

FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

22 September 2011

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor: Robbie Payne (Finance and Procurement Portfolio Holder)

Officers: John Morton, Assistant Chief Finance and Customer Services Officer
Dale Clarke, Estates and Asset Manager
Philip Timmins, Principal Estates Surveyor
Kate Ainger, Environmental Projects Officer
Jo Stubbs, Democratic Services Officer

20. Social media promotions of stray dog rehoming service *(Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services)*

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of report

To provide the Portfolio Holder with information regarding the use of social media to promote the Council's stray dog rehoming service.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

Part of the current dog warden service involves the rehoming of stray dogs. This service is promoted via the Council's website, posters in vets and pet shops and via roadshow events. Articles also regularly feature in Hartbeat. It was proposed to extend promotion of this service through use of a dedicated Facebook page. This would be maintained and updated by the admin team within the Waste and Environmental Services Section. Photos of dog collected by the service would be uploaded onto the page together with a brief description of the dog thereby enabling dog owners to identify whether their lost dog had been posted on the site. There would also be the facility for users to post pictures of their lost dogs on the site. These could then be checked against any new dogs collected by the dog warden. Information on micro chipping surgeries, neutering campaigns and other responsible dog ownership messages could also be posted on the site. Additional costs would

be minimal and there could be a potential savings in kennel fees through reuniting or rehoming dogs more quickly.

The Portfolio Holder was pleased to note the proposals saying anything which reduced costs to the Council should be pursued.

Decision

That the report and benefits of undertaking this social media campaign to the Council and public be noted.

21 Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

Minute 22 – Briarfields Paddock and Former Ambulance Station

Briarfields – This item contained exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information (para 3).

Minute 23 – Market Hotel – This item contained exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information (para 3).

Minute 24 – Land at Central Park – This item contained exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information (para 3).

Minute 25 – The Link 6-8 Lealholm Road – This item contained exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information (para 3).

Minute 26 – Hartlepool Credit Union – This item contained exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information (para 3).

22 Briarfields Paddock and former Ambulance Station

Briarfields (*Assistant Director, Resources*) This item contained exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information (para 3).

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of report

To outline the current situation in regard to the disposal of Briarfields Paddock and to seek approval for the proposed course of action.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report set out the background to the case and current recommendations.

Decision

That the decision be deferred for further consideration by officers and the Portfolio Holder

23 Market Hotel(*Assistant Director, Resources*) This item contained exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information (para 3).

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of report

To seek the Portfolio Holder's views with regard to disposal of the Market Hotel and adjoining land.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report set out the background to the case and current proposals.

Decision

That the decision be deferred

- 24 Land at Central Park** (*Assistant Director, Resources*) This item contained exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information (para 3).

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of report

To seek approval for the sale of land at Central Park for development access purposes together with the release of covenants and other related matters.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report set out the background to the case and current proposals.

Decision

That the decision be deferred for a site visit.

- 25 The Link 6-8 Lealholm Road** (*Assistant Director, Resources*) This item contained exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information (para 3).

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of report

To seek approval to market and dispose of the Link, Lealholm Road

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report set out the background to the case and current recommendations.

Decision

Detailed within the closed minutes.

26 Hartlepool Credit Union (*Assistant Director, Resources*) This item contained exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information (para 3).

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of report

To obtain Portfolio Holder approval to making a loan advance to Hartlepool Credit Union

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report set out the background and rationale for releasing the loan advance.

Decision

Detailed within the closed minutes

The meeting concluded at

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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