

TRANSPORT AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

10 February 2012

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

Present:

Councillor : Pamela Hargreaves, Transport and Neighbourhoods Portfolio Holder

Officers: Denise Ogden, Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services
Fiona Srogi, Waste Management, Team Leader
Joanne Taylor, School Environmental Action Officer
Alison Carberry, Senior Environmental Enforcement Officer
Angela Armstrong, Principal Democratic Services Officer

Also present:

Leah Remington, Groundwork North East

14. Programme of Work – Groundwork North East in Hartlepool *(Joint Report of Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services and Programme Co-ordinator for Groundwork North East)*

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of report

The report provided the Portfolio Holder with updated information on the structure and governance of Groundwork North East and the programme of work over the past two years.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report provided a general overview of the Groundwork model, a regional perspective of the Trust, including governance and progress against schemes identified from discussions with Council officers and community groups over the past two years. The representative from Groundwork informed the Portfolio Holder that recent changes in management had resulted in three directors being in place to bid for regional funding and sustain local delivery. A number of photographs were displayed which highlighted a number of successful community events with around 40 projects being undertaken in the

town.

In response to a question from the Portfolio Holder, the representative from Groundwork North East confirmed that they linked with the Council's Neighbourhood Officers to provide support for community groups, enhance community events and actively engage with the community with a number of volunteering opportunities being available to support the events.

A discussion ensued on the spots and stripes events that were held through the funding commitment of Cadbury's through its involvement with the Olympics. This funding primarily covered staff time and equipment for events such as the Summerhill Olympic Games event which had been very well attended. There was a number of fun days organised in the run up to the Olympics in the summer, including the sports relief mile. The Portfolio Holder commented that Families First were organising a number of events in conjunction with the Council's Sports Development Team, particularly around encouraging children with disabilities and their parents/carers to participate in activities. The representative from Groundwork North East confirmed that there may be opportunities to enhance these events through the ongoing discussions with the Council's Sports Development Team.

The representative from Groundwork North East highlighted a project being undertaken at Waverley Terrace allotments which was examining the sustainability of the site and options for the potential use of the additional land on the site. The Portfolio Holder suggested that the further development of the existing apprenticeship agreement with Adult Education should be explored to develop horticultural apprenticeships that could be utilised for the development of this site.

The Portfolio Holder commented that there were a lot of opportunities being developed through the Council's involvement with Groundwork North East and it was suggested that a strategic plan and framework should be created to enable a review of the partnership arrangement and explore areas for further development. The importance of ensuring there was no duplication with the activities of other local organisations was also discussed. It was suggested that the development of this framework and plan should be undertaken by a group consisting of relevant officers and Portfolio Holder.

The Portfolio Holder thanked the officers for their hard work and commitment in progressing the Council's involvement in this programme of delivering community events in conjunction with Groundwork North East.

Decision

- (i) The Portfolio Holder noted the extent of the work being delivered in the Borough.
- (ii) That the creation of a framework and strategic plan to review and develop further the Council's involvement with Groundwork North East be explored.
- (iii) That the development of the existing agreement with Adult Education to include horticultural apprenticeships be explored.

15. Findings of the Kerbside Recycling Service Consultation *(Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services)*

Type of decision

For information.

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the outcome of the consultation exercise that was recently carried out amongst householders regarding the kerbside recycling service provided by Hartlepool Borough Council.

The report provided details of the outcome of the recent consultation exercise that was carried out amongst householders with regards to the kerbside recycling service provided by Hartlepool Borough Council.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report provided concise details of the consultation and highlighted the main concerns expressed by householders; it also offered possible solutions to the issues raised.

The outcome of the consultation exercise will be given careful consideration over the coming months as part of a comprehensive review of the waste services provided by Hartlepool Borough Council. It was highlighted that the main issue of concern from residents was spillages from current recycling containers, containers blowing away and being difficult to lift when full. It was noted that some residents do not have enough storage space for the recycling containers currently used and it was hoped that solutions to this problem could be found. The Waste Management Team Leader indicated that the consultation had highlighted that one solution would not suit all residents and this will need to be taken into account when looking at potential storage options.

The Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services confirmed that a report would be submitted to the Portfolio Holder with the conclusions of the review and potential solutions.

Decision

That the Portfolio Holder noted the report and the findings of the consultation exercise.

16. Juvenile Litter Awareness and Enforcement Programme - Update *(Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services)*

Type of decision

Non key.

Purpose of report

To provide an update on the progress of the Juvenile Litter Awareness course, the details of which were reported at a meeting of the Portfolio Holder in September 2010.

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the litter awareness package developed from the course, which was now available for other Local Authorities to purchase.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report contained details of the Juvenile Litter Awareness course developed by the Waste & Environmental Services section and provided an update on its use and effectiveness since it was introduced in September 2010. The report also provided details of the litter awareness package developed from the course, which was now available for other local authorities to purchase. The School Environmental Action Officer and Senior Environmental Enforcement Officer jointly gave a presentation which provided details of the Programme and how the courses were undertaken. A number of statistics were highlighted which identified a number of improvements to potential hot spots for littering across the town.

The School Environmental Action Officer highlighted that the project had been shortlisted for a number of awards and had been promoted through an article in the Association of Public Services Excellence (APSE) Direct News magazine which had generated a significant amount of interest from local authorities across the Country. A number of local authorities had already purchased the package and a lengthy discussion took place on potential income generation through developing the course and package to other areas including dog fouling, climate change and global warming. The potential to

utilise online resources including 'apps' was discussed.

The Portfolio Holder congratulated the team on the successful delivery of the package and course and on being shortlisted for the awards. It was suggested that the potential to create further income generation and business opportunities through the development of the package and course should be supported and explored further.

Decision

- (i) The content of the report, presentation and innovate which in which the Waste and Environmental Services section was tackling the problem of juvenile littering was noted.
- (ii) That the potential to create further income generation and business opportunities through the further development of the package and course be supported and explored further.

The meeting concluded at 4.50 pm

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