plan.
- 7.2 **Appendix 2** – Objections/ letters of support.

**8. CONTACT OFFICER**

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22 February 2011

Kieran Bostock

I have received a letter from you stating your wish to provide 15 car parking spaces on Clavering road.

Can I go on record stating my opposition to this work taking place for the reasons I will set out.

There is a car park at the Gillen pub which is never full at peak school hours as parents just want to park As close as possible to the school, there is also off street parking at Wentworth grove which is also under used.

The trees that will be removed have been there for over 40 years and are full of nesting birds in the summer.

I don't think the council has the money to spend on schemes like this when all it would take to sort the problem is for the area to be patrolled by parking enforcement officers.

If you go ahead and provide 15 spaces, how long will it be before you are coming back to install more?

The other bus route on Clavering (Westwood way) is just as bad as this road, so will you be spending more money that the council doesn't have on that road?

Sincerely





28 February 2011

Kieran Bostock Beng (hons)  
Construction Technician  
Regeneration & Neighbourhoods  
Bryan Hanson House  
Hanson Square  
Lynn Street  
Hartlepool  
TS24 7BT

Dear Mr Bostock

Re Clavering Road Lay-by

Please find enclosed a petition against the proposed Clavering Road Lay-by signed by many of the residents whom will be affected by such a decision. We feel that the proposed lay-by is **not needed or wanted** by the residents whom live closest.

Having spoken to many of the residents even though I had to hobble around with a sprained ankle to do so, we are concerned that such a lay-by will add to the on-going anti-social problems that we currently suffer in the area. We believe that the proposed lay-by will be an attraction to more young people to the area with vehicles and motorbikes.

The Clavering Road area is already a Police hot-spot for anti-social criminal activity by youths whom regularly congregate outside the local shop and take-away. Residents in the close area regularly suffer verbal abuse, indecent activity by urinating on household fences and garage walls on a regular basis. Also damage to the garages by climbing and criminal damage to the garage gates which now have no padlock as a result. The latest damage being to my garage door by the padlocks being filled with super glue. I have been unable to gain access to my vehicle over the weekend. I have therefore suffered financial loss as I require professional assistance to cut the padlocks off and the padlocks will have to be replaced. All of these matters have been reported to the local Police whom are sympathetic although unable to resolve the problem. The Police Officer who came to see me regarding the padlocks was amazed to hear about the proposed lay-by and agreed that such a lay-by will cause further problems for residents.

Previously as I was returning home from work one evening I observed two males stop their vehicle where you are proposing the Clavering Road Lay-by. The males crossed the road and walked to the corner of my fencing where



they proceeded to urinate against my fence with their backs to the traffic that was passing along Clavering Road. I was distressed that they were urinating into my garden which I take much pride in keeping nice. I do not want to witness such criminal activity on a regular basis which may occur if the proposed lay-by goes ahead. I found it very distressing to have my property abused in such a manner. The incident was reported to the Police.

In the area we also suffer from constant litter from the shops and take-aways dropped by youths. This will be made worse if the proposed lay-by goes ahead, the litter that will be thrown from cars will be blown across the road into the gardens of Wentworth Grove.

**The problem of slowing the bus is caused by parents whom park illegally on double yellow lines twice per day to drop their children. Those parents are committing a traffic offence and should be dealt with accordingly. A simple and cheaper method of dealing with the problem would be to enforce the double yellow lines and give the illegal parkers parking tickets. There is also plenty of parking behind the Gillen public house and in Wentworth Grove. There is no need for the illegal parking that is taking place by certain parents whom give no thought for the safety of children. Why should the environment of the local residents suffer because of a handful of irresponsible parents.**

I and the residents whom have signed the petition do not want the established trees digging up nor do we want the proposed Clavering Road Lay-by and the on-going problems that will be caused to the area. I am hopeful that after receiving this letter that you will take our fears into consideration and improve the bus network in other ways.

I would appreciate it if you can let me know the date of the meeting when the decision will be taken in order that I may attend with Counsellor Edna Wright whom is also against the Clavering Road Lay-by

I look forward to your response with anticipation

Yours sincerely

# PETITION AGAINST

## PROPOSED CLAVERING ROAD LAY-BY

| DATE    | NAME            | ADDRESS | SIGNATURE     |
|---------|-----------------|---------|---------------|
| 22/2/11 | MARGARET HARRAN |         | M. Haran      |
| 22/2    | M. J. Welch     |         | M. J. Welch   |
| 22/2    | May Robinson    |         | M Robinson    |
| 22/2    | Ruth Barrass    |         | R Barrass     |
| 22/2    | STEVEN RUMBOLD  |         | S. Rumbold    |
| 22/2    | ANDREA OXLEY    |         | A. Oxley      |
| 12/2    | S. Rol          |         | S. Rol        |
| 22/2    | C. Lennon       |         | C. Lennon     |
| 22/2    | V. Fjolsen      |         | V. Fjolsen    |
|         | V. Watson       |         | V. Watson     |
| 22/2    | D. Mulvihill    |         | D. Mulvihill  |
| 23/2    | D. Waller       |         | D. Waller     |
| 23/2    | L Nolan         |         | L Nolan       |
| 23/2    | S. NEARY        |         | S. Neary      |
| 23/2    | P. NEARY        |         | P. Neary      |
| 23/2    | P. NEARY        |         | P. Neary      |
| 23/2    | D. Miller       |         | D. Miller     |
| 23/2    | M. Miller       |         | M. Miller     |
| 23/2    | H. CLARK        |         | H. Clark      |
| 23/2    | K. FACHINI      |         | K. Fachini    |
| 23/2    | D. Rosamund     |         | D. Rosamund   |
| 23/2    | A. Mulvihill    |         | A. Mulvihill  |
| 24/2    | J. BRIDGING     |         | J. Bridging   |
| 24/2    | R. Egglestone   |         | R. Egglestone |



| DATE    | NAME            | ADDRESS | SIGNATURE       |
|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|
| 29-2-11 | K. GOODWIN      |         | K. Goodwin      |
| 24/2/11 | K. LARSEN       |         | K. L.           |
| 24/2    | C. Bell         |         | C. Bell         |
| 4/2/11  | A. Smith        |         | A. Smith        |
| 2-2/11  | W. GRAY         |         | W. Gray         |
| 24/2/11 | K. BAKER        |         | Karen Baker     |
| 11      | J. JOYCE        |         | J. Joyce        |
| 26-2-11 | H. E. WILKINSON |         | H. E. Wilkinson |

Councillor Edna Wright



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*I would appreciate these comments  
to be considered and shown to the  
Portfolio Holder for Transport + Neighbourhoods  
when reaching a decision.*

*Regards*

*CLLr. E. Wright*

*P.S. Could you let me know date and time  
of meeting. 14.3.11 or 11.4.11? Also  
a copy of relevant Agenda. Many Thanks*

**WITH COMPLIMENTS**



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Our Ref:

F.A.O. Kieran Bostock

5.3.11

Re: Proposed Clavering Road Lay-By

With reference to above, I have received a number of complaints from constituents who live adjacent to, and in the immediate area, of this proposed Lay-by.

They already suffer anti-social behaviour with youths congregating on a nightly basis, creating litter and noise, being intimidated when visiting the shops, Wentworth Grove residents, having their garages vandalised, garage locks being superglued etc. It is a priority "Hot Spot" area for the Police, and they are extremely concerned, that they have not been informed, or consulted regarding the above.

As far as improving the bus network throughout the town, these monies could be used elsewhere, since Clavering Shops Bus Lay-by is only yards away from the proposed plan, to provide two Lay-bys, almost adjacent to each other is a waste of funding, and will only encourage more teenagers to park there on an evening, creating more problems for residents.

As regards your comments, to me it will alliviate some parking problems for parents collecting their children from Clavering School, we already have double yellow-lines that should be enforced, by our officers, otherwise all schools will be requesting Lay-bys.

Yours sincerely  
Cllr. E. Wright

CAR PARK AND LAY-BY

CALL THE ATTENTION  
KIERAN BOSTOCK

The car parking/lay-by plan that has been put forward is causing great concern, and will cause future problems for the residents living in that area. They are going to have to live with the parking problems that are created mainly at school times that last one or two hours per day, if monitored and controlled by the officers that have been charged with this duty it could be kept to a minimum, instead with this lay-by plan the parking for the people living in this area will become even worse.

The suggested parking plan/lay-by means that the residents will have bigger problems parking near to their homes for longer periods, this is not solving a problem simply moving and making it worse. I feel it would benefit the planners and the residents if they could get together and discuss or try to find an agreeable solution. As a council our priority is the public and their needs and too try to improve the area and where they live, although this is privately funded monies which could prove useful it cannot and should not be used to fund a plan which will be detrimental to the community By creating more problems than it solves.

Yours sincerely



Caroline Barker Cllr.



**From:** Admin Clavering  
**Sent:** 15 March 2011 10:54  
**To:** Peter Frost  
**Subject:** Proposed Lay-by - Clavering

Good morning,

With reference to the proposed lay-by in Clavering Road. We would have no objections. This would ease congestion for school at peak times and also in Talland Close for residents who have complained to the council on numerous occasions re. street parking. It would benefit school greatly and reduce the risk of accidents.

Thank you

Helen O'Brien  
Headteacher  
Clavering Primary School  
01429 422088

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# **REGENERATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO**

Report To Portfolio Holder  
1 April 2011



Report of: Assistant Director (Regeneration and Planning)

**Subject:** FUTURE JOBS FUND – FINAL OUTTURN

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## **SUMMARY**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update the Portfolio Holder on the final outturn of the Future Jobs Fund (FJF) programme.

### **2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS**

The report outlines the final outturn of the FJF programme, the key outcomes of the programme and the emerging final evaluation.

### **3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER**

Employability and Worklessness falls within the Regeneration and Economic Development Portfolio.

### **4. TYPE OF DECISION**

Non key decision.

### **5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE**

To be considered by the Regeneration and Economic Development Portfolio Holder.

### **6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

For the Portfolio Holder to note the contents of this report.

Report of: Assistant Director (Regeneration and Planning)

**Subject:** FUTURE JOBS FUND – FINAL OUTTURN

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## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To update the Portfolio Holder on the final outturn of the Future Jobs Fund (FJF) programme.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 On 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009, the previous Government announced the investment of over £1 billion to create jobs through the Future Jobs Fund programme. This funding was to be used to generate jobs for those in greatest need, particularly long term unemployed young people, and also those in areas of high unemployment. The fund is managed by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in partnership with the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG).
- 2.2 The main aim of the FJF programme was to create 150,000 jobs between October 2009 and April 2011 providing real help for young people and for those individuals who face significant disadvantages in the labour market.
- 2.3 As a minimum, FJF programmes needed to ensure that:
- Jobs will last for at least 6 months, provide work for 25 hours or more per week and be paid at least at the national minimum wage;
  - All jobs are suitable for long term unemployed young people between 18 and 24 who have been on jobseekers allowance for nearly 12 months, although a proportion of places may be offered to long term unemployed people of any age depending on local circumstances;
  - Jobs are additional -i.e. they would not exist without FJF; and
  - The work undertaken will benefit local communities.
- 2.4 For each job created, the Government contributed £6,500.
- 2.5 On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Economic Development – on behalf of Hartlepool Borough Council and its partners - submitted a FJF application to DWP. Within the FJF application the Council was named as the accountable body and showed that it would work in partnership with the public, private and third sector to create jobs within identified future growth sectors

including Hospitality and Tourism, Renewable Energy, Health and Social Care and Green Jobs.

- 2.6 On 28<sup>th</sup> July 2009, Hartlepool Borough Council received a letter from DWP confirming that the FJF bid had been successful. The Council had secured **£4,680,000** of funding to create **720** FJF jobs. This bid was recognised by Jobcentre Plus (JCP) as one of the most ambitious FJF programmes in the North East.

### **3. COMMENCEMENT OF THE FJF PROGRAMME – OCTOBER 2009**

- 3.1 As part of the contractual requirements, DWP requested that the Council created 500 jobs between October 2009 and March 2010 and 220 jobs between April 2010 and March 2011. As these targets were particularly stretching, Economic Development worked very closely with partners from across the public, private and third sector. Without this support network, it is unlikely that the programme's overall targets would have been achieved.
- 3.2 From the commencement of the programme, a dedicated FJF Team was established who were responsible for the implementation, performance of providers and quality of provision. The Department also employed FJF employees within the FJF Team who were trained in most aspects of contract management including financial management and admin support.
- 3.3 JCP also established a dedicated small team of Officers who were instrumental in providing high levels of support to local authorities. Again, the work of individual JCP staff should be acknowledged and commended.

### **4. KEY OUTCOMES OF THE FJF PROGRAMME**

- 4.1 As stated, Hartlepool's FJF programme was acknowledged as one of the most ambitious projects in the North East and as such, in February 2010, there was a Ministerial visit by Yvette Cooper, the then Secretary of State for DWP. This visit was a resounding success.
- 4.2 Each FJF employee entering onto the programme has been provided with:
- A two day induction;
  - Sector specific training;
  - Mandatory short courses to assist with confidence building, CV completion and preparing for interviews;
  - Intensive jobsearch support; and;
  - In-work mentoring support.

- 4.3 The jobs created provided high quality work experience in a range of disciplines including construction, hospitality, tourism, retail, environmental and community development workers.
- 4.4 The programme has continued to be identified as good practice throughout the lifetime of the project. There were continuous examples of how individual partners offered work experience to some of the most vulnerable adults in society. For instance, the Roots to Employment project which was a partnership between Hartlepool Council, Hartlepool College of Further Education and ORCEL provided work placements for adults with mental health problems, learning disabilities and/or difficulties. Many of whom had never experienced the world of work.
- 4.5 There were other examples of good practice including the Opening Doors project which was managed by the New Deal for Communities (NDC) Trust. This project recruited FJF employees who worked on the Melbourne Hotel on Stockton Road (Bum Valley) which NDC had bought and which is being refurbished to be reopened as a Social Enterprise training hotel. The FJF employees were involved in refurbishment and have carried out work including plumbing, joinery, brickwork, plastering and painting and decorating. One FJF employee is currently undertaking this A1 Assessors course in Hotel & Hospitality which will enable him to assess the NVQ trainees who are placed with the hotel once it opens.

## 5. FINAL OUTTURN OF THE FJF PROGRAMME

- 5.1 On the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011, the 720<sup>th</sup> and final FJF employee entered onto the programme. The overall contract was achieved three weeks ahead of schedule. Table A identifies which providers were involved in offering placements within their own organisation and also sourcing placements with outside employers.

| <b>TABLE A</b>                 |                |                       |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Provider</b>                | <b>Clients</b> | <b>Percentage (%)</b> |
| HBC                            | 227            | 31.5                  |
| Acumen                         | 10             | 1.4                   |
| Greatest Expectations          | 40             | 5.6                   |
| Families First                 | 3              | 0.4                   |
| HCFE                           | 5              | 0.7                   |
| Manor Residents                | 134            | 18.6                  |
| Manor West                     | 5              | 0.7                   |
| Owton Manor Recycling Services | 35             | 4.9                   |
| People Solutions Association   | 100            | 13.9                  |
| Roots to Employment            | 30             | 4.2                   |
| Solid Rock                     | 14             | 1.9                   |
| Tees Trade Academy             | 41             | 5.7                   |
| TNG                            | 35             | 4.9                   |

|                   |            |            |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| West View Project | 12         | 1.7        |
| Wharton Trust     | 29         | 4          |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>720</b> | <b>100</b> |

- 5.2 Throughout the lifetime of the project, Hartlepool's programme has remained the best performing FJF programmes in the North East and one of the best in the Country. As Table B below shows, Hartlepool has out-performed all of its Tees Valley sub-regional neighbours.

| <b>TABLE B</b>                  |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Employer</b>                 | <b>Total Job Starts</b> |
| Darlington                      | 96                      |
| Hartlepool                      | 720                     |
| Middlesbrough                   | 157                     |
| Redcar                          | 290                     |
| Stockton                        | 181                     |
| Greatest Expectations           | 60                      |
| Groundworks – National Provider | 231                     |
| Other National Providers        | 265                     |

- 5.3 Of the 720 FJF employees, Table C shows the benefits that each individual was claiming prior to entering onto the programme and Table D highlights the age of the clients.

| <b>TABLE C</b>               |                |                       |
|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Benefit</b>               | <b>Clients</b> | <b>Percentage (%)</b> |
| Job Seekers Allowance        | 652            | 90.5                  |
| Incapacity Benefit           | 11             | 1.5                   |
| Income Support               | 54             | 7.5                   |
| Employment Support Allowance | 3              | 0.5                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>720</b>     | <b>100</b>            |

| <b>TABLE D</b> |                |                       |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Age</b>     | <b>Clients</b> | <b>Percentage (%)</b> |
| 18-21          | 318            | 44.2                  |
| 22-24          | 200            | 27.7                  |
| 25-30          | 89             | 12.4                  |
| 31-41          | 61             | 8.5                   |
| 42+            | 52             | 7.2                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>720</b>     | <b>100</b>            |

- 5.4 Of the 720 FJF employees, 632 lived within Hartlepool and 88 lived outside of the local area as outlined within Table E and F as shown below.



| <b>TABLE E</b> |                |                       |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Ward</b>    | <b>Clients</b> | <b>Percentage (%)</b> |
| Brus           | 61             | 9.7                   |
| Burn Valley    | 35             | 5.5                   |
| Dyke House     | 69             | 10.9                  |
| Fens           | 21             | 3.3                   |
| Foggy Furze    | 31             | 4.9                   |
| Grange         | 49             | 7.8                   |
| Owton          | 79             | 12.5                  |
| Park           | 13             | 2.1                   |
| Rift House     | 57             | 9                     |
| Rossmere       | 52             | 8.2                   |
| Seaton         | 15             | 2.4                   |
| St Hilda       | 51             | 8.1                   |
| Stranton       | 68             | 10.8                  |
| Throston       | 31             | 4.9                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>632</b>     | <b>100</b>            |

| <b>TABLE F</b>                     |                |                       |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Areas outside of Hartlepool</b> | <b>Clients</b> | <b>Percentage (%)</b> |
| Billingham                         | 35             | 39.8                  |
| Blackhall                          | 1              | 1.1                   |
| Durham                             | 2              | 2.3                   |
| Darlington                         | 1              | 1.1                   |
| Elwick                             | 2              | 2.3                   |
| Greatham                           | 9              | 10.2                  |
| Hart                               | 11             | 12.5                  |
| Haswell                            | 1              | 1.1                   |
| Hutton Henry                       | 1              | 1.1                   |
| Middlesbrough                      | 2              | 2.3                   |
| Peterlee                           | 11             | 12.5                  |
| Seaham                             | 1              | 1.1                   |
| Stokesley                          | 1              | 1.1                   |
| Stockton                           | 4              | 4.5                   |
| Thornaby                           | 4              | 4.5                   |
| Wynyard                            | 2              | 2.3                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>88</b>      | <b>100</b>            |

- 5.5 To date, nearly 35% of FJF employees have entered into sustained employment on leaving their placement. This figure is likely to increase as providers are still submitting evidence to confirm that FJF employees have entered into sustained employment. Also, there are 141 employees still on the programme (with the last cohort leaving in October 2011).
- 5.6 To increase the sustainability rate, the FJF Team continues to engage with employers across Hartlepool. Furthermore, the team is preparing an e-bulletin which will be sent to over 2,000 local companies to market

those FJF employees who are due to leave the programme. It is hoped that this marketing will increase interest in those employees who are highly motivated; have developed significant new skills bases and who could be utilised by local employers.

## **6. CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT FOR THE THIRD SECTOR**

- 6.1 Significant capacity building support has been provided by the FJF Team to specific third sector groups to enable them to deliver this programme. This has included assisting groups on implementing auditable systems and procedures to evidence their activity. This support will assist and prepare third sector groups who are keen on becoming sub-contractors of major funding streams such as the Work Programme.

## **7. FJF FINAL EVALUATION**

- 7.1 A final evaluation of the FJF programme has commenced and will be completed in September 2011. This evaluation will be submitted to the Portfolio Holder for consideration on its completion.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 For the Portfolio Holder to note the contents of this report.

## **9. CONTACT OFFICER**

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## **REGENERATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO**

Report To Portfolio Holder  
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Report of: Assistant Director (Regeneration and Planning)

**Subject:** WORKING NEIGHBOURHOOD FUNDING –  
EXIT REVIEW

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### SUMMARY

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update the Portfolio Holder on the findings of the recently completed Working Neighbourhood Fund (WNF) exit review exercise.

#### **2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS**

The report highlights the findings of the recently completed WNF exit review exercise and the emerging WNF final evaluation.

#### **3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER**

The WNF falls within the Regeneration and Economic Development Portfolio.

#### **4. TYPE OF DECISION**

Non key decision.

#### **5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE**

To be considered by the Regeneration and Economic Development Portfolio Holder in the first instance.

#### **6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED**

For the Portfolio Holder to provide any further comments on the findings of the exit review.

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## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To update the Portfolio Holder on the findings of the recently completed Working Neighbourhood Fund (WNF) exit review exercise.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The WNF was introduced in April 2008 to support local authorities' efforts to promote enterprise, tackle worklessness and reduce levels of deprivation in the most deprived areas of the country. The fund replaced the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) and incorporated the Deprived Areas Fund (DAF) to create a single discretionary fund for local authorities to work with their partners at a local level.
- 2.2 The original amount of WNF that was allocated to Hartlepool from April 2008 was £4,502,180 in 2008-2009, £5,378,345 in 2009-2010 and £5,589,121 in 2010-2011. However, on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010, Hartlepool Council received confirmation from the new Coalition Government that the Area Based Grant (ABG) was to be reduced by £1.662m. . Unfortunately this meant that the WNF would be cut within this current financial year by a total of £716,000. This means that the revised budget for 2010/11 for WNF is now £4,938,000 (after taking into account the carry forward from 2009/10).
- 2.3 Since 2008, each year approximately 60 projects have been approved by the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) to deliver bespoke initiatives which have considerably improved economic growth, tackled deprivation and narrowed the gap within local areas. All of the projects were designed specifically to contribute towards relevant LSP themed objectives/outputs/outcomes.
- 2.4 For monitoring purposes, WNF programmes are split into each of the eight LSP themes and there is a Lead Themed Officer responsible for managing the performance of their relevant themes (with the Economic Development Division responsible for the whole WNF package). Each Themed Lead Officer has provided advice and guidance to partners from their theme and ensured that providers had the necessary support in which to deliver their project.
- 2.5 In advance of the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR), the Council's Economic Development Team facilitated a number of workshops and

individual meetings with all of the WNF providers to ensure that they were fully briefed on alternative funding opportunities and encouraged to consider efficiency savings and establishing joint ventures in the future, where applicable.

- 2.6 On 20<sup>th</sup> October 2010, the new Coalition announced within their CSR that the WNF programme would cease at the end of March 2011 and would not be replaced. When this announcement was made and alongside the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee's Investigation into the WNF programme, the Council commenced an exit review exercise with all partners.

### 3. KEY FINDINGS OF THE EXIT REVIEW

- 3.1 After the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011, all partners were fully advised on the abolition of the WNF and were offered additional support by the Council to prepare their workforce, local residents and the community for the ceasing of individual programmes. This support included workshops on HR legislation, specifically focusing on redundancy issues; advice on third sector funding and access to support services from workers suffering from the affects of the risk of redundancy.

- 3.2.1 As part of the closure process for the WNF programme, all partners completed a final verification and exit review form. This document has a number of key requirements including:

- Highlighting under or over-spend of individual programmes;
- Reviewing whether providers would still be delivering their project after WNF ceases in March 2011;
- Outlining the number of *direct* staff who are employed through WNF who may become redundant;
- Outlining the number of *indirect* staff who are employed through WNF who may become redundant; and;
- Confirming that exit strategies are in place.

- 3.3 **Appendix 1** provides the key findings of the above questions (but does not include a financial overview as this was recently reported to the Portfolio Holder in March 2011). It is worth noting that whilst many providers have reported that they will continue their activity beyond March 2011, further investigation is needed on whether this will be on a short, medium or long term basis.

### 4. CONTINUATION OF SUPPORT BEYOND MARCH 2011

- 4.1 The Council continues to provide advice and guidance to WNF partners, particularly from the third sector, to identify opportunities to sustain groups in the long term. In the past few months the Economic Development Team has worked closely with all of the potential Work Programme prime providers in an attempt to position Hartlepool

organisations to be able to deliver services on a sub- contracting basis. This will be an ongoing task as we await confirmation of the nominated prime providers in April 2011. In addition, the Team continues to source potential funding streams and recently supported a number of third sector groups to apply for Third Sector Capacity Funding from One North East.

## **5. WNF FINAL EVALUATION**

5.1 A WNF final evaluation has commenced by and when completed in September 2011 it will provide a comprehensive analysis of:

- The positive impact that each individual WNF themed programme has had on the local area in the past three years;
- The final outcomes of the WNF programme; and;
- The overall impact of the ceasing of WNF on local residents, communities, schools, providers and businesses.

5.2 This evaluation will be submitted to the Portfolio Holder for consultation on its completion.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 For the Portfolio Holder to provide any further comments on the findings of the exit review.

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## APPENDIX 1

| Project                              | Provider          | Will the Providers still be delivering activity after WNF Ceases? | No of staff employed through WNF | No of staff employed through WNF who will be made Redundant | No of indirect Staff who will be made Redundant | Exit Strategy in place and publicised |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| Environmental Enforcement Wardens    | HBC               | Yes   | 6                                | 3   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Environmental Action Team            | HBC               | Yes   | 3                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Schools Environmental Action Officer | HBC               | Yes   | 1                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Women's Opportunities                | HBC               | Yes   | 3                                | 1   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Enhancing Employability              | HBC               | Yes   | 0                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Homelessness Project                 | DISC              | Yes   | 4                                | 4   | 0.5   | Yes                                   |
| Carers into Training & Employment    | Hartlepool Carers | Yes   | 1.5                              | 1.5   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Targeted Training                    | HBC               | No  | 1                                | 1   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Jobsbuild                            | HBC               | No  | 0                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Workroute                            | HBC               | Yes   | 3                                | 2   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Progression to Work                  | HBC               | Yes   | 1                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Volunteering into Employment         | HVDA              | Yes   | 2                                | 2   | 1   | Yes                                   |
| Community Employment Outreach        | OFCA              | No  | 5                                | 5   | 2   | Yes                                   |
| Community Employment Outreach        | Wharton Trust     | Yes   | 2.5                              | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Community Employment Outreach        | West View EAC     | No  | 2                                | 2   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Job Club                             | Manor West        | Yes   | 3                                | 3   | 2   | Yes                                   |
| West View Project                    | West View Project | Yes   | 2                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Hartlepool Worksmart - HBC           | HBC               | Yes   | 0                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |

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| Incubation & Business Skills Training | HBC               | Yes   | 0                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Business & Tourism Marketing          | HBC               | Yes   | 0                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Local Employment Assistance           | OFCa              | No  | 3                                | 1   | 2   | Yes                                   |
| Jobsmart                              | HBC               | No  | 1                                | 1   | 1   | Yes                                   |
| Youth into employment                 | Wharton Trust     | Yes   | 1.5                              | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Introduction to construction          | Community Campus  | Yes   | 1                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Adventure traineeship                 | West View Project | Yes   | 6                                | 6   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Employment support                    | MIND              | Yes   | 4                                | 4   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Support for Existing Businesses       | HBC               | Yes   | 1                                | 1   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Active Skills                         | West View Project | Yes   | 3                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Career Coaching                       | HVDA              | Yes   | 1                                | 1   | 1   | Yes                                   |
| Level 3 Progression                   | HCFE              | Yes   | 2.5                              | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| HCFE Redevelopment                    | HCFE              | Yes   | 0                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Safer Streets & Homes                 | HBC               | Yes   | 5                                | 5   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Dordrecht Prolific Offenders Scheme   | HBC               | Yes   | 2.5                              | 0   | 1   | Yes                                   |
| NRF Project Assistant                 | HBC               | Yes   | 1                                | 1   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| ASB Officer & Analyst                 | HBC               | Yes   | 2                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| COOL Project                          | Belle Vue         | Yes   | 16                               | 16  | 0   | Yes                                   |

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| FAST                             | HBC              | Yes   | 8                                | 6   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Landlord Accreditation Scheme    | HBC              | Yes   | 1                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| LIFE                             | Cleveland Fire   | Yes   | 2                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Neighbourhood Policing           | Cleveland Police | Yes   | 8                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| HMR- Support for Scheme Delivery | HBC              | Yes   | 3                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Community Empowerment Network    | HVDA             | Yes   | 5                                | 3   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Community Chest                  | HVDA             | Yes   | 0                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| NAP Residents Priorities         | HBC              | Yes   | 0                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| NAP Development                  | HBC              | Yes   | 0                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| NAP Meeting Costs                | HBC              | Yes   | 0                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| WNF Programme Management         | HBC              | Yes   | 1                                | 1   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| NR & Strategy Officer            | HBC              | Yes   | 1                                | 1   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Skills to Work                   | HBC              | Yes   | 9                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Belle Vue Sports                 | Belle Vue        | Yes   | 3                                | 1   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Exercise Referral                | HBC              | Yes   | 7                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Connected Care                   | Manor Residents  | Yes   | 2                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Mobile Maintenance               | HBC              | Yes   | 1                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Mental Health Development        | MIND             | Yes   | 6                                | 6   | 0   | Yes                                   |

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| Schools Direct Funding         | HBC      | Yes   | N/A                              | N/A   | N/A   | Yes                                   |
| Education Business Links       | HBC      | Yes   | 1                                | 1   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| New Initiatives                | HBC      | Yes   | 1                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Hartlepool "On Track" Project  | HBC      | Yes   | 2                                | 1   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| 14 - 19 Reform                 | HBC      | Yes   | 1                                | 0   | 1   | Yes                                   |
| Financial Inclusion            | HBC      | Yes   | 1                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Hartlepool Partnership         | HBC      | Yes   | 0                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
| Partnership Skills & Knowledge | HBC      | Yes   | 0                                | 0   | 0   | Yes                                   |
|                                |          |   | <b>153.5</b>                     | <b>80.5</b>   | <b>11.5</b>                                     |                                       |