

# REGENERATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO

## DECISION RECORD

1 April 2011

The meeting commenced at 3.30 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

### **Present:**

Councillor Pamela Hargreaves (Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Economic Development)

### **Also present:**

Councillors Caroline Barker and Edna Wright, Hart Ward

Officers: Alastair Smith, Assistant Director, Transportation and Engineering  
Damien Wilson, Assistant Director, Regeneration and Planning  
Antony Steinberg, Economic Development Manager  
Patrick Wilson, Employment Development Officer  
Angela Hunter, Principal Democratic Services Officer

### **53. Clavering Road Parking Lay-By** *(Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering))*

#### **Type of decision**

Non-key

#### **Purpose of report**

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

#### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The report detailed the background to the scheme, the objections received and the proposed course of action. Additional correspondence had been received since the report had been written and these were tabled for the Portfolio Holder's consideration. One of the letters referred to the need to use the allocated funding before the end of 31 March 2011 and the Assistant Director, Transportation and Engineering confirmed that as long as the funding was committed to a pre-programmed scheme before 31 March 2011 it would be secured.

Two of the Ward Councillors for Hart Ward were in attendance and asked to address the Portfolio Holder on behalf of the residents in the area who were objecting to the creation of the parking lay-by. Both the Ward Councillors referred to problems with anti-social behaviour in the area and they were concerned that the creation of a parking lay-by would exacerbate this problem. Whilst the Portfolio Holder acknowledged the concerns about anti-social behaviour in that particular area and recognised that more should be done to address this issue, it was unclear how the addition of a parking lay-by would result in this problem increasing. In addition, responses had been received from the Anti-Social Behaviour Team at Cleveland Police, Cllr Rob Cook (who could not be present due to a hospital operation but had spoken to the Portfolio Holder prior to the meeting) and the local residents' association which all confirmed that the creation of a parking lay-by would be an asset to the area. The Anti-Social Behaviour Team acknowledged that there was an issue with anti-social behaviour in that area but they did not consider that the creation of a parking lay-by would impact negatively on the current situation.

In response to a comment around the lack of enforcement from a Ward Councillor, the Portfolio Holder confirmed that areas with parking problems, especially around schools, were being targeted in the first instance to ensure the safeguarding of the children around those schools. In addition to this, measures were being looked at to raise awareness of parking issues around schools to encourage parents to park safely. The Portfolio Holder confirmed that the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Department were examining other methods of enforcement and as soon as these proposals were firmed up, the Ward Councillors in the areas affected would be informed.

The Assistant Director, Transportation and Engineering acknowledged residents concerns at illegal parking but commented that it would be difficult to have enforcement officers at every parking hotspot across the town at the appropriate times to issue parking tickets to those parking illegally. It was hoped that the introduction of a parking lay-by would alleviate the problem of illegal parking in this area whilst ensuring the safety of the children attending the local school.

In addition, whilst the Portfolio Holder indicated she was minded to approve the creation of the parking lay-by in Clavering Road, she recognised the problems residents in the area were faced with as a result of anti-social behaviour, and confirmed that she would write to the Anti-Social Behaviour Team highlighting the concerns of residents copying the Ward Councillors into the letter.

A brief discussion ensued on the viability of including drop off-pick up points at schools and it was noted that this had been undertaken at some schools and would continue to be looked at as part of any future proposals to develop schools in the town.

## **Decision**

- (i) The letters of support and objection were noted.
- (ii) The provision of the parking lay-by in Clavering Road was approved.
- (iii) The Portfolio Holder to write to the Anti Social Behaviour Team at Cleveland Police, copying in the relevant Ward Councillors, highlighting residents concerns with the problem of anti-social behaviour in the Clavering Road Area.
- (iv) The Portfolio Holder to keep relevant Ward Councillors informed of any proposals in relation to parking and enforcement issues around schools within their ward areas.

## **54. Future Jobs Fund – Final Outturn** *(Assistant Director (Regeneration and Planning))*

### **Type of decision**

Non-key.

### **Purpose of report**

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

### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

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

The Portfolio Holder recognised the huge success the Future Jobs Programme had achieved in supporting 720 people to secure employment in what was one of the worst recessions in recent history. It was testimony to the hard work and commitment of the Economic Development Team and all partners involved that this scheme had been so successful. To acknowledge this the Portfolio Holder indicated she would write to all the partners highlighted in Table A in the report and the Economic Development Team thanking them for their support and commitment which had ensured the success of the FJF.

The report included figures from other FJF programme delivered within the Tees Valley area and it was noted that Hartlepool out-performed all its sub-regional neighbours.

In conclusion the Employment Development Officer confirmed that around 140 people were still on employment programmes as a result of the FJF

although that was due to end around October 2011. It was noted that 35% of FJF employees had already achieved sustained employment and it was hoped this would increase further as the programme came to the end.

The Portfolio Holder thanked the Economic Development Manager and Employment Development Officer for their hard work and commitment to the successful delivery of the FJF programme.

### **Decision**

- (i) The report was noted.
- (ii) The Portfolio Holder to write to the Economic Development Team and all partners involved in the delivery of the Future Jobs Fund Programme thanking them for their hard work and commitment to the success of the Programme.

## **56. Working Neighbourhood Funding – Exit Review** (Assistant Director (Regeneration and Planning))

### **Type of decision**

Non-key.

### **Purpose of report**

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

### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

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

The Portfolio Holder sought clarification on any remaining underspends from the WNF. The Employment Development Officer indicated that this figure could not be confirmed for a couple of weeks due to outstanding commitments in place. The Employment Officer confirmed clarification would be sought on the process to deal with any remaining underspends from WNF.

The Employment Development Officer commented that within the next six months or so, the number of organisations able to continue once the WNF ceased and which organisations had to close would become clearer. The Portfolio Holder recognised the tremendous positive impact the WNF had, as a very important source of funding, particularly for the third sector and noted the negative impact the ceasing of this funding would have on local

economies and communities as well as the local people providing those projects.

**Decision**

The findings of the exit review were noted.

The meeting concluded at 4.18 pm

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