

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM AGENDA



Wednesday, 6 April 2011

at 10.00 am

**at West View Community Centre,
Miers Avenue, 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, Joan Steel and Ian Stewart

- 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 16 February 2011
 - 4.2 Matters arising
 - 4.3 To receive the minutes of the North Area Police and Community Safety Consultative Forum held on 17 March 2011
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (maximum of 30 minutes)**

6. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

- 6.1 CCTV – Old Cemetery Road – *Community Safety Officer*

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION and/or INFORMATION

- 7.1 Child Poverty Needs Assessment And Revised Strategy – *Child Poverty Working Group*
7.2 School Safety Schemes – North Area – *Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)*
7.3 Minor Works Budget 2011/2012 – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*

8. ITEMS FOR DECISION

No items

**9. WARD ISSUES FROM WARD MEMBERS AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES
(maximum of 30 minutes)**

10. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed

WARDS

Brus
Dyke House
Hart
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Throston

NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

16 February 2011

MINUTES OF THE MEETING



The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm in Throston Grange Community Centre,
Glamorgan Grove, Hartlepool

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Mary Fleet - Dyke House Ward

Vice Chair: Bob Steel (Resident Representative)

Councillor Caroline Barker	- Hart Ward
Councillor Rob Cook	Hart Ward
Councillor Stephen Thomas	- Dyke House Ward
Councillor Edna Wright	- Hart Ward

Resident Representatives: Christine Blakey, Joan Noman, Linda Shields and Joan Steel.

Public: John Lynch, John Cambridge, Gavin Musgrave, David Nin, Liz Torley, Cath Torley and Alan Vale

Officers:

- Karen Oliver, Neighbourhood Manager
- Peter Frost, Traffic Team Leader
- Neil Jeffrey, Local Transport Plan Co-ordinator
- Ann Callaghan, Neighbourhood Development Officer
- Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

Cleveland Fire Authority – Peter Bradley
Housing Hartlepool – Lynn McPartlin
Cleveland Police – Sgt Rob Carroll

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Atkinson, Griffin and J W Marshall and resident representative Ian Stewart.

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

50. MINUTES OF THE NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2010 were confirmed as an accurate account.

51. MATTERS ARISING

None.

51. MINUTES OF THE NORTH AREA POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY CONSULTATIVE FORUM

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2011 were received by the Forum.

52. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Traffic Cones – A resident highlighted the practice of putting traffic cones outside the Globe Public House and asked whether these were legal. The Police Representative said that he would make enquiries as to whether these had been put there by the Police and inform the Neighbourhood Manager.

53. HARTLEPOOL LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN

The Traffic Team Leader outlined to the meeting an overview of the content of the Provisional Hartlepool Local Transport Plan 3 which was now the subject of consultation prior to its implementation on 1 April 2011. He asked that those present at the meeting make comment on this Strategic document relating to the aims of the Authority in terms of travel by 28 February 2011.

Parking Enforcement – A resident stated that there was a need to tackle indiscriminate and uncooperative parking as there were not enough enforcement officers. It was agreed that school drop off and collection times were an issue and the Traffic Team Leader said that the department were looking to purchase a camera enforcement vehicle to help alleviate the problem.

Merlin Way and Falcon Road Traffic Calming – A resident representative highlighted issues with the current speed bumps as they jolted cars. She said that larger vehicles such as lorries and buses could get their wheels either side of the speed bumps and therefore did not slow down.

Transport Interchange – A resident asked how well use this was and was informed that it was well used by rail passengers. Arriva buses, some Stagecoach buses and other Tees Valley buses also used this.

54. LINEAR PARKS

The Neighbourhood Manager said that there was concern that the north area of the town did not have its own designated park but there were lots of open spaces in that area. It had been suggested that these spaces be improved and linked. A group of residents had been formed to further this vision as well as to apply for funding. Anyone who was interested in joining the group was asked to contact the Neighbourhood Manager.

Central Area Park – A resident expressed concern about plans to use part of this area to create an access road for the Steetley development and was informed that until a longer term outcome for the development was established it was difficult to predict when the proposed new road would go ahead

Big Society – A resident representative cautioned that groups of residents who took on community assets should realise that they would be liable for all costs and should go into this with their eyes open. The Neighbourhood Manager said that more information could be gained on community assets from the Department for Communities and Local Government.

55. NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PLAN FORUMS

The Neighbourhood Manager provided an update on the current position with NAPs. Residents in these areas were still active in highlighting priorities for these forums, although all funding had now ceased. She added that the Linear Park was included as a priority for all the NAPs in the North Area.

56. MINOR WORKS REPORT

The Neighbourhood Manager presented the report outlining the suggested schemes.

Ridlington Way Parking Scheme – Phase Two. The first phase of this improved parking had been well received. The Forum approved this scheme unanimously.

Park Square Bench Replacement Scheme – This was to improve the seating in a manner sympathetic to the Victoria style of the square. Members queried the price quoted but were assured that officers had made efforts to source the cheapest but quality benches. This scheme was agreed.

Rogeri Place Environmental Improvements – This scheme was put forward to alleviate parking problems by planting trees to prevent riding over grass verges. A Member commented that too

much money was being spent on provision of trees with no thought to their aftercare. A member commented that the cost of provision for the five tree seemed excessive and a resident representative stated that the council must ensure that it was getting value for money. The Neighbourhood Manager stated that there was a robust procurement system to ensure that purchases were cost effective. The Fire Brigade representative suggested that instead of metal cages to surround the trees, plastic ones be installed. The scheme was approved.

A Member pointed out that trees in King Oswy Drive caused problems as they were not pruned regularly and caused problems in terms of light and obscuring signs. She asked that this be considered for a Minor Works Scheme in the future.

Raby Road/Hart Lane Junction Raised Bed – This shrub bed was to be refurbished and a weed control membrane and plants placed in it. The scheme was approved.

Twenty's Plenty Initiative – It was clarified by the Chair of the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum that this scheme was about residential traffic calming rather than for areas around schools. There was a debate as to whether money should be used for traffic calming measures outside schools instead. This scheme was deferred pending further information.

Penrith Street Parking Area – This scheme entailed the tarmacing of an area of land which was unsightly. This scheme was agreed.

Lancaster Road Bus Stop – This entailed the bricking up of an unused bus stop and was the most cost effective way of deterring vandalism there. This scheme was agreed.

It was clarified that there was £18,628 left out of the 2010/11 Minor Works Budget and this would be carried forward to the next financial year.

57. WARD ISSUES

Police – A resident representative praised the work of police officers in dealing with issues she had.

Neighbourhood Forums – A resident representative stated that a recent Joint Neighbourhood Forum had been well attended and felt that joint forums were more worthwhile as it prevented officers from having to repeat presentations.

Temporary Double Yellow Lines – A resident representative queried which lines were permanent and which were temporary. The Traffic Team Leader advised the Forum that there was no requirement to have signage as well as yellow lines. As a general rule, permanent yellow lines were on the main roads and those outside of residential properties would be removed. A resident representative said that some residents had asked for lines in their neighbourhoods to be made permanent and this should be considered. A Member asked that she be provided with copies of the orders stating which lines were permanent and which were temporary. The Traffic Team Leader agreed to provide this. A resident representative said that the Tall Ships event had been popular but had come at a price and had been informed that there were plans to have this event in Hartlepool again. A Member reminded the meeting that he had spoken in Council saying that someone should be held accountable. A resident suggested that the Council should have worked with businesses in relation to parking restrictions as visitors to the area could be put off by excessive of parking

restrictions. Discussion took place about the length of time it was taking to remove the temporary lines which had initially been highlighted as easily removed. The Traffic Team Leader said that a specialist machine had been brought in to remove these. A resident representative suggested that those parking tickets issues on temporary lines should be refunded.

58. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT

No items.

The meeting concluded at 4.00 pm.

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ISSUE DETAILS	ACTION TAKEN	OFFICER
Traffic Cones Globe Hotel, Headland	Cones have now been removed	Garry Jones
Rogeri Place (Minor Works)	Reduction of £200.00	Garry Jones
Tree Pruning – King Oswy Drive	Since 2009 – October 2010 maintenance of trees has taken place – Bowes Green to Clavering Roundabout, trees located at 181-189 King Oswy Drive	Len Young
Request for details of areas which continue to have “Tall Ships” temporary yellow lines (Councillor Wright).	Details to be forwarded to Councillor Wright.	Peter Frost

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16 March 2011

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Vice Chair: Bob Steel (Resident Representative)

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Councillor John Marshall	- St Hilda Ward
Councillor John W Marshall	- St Hilda Ward
Councillor Edna Wright	- Hart Ward

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

Residents: Alan Vale, Gavin Musgrave, Anne Musgrave, Liz Torley, John Lynch, and
David Nin.

Officers: Karen Oliver, Neighbourhood Manager
Nick Stone, Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
Katie Donaghue, Anti-Social Behaviour Officer
Claire Wilson, Community Safety Assistant
David Cosgrove, Democratic Services Team

Police: Chief Inspector Lynn Beeston, Inspector Mick Brown, Inspector
Tony Green and PCSO Fowler.

Fire Brigade: Peter Bradley, Community Liaison Officer.

Housing Hartlepool: Natalie l'Anson.

19. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Chair welcomed all present to the
meeting.

20. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received
from Councillors Rob Cook and Sheila
Griffin and Resident Representatives
Linda Shields and Ian Stewart

21. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2011

The minutes were confirmed.

22. MATTERS ARISING

Minute 16 – ‘Cyber Bullying’ – A Resident Representative commented that they had been subject to this now in both the North and South Forums and had previously brought the matter to the attention of the Chief Constable who had given his assurance such incidents would be addressed.

Minute 17 – ‘CCTV Cameras in the North Area’; an update was requested on the issue of new funding for a CCTV camera. The Neighbourhood Manager reported later in the meeting that finance was available for the additional camera and a meeting had initially been organised with the St Hilda Ward Councillors to discuss the matter further but only one Member had been able to attend. It had been hoped that the Community Safety Officer would have been in attendance to provide an update.

A Ward Councillor considered that the determination of the site of the CCTV camera should have been brought to the forum and not a meeting of Councillors for decision. A Resident Representative commented that such meetings should involve the appropriate Resident Representative as well. The Neighbourhood Manager stated that a decision would be made outside of the Forum, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss options in more detail before presenting them to the wider community.

23. UPDATE FROM CLEVELAND POLICE

Inspector Brown provided an update with details of District and North area

performance over the last three months as well as force-wide and Hartlepool for February 2011.

Inspector Brown indicated that this would be his last meeting as the Inspector for the North Area as he was moving on to new duties. Inspector Tony Brown would be taking on the role from April.

Overall crime figures were up slightly across the force though in Hartlepool only burglaries were on the increase. Inspector Brown commented that the Police knew the reasons for this; several previously convicted burglars were released from prison in a short space of time and had returned to the town. An operation was to commence to target these and other known criminals to deter their activities.

Inspector Brown highlighted that crimes related to the theft of valuable metals was on the increase. An operation involving officers from the Council was underway to target scrap dealers who were paying for these valuable metals. Unlicensed itinerant collectors were also being targeted.

The number of Warrants was exceptionally low while arrest and charging figures were high for the area. Youths causing problems around shopping parades had been targeted for example. Vehicle crime was also down.

Sergeant Tim Brown was moving from the North Area to new duties at Police Headquarters and would be replaced by Sergeant Ali Sah who was already well known in the town.

The anti-social behaviour (ASB) problems at King Oswy Shops had been tackled through a multi-agency approach and some high visibility patrols. Several problem offenders had been arrested. Inspector Brown thanked the Councillors

and residents who had given information on the ASB problems in the area. Councillors asked when the names of these offenders were to be released.

Residents at the meeting reported problems with underage drinking at the King Oswy Shops and the problems of adults, including some parents, that were purchasing alcohol and supplying it to young people congregating outside the shops. Inspector Brown reported that there had been a covert operation with Council Officers targeting shops selling alcohol to underage young people. Many young people were spoken to about their drinking and often taken home to their parents. The police didn't want to criminalise them unnecessarily but would deal with persistent problem causers.

It was reported by Councillors that the graffiti had reappeared at the King Oswy shops recently. It was also reported that there seemed to be a very high number of people around the Headland area in the early hours of the morning yet very little Police presence. Inspector Brown commented that there was adequate Police cover during the night hours and if problems were witnessed people were encouraged to report them.

A Councillor reported that for some people reporting incidents was becoming a problem they would rather avoid as giving witness statements took an inordinately long time, often had to be repeated and often little or nothing happened due to the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) deciding not to act. The Police acknowledged that the time issues were recognised and the CPS was looking to speed things up in the future.

Similar issues to those at King Oswy shops had been dealt with at Clavering shops. When officers had talked to the young people, most were simply there as they had nowhere else to go. Through

involving Outreach workers and parents some activities were starting to be organised to give the young people some positive things to do. Work was also being undertaken with the shop owners.

A resident asked if there were any specific areas subject to the burglaries and also was there to be any contribution sought from the operators of the nighttime economy to support policing activities in light of the budget cuts. The Police indicated that a lot of the burglaries were from garden sheds as the criminals were looking for metals to sell. On the nighttime economy it was reported that there may be new legislation introduced that would allow for the levying of a charge on licensees. This may come in alongside a reduction of licensing hours to 2.00 a.m. but full details were not yet known.

The problem of reporting matters to the Police was pursued by a resident representative. Cleveland Police had been involved with Leicestershire Police in a study on Problem Orientated Policing and it was hoped this would be adopted permanently. Problems with police call handlers were also reported and it was suggested that an answer machine type service or an internet reporting system could be initiated to allow people to report incidents. The Police indicated that callers could choose not to give their details should they so wish.

Chief Inspector Beeston updated the meeting on the provision of PCSO's in Hartlepool following the recent budget cuts. Pro rata, Hartlepool should have had the number of PCSO's reduced to 42; 7 of the past 54 had been externally funded by the Working Neighbourhoods Fund which had been withdrawn. The Chief Constable recognised that this would be a severe cut and had allocated 48 PCSO's to Hartlepool, more than any other division. On the ground people

should see no difference to the number of PCSO's on patrol as a previous small team of centrally controlled PCSO's for specific duties had been disbanded.

Chief Inspector Beeston also reported that there would be no reduction in Police Constable numbers for the neighbourhood areas either. Several vacancies were in the process of being filled. The Chief Constable had restated his commitment to neighbourhood policing and this could be seen through these recent announcements.

It was reported that the current Police drop in centre in the North area was very underused and the Police were looking at an alternative arrangement with Housing Hartlepool. The current office would be closed and handed back to Housing Hartlepool.

These reports were welcomed by the Forum and the Chair on behalf of all present thanked Inspector Brown for his excellent service to the area. The Forum welcomed Inspector Tony Green to the North Area.

24. UPDATE FROM CLEVELAND FIRE BRIGADE

Peter Bradley, the Community Liaison Officer updated the Forum on the Fire Brigades activities over the last three months. In relation to fires which had occurred in the North area of the town, F1 (of monetary value) had decreased but there had been an increase in F3 (rubbish) fires over same period the previous year. These tended to be wheelie bin fires with Brus and the Old Cemetery Road areas being a particular problem. There had also been an increase in home safety checks.

The Community Liaison Officer highlighted the problems experienced last year with grassland fires and there was

already concern for these this year. There had been a fire of concern at the Steetley site inside the chimney and Fire Officers were concerned at the activities of youths around the site and particularly the chimney. The owners of the site had been approached but with little result. The diversionary activities operated by the Fire Brigade in association with other groups and the young people in the area were also highlighted.

The Fire Brigade's proposed plans for replacing/refurbishing fire stations was raised by a member of the public; there were some maintenance issues to the Headland fire station building that needed addressing. The Community Liaison Officer reported that the PFI scheme to replace the headquarters and improve fire stations across the whole Cleveland area had been withdrawn by government but he would report the maintenance issues on to the appropriate officers.

There was great concern in relation to the Steetley site expressed by several resident representatives and councillors. There were issues with the general security of the site, the site itself and the waste asbestos that was on the site. The site was becoming a magnet for young people. It was highlighted that the site was the responsibility of the owners but the forum was concerned that more should be done by all agencies to tackle the problems of the site.

After a lengthy debate on the Steetley site and the problems surrounding its security and perceived risks it was suggested that the next Neighbourhood Consultative Forum agenda focus solely on this issue so that, where possible, the public's questions were answered and fears allayed. This was supported by the forum members present.

25. UPDATE FROM THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UNIT

The Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer gave an update to the forum on the unit's activities over the last quarter together with the statistics for November and December 2010 which had not been available at the last meeting. There had been some decrease in ASB incidents, though that may have been down to the particularly cold weather over recent months. The outreach team was working one night a week in the Clavering area on diversionary activities for young people.

Two drink banning orders, similar to ASBO's had been issued for two people living in the north area and another two potential orders were currently with the council's legal team.

A Resident Representative again raised the issue of reporting mechanisms and the concerns with reporting matters to the Police. The Resident Representative related their own specific experiences and considered that they had been poorly dealt with by the Police, being referred to as a nuisance by one police call centre operative. It was highlighted that such issues may more appropriately be dealt with through the Safer Hartlepool Partnership.

Concern was expressed by the meeting that the Police Officers had left the meeting before its conclusion. The Chair indicated that she had been informed that the officers had had to leave to attend another important meeting but that the PCSO had remained with the meeting to feed any issues back. Members considered this inappropriate and requested that the Chair take the matter up with the Police after the meeting.

26. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME / ISSUES RAISED BY COUNCILLORS AND RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES

King Oswy Drive

A resident representative reported repeated thefts of sections of the fence of the St Hild's School site on King Oswy Drive. The Neighbourhood Manager reported that this matter was being followed up by the Police and arrests had been made. There were also thefts of other metal items in the area.

Parking problems at school drop-off and pick-up times were also highlighted as a safety issue particularly as some drivers were driving along the grassed verges. It was suggested that bollards be installed to reduce the problem. The Chair commented that the provision of bollards near the School had been considered by the Forum last year and in a vote the scheme had not been approved.

Clavering Road

A Councillor commented that an additional lay-by near the school had been requested which residents were objecting to. Bollards in this area were requested together with additional enforcement.

Anti-Social Behaviour caused by residents of Housing Association and Private Rented Property

A Councillor complained that while Members had details of the appropriate Housing officers that dealt with ASB in Housing Hartlepool, there were no such details circulated for the appropriate contacts for the larger housing associations and the larger private landlords. The Senior Anti-Social Behaviour Officer indicated that ASB Unit held details for all the housing associations and some private landlords and these details could be circulated with the papers for a future meeting. It was

highlighted that these details would not cover all rented properties.

It was suggested that a workshop type event be organised to discuss the issues surrounding private landlords. The Neighbourhood Manager stated that this was a significant issue and undertaking. The raising of issues was what the forums were for but there were already considerable efforts being made within the Council on these matters, which include selective licensing and an Empty Homes Strategy.

A resident representative commented that they were often made to feel uncomfortable when contributing to meetings and had even been told that they were not 'special' whilst in a scrutiny meeting. A councillor also commented that they considered past minutes were selective in not reporting the comments of some present at meetings. The Chair reminded Members of the code of conduct and defended the role of resident representatives and officers.

27. ANY OTHER BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

No Items.

The meeting concluded at 4.30 p.m.

CHAIR

Report of: Community Safety Officer

Subject: CCTV – OLD CEMETERY RD

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider options for the provision of a CCTV camera or alternative security arrangements in the Old Cemetery Road locality in replacement of the former camera irrevocably damaged previously.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In 2002/2003 a CCTV camera was installed to the north west end of Old Cemetery Road to address issues of crime and anti-social behaviour within the cemetery site and general area bordering on the former Steetley site.
- 2.2 Camera images were to be transmitted to Hartlepool Borough Council CCTV Monitoring Centre to facilitate live monitoring of the locality and report of any ongoing incidents to Police or other emergency services.
- 2.3 Operational capability of the camera was, over a period, affected by:
- interruption of power supplies to the camera through damage and vandalism to cabling
 - loss of street lighting capacity which allied, to an existing lack of general lighting in the area during hours of darkness, substantially reduced the quality of camera images
 - attacks, to differing levels of severity, on the camera equipment itself.
- 2.4 The attacks on the camera equipment itself came to a head with two attacks within a close timescale the first of which resulted in the destruction of the camera unit through a series of projectiles fired from a high velocity rifle or similar. The second resulted in the severing of the CCTV column, close to ground level, and the ignition of petrol poured over the camera head equipment. This resulted in a total write off of the camera equipment and column.
- 2.5 As a result of these attacks it was noted that the feasibility of reinstatement in the same location had to be in doubt and would, in all probability, lead to further attacks and damage.
- 2.6 The effectiveness of the camera cannot be measured statistically as details arrests and other action by Police and other enforcement agencies are not reported. Nevertheless we do understand that the issues relative to the

cemetery site have improved considerably with past damage and anti-social behaviour principally addressed.

The adjacent Steetley site has raised a considerable number of issues. The camera, whilst operational, was utilised to support initiatives to address issues of trespass and crime and again we understand that the overall position has improved substantially. Issues of damage to grass verges, by motor vehicles, and some fly tipping were also identified and referred to the respective authorities who undertook action where they considered appropriate.

- 2.7 The immediate area to the former camera has not been referred of recent as a priority hot spot and consequently reinstatement of the camera has not been progressed. We do not have the benefit of any statistical information to quantify the levels of crime and anti-social behaviour in the immediate vicinity although these will be presented verbally to the Forum.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 We are requested to put forward proposals and recommendations for the replacement of the CCTV camera at the previous location, another adjacent location or alternative proposals.

3.2 Reinstatement of the camera at its previous location.

The location is remote and street lighting to this section of road repeatedly suffers from power supply and equipment damage which indicates remaining vulnerability of both equipment security and continuity of operation. Camera effectiveness would still be affected by low or lack of lighting levels during hours of darkness. The levels and nature of crime and anti-social behaviour may not warrant the use of a camera as an effective evidential and intelligence tool within any enforcement process. Use of a camera in that location would have limited deterrent impact.

We would not recommend reinstatement of the camera in that specific location.

3.3 Installation of a replacement camera in an adjacent location.

A potential location would be to the south east end of Old Cemetery Road, in the proximity of the junction with Leas Grove, with the intent to monitor the length of Old Cemetery Road.

Whilst the location would be more secure, and operational damage unlikely, the issues of light levels further along Old Cemetery Road during the hours of darkness would persist. Certainly traffic using Old Cemetery Road could be monitored. However the use those images could be put to has been cast in doubt in the as evidential value for fly tipping the incident needs to be clearly and accurately recorded – evidence of a vehicle moving past the camera in a fully laden state and returning empty would not in itself constitute prime facia evidence. In addition the relevance to other actions e.g. off road damage by vehicles would need to be clearly understood to the

role a camera could play within enforcement action and options. Nevertheless the camera could afford intelligence and other information in respect of investigations enforcement bodies may wish to undertake apart from specific individual penalties.

Installation of a CCTV camera in this location could create local opposition. There is no evidence of excessive levels of crime and anti-social behaviour in the immediate residential area which would warrant a permanent installation as recommended within the CCTV Code of Practice. There would be a strong case for the operational zone of any camera to be limited purely to the area of Old Cemetery Road to the north west of Leas Grove. Any installation in this location would require planning consent.

We would have limited reservation in recommending the installation of a permanent camera at this location.

3.4 Alternative CCTV options.

The use of fixed site CCTV cameras is now regularly superseded by deployable cameras. These afford the flexibility in that they can be installed to address crime and anti-social behaviour hot spots as an evidence gathering tool or as a support intelligence tool to special operations or assessments. Generally attached to a street lighting column, or temporary CCTV column, their sole requirements are power supply and a generally secure location. Technology developments enable transmission of live images to a monitoring location to the same quality as a fixed location camera. Hartlepool Borough Council is progressing a programme to migrate image transmission from its fixed site cameras monitoring public space from fibre to radio which is the medium utilised within deployable camera operations.

Such equipment could be used to support any initiatives to address issues relative to Old Cemetery Road as well as affording support for addressing any other emerging hot spot areas and management of principal events such as Headland Carnival.

Hartlepool Borough Council Waste & Environmental Enforcement Officers have made successful use of deployable cameras in a number of instances of fly tipping problems which further emphasises the flexibility and effectiveness of this mode of camera operation.

Central and South Joint Action Groups are already utilising deployable camera equipment as part of their core problem solving activities. We would have no hesitation in recommending this to be the most flexible option to consider for Old Cemetery Road and other locations which may subsequently raise concerns.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Reinstatement of camera in its previous location. We cannot recommend reinstatement on grounds of security and operational effectiveness.
- 4.2 Installation of a replacement camera in an adjacent location. We could make limited recommendation only as to the effectiveness of fixed site camera to

the south east end of Old Cemetery Road. Much would depend on the nature of crime and anti-social behaviour identified as prevalent in the area and the relevance of CCTV camera footage to enforcement actions which Police and other enforcement agencies may progress.

- 4.3 Alternative CCTV options. We would recommend this as the option to be developed in affording a flexible facility which could be used to support any enforcement options by Police and enforcement agencies, as well as affording a flexible tool for deployment elsewhere within the area as and when required.

Deployable cameras cost less than a fixed site camera to acquire and install which would leave monies from the former camera insurance settlement available for other security measures which Members may wish to consider.

- 4.4 We would advise Members that Hartlepool Borough Council is currently reviewing image transmission modes for all Community Safety public space cameras. Such would substantially benefit the use of deployable cameras and widen location options for live monitoring of images within the CCTV Monitoring Centre.

5 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

6 CONTACT OFFICER

Peter Gouldsbro, Community Safety Officer.

Report of: Child Poverty Working Group

Subject: CHILD POVERTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND
REVISED STRATEGY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the consultative forum of a consultation process for a refreshed child poverty strategy.

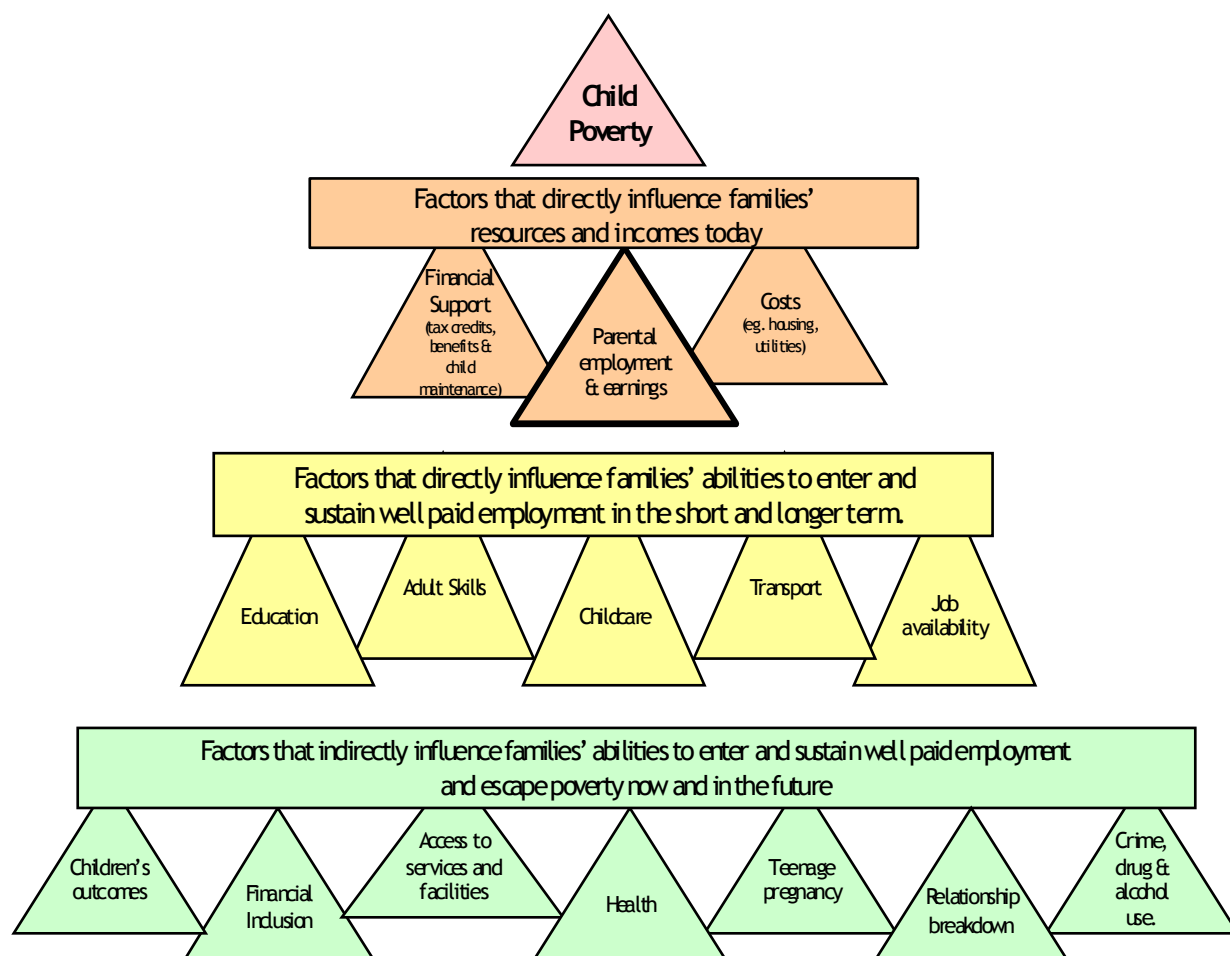
2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Local Authority with its partners has a duty to produce a Child Poverty Needs Assessment and Child Poverty Strategy through the Child Poverty Act 2010. A previous Child Poverty Strategy was approved by Hartlepool Borough Council Cabinet in April 2010. Since this time an independent report by Frank Field has been published therefore a refresh of the current strategy is needed using the information collated in the needs assessment and the evidence presented in the Frank Field Review.

2.2 The child poverty working group have drafted a Child Poverty needs assessment and a refreshed strategy. This strategy is being consulted widely to ensure all partners have an opportunity to inform the strategy.

3. CHILD POVERTY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

3.1 A draft needs assessment has been produced which sets out data linked to child poverty as set out below:



- 3.2 The data has been set out in wards and have been RAG (Red/ Amber/ Green) rated with 1 being the highest level of concern and 17 being the lowest. This is generally translated into RAG rating as follows:
 1-5 highest results - of most cause for concern
 6-10 highest results - of medium cause for concern
 11-17 - lowest cause for concern.
- 3.3 This needs assessment gives an overview of the needs in Hartlepool and needs to be used to inform the strategy and the actions linked to the strategy.

4. CHILD POVERTY STRATEGY

- 4.1 The draft Child Poverty Strategy has been developed using research from national pilots, local activities and the review published by Frank Field. It sets out two approaches that need consideration:
1. Targeted approach – supporting families currently in poverty
 2. Preventative approach – preventing poor children becoming poor adults
- 4.2 The strategy attempts to address both these approaches but obviously in a difficult economic climate the level of interventions needs debating.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 A consultation is taking place in March and April 2011 to allow the public and partners to shape the strategy. The consultation period ends on 21st April 2011. Responses will be collated and added to the strategy as appropriate and a final strategy will be presented to Cabinet and the Hartlepool partnership for approval in May/June 2011.
- 5.2 The draft needs assessment and draft strategy is on the council website and can be accessed at
http://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/downloads/file/7129/draft_child_poverty_strategy_and_needs_assessment
- 5.3 Responses to the strategy should be sent by the 21st April to:
- Danielle Swainston, Sure Start, Extended Services and Early Years Manager, Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool TS24 8AY
danielle.swainston@hartlepool.gov.uk
01429 523671

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 For members of the consultative forum and the public to respond to the consultation.
- 6.2 Responses to the strategy should be sent to:
- Danielle Swainston, Sure Start, Extended Services and Early Years Manager, Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool TS24 8AY
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7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Child Poverty Needs Assessment and Child Poverty Strategy are available
http://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/downloads/file/7129/draft_child_poverty_strategy_and_needs_assessment

8. CONTACT OFFICER

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Report of: Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)

Subject: SCHOOL SAFETY SCHEMES – NORTH AREA

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum of the progress made in implementing school safety schemes in the north area.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In 2005 the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum recommended the introduction of 20mph speed limits and associated traffic calming on roads adjacent to schools, subject to the suitability of the road.
- 2.2 Since then several schemes have been implemented in the area covered by the North Consultative Forum. These have been funded by various means including the Local Transport Plan, various Neighbourhood Action Plans, North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum and through planning applications.
- 2.3 The tables below outline the schemes implemented and those schemes identified to be implemented in 2011/12.

2.4 *Schemes already implemented*

Clavering Primary School, Clavering Road	20mph speed limit, speed cushions
St John Vianney RC Primary School, King Oswy Drive	20 mph speed limit, speed cushions
St. Hilda's C of E School, King Oswy Drive	20mph Speed limit, speed cushions
Barnard Grove School, King Oswy Drive	20mph Speed limit, speed cushions
Sacred Heart RC school, Hart Lane	Local Safety scheme implemented on Hart Lane, this included improved pedestrian facilities at junctions, a Puffin Crossing outside school, a vehicle activated sign, and parking restrictions - this scheme did not include a 20mph speed limit as road was not deemed suitable
West View Primary School, Davison Drive	20mph Speed limit, vehicle activated 20mph signs

St. Helen's Primary School	20mph speed limit, electronic signs, speed cushions, ped barriers, parking restrictions
Brougham Primary School	Speed cushions and pinch point. Road humps on Grainger Street approach.

2.5 **Schemes to be implemented 2011/12**

Jesmond Road School, Jesmond Gardens	20 mph speed limit to be introduced as part of new school build, this scheme does not include traffic calming.
Dyke House School, surrounding residential streets (not including Raby Road)	20mph speed limit to be introduced as part of school re-build, there are existing traffic calming measures in some of the streets.

(The schemes above are to be funded through planning gain)

2.6 **Schemes in the north area awaiting funding and investigation**

- St. Bega's RC School
- Dyke House School (Raby Road)
- Throston Primary School

2.7 The remaining schools will be prioritised for safety scheme funding by comparing the accident rates and the recorded 85th percentile speeds. Schemes which receive match funding would also receive a higher priority.

3. **CONTACT OFFICER**

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Report: Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

Subject: MINOR WORKS BUDGET 2011/12

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report to the Forum details of the Minor Works Budget allocation for 2011/2012 and the Forum's role with regard to the proposal and approval of schemes.

2. OUTLINE OF CONTENTS

- 2.1 The Forum has been allocated £58,000 for the new financial year (2011/2012), as a Minor Works Budget. This allocation includes £25,000 from central funding and £33,000 from the Highways budget.
- 2.2 The framework, when considering proposed schemes, will continue as in previous years, as follows:
- (i) Outline schemes to be proposed by Members, Residents, Residents' Representatives or Officers.
 - (ii) The Chair and Vice Chair of the Neighbourhood Consultative Forum will assess the proposal and where appropriate, instruct Officers to cost the works and report to the Forum.
 - (iii) Reports to the Forum will include estimated costs, alternative options where appropriate, residents' views and any other related information.
 - (iv) Minor Works Schemes are likely to include any works of improvement to the area which benefit the community or a number of individual residents and enhance the quality of life in the neighbourhood. Individual repairs and improvements would not normally be funded from this budget but would be referred to other departmental budgets.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the North Neighbourhood Consultative Forum note the report.