

COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PLANNING PORTFOLIO

DECISION RECORD

13 April 2012

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond (Community Safety and Planning Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Dave Stubbs, Director of Regeneration and Planning
Sarah Scarr, Landscape Planning and Conservation Manager
Helen Williams, Planning Officer
Nonusa Malinga, Planning Information Officer
Denise Wimpenny, Principal Democratic Services Officer

12. Tanfield Nursery (Southern Site) Planning and Development Brief *(Assistant Director, Regeneration and Planning)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

The report sought the Portfolio Holder's endorsement to the planning and development brief for Tanfield Nursery Site that had been shaped following a public consultation exercise.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The Planning Officer provided details of the consultation process, responses that had been received and any significant alterations made to the brief as set out in the report. Attached as appendices to the report was a summary of the consultation responses together with the revised planning and development brief.

The Mayor referred to concerns raised by some residents in the consultation responses in relation to potential flooding and emphasised the need for sustainable drainage measures to alleviate the problems and that a developer would have to carry out a flood risk assessment. The Planning Officer provided details of the consultation process in response to the Mayor's request for clarification following some concerns in the consultation response that the process had not been transparent. In light of residents' concerns, the

Planning Services and Estates Teams had had numerous discussions to help make the process more transparent and clear. To address concerns of this type in future, it was reported that a schedule of the process would be provided to officers and residents detailing how the consultation would be undertaken to ensure residents were aware of when and how they would be involved.

The Mayor sought clarification on the next steps in the process together with timescales for development of the site to which the Planning Officer advised that pre-application negotiation should take place over the next few months with a planning application expected in around four months.

Decision

That the planning and development brief for the purposes of marketing the land be approved.

13. Heritage at Risk Register for Hartlepool (*Assistant Director, Regeneration and Planning*)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

Some Local Authorities have registers of Heritage at Risk in their area. These are documents which bring together a list of heritage assets at risk within a single Local Authority area. This report outlined the methodology and selection of sites which has formed the establishment of a register of heritage at risk for Hartlepool.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report outlined the background to Heritage at Risk and the criteria that had been used to establish a register. It explained the progress made compiling the register and a summary of the consultation carried out and responses received. Agreement was sought for the establishment of a Heritage at Risk Register for Hartlepool.

The Mayor queried the purpose and benefits of the register as well as the potential to secure funding as a result. The Landscape Planning and Conservation Manager advised that the register provided a single information point for Heritage at Risk and allowed information to be freely available. The register included information on previous planning consents, problems together with potential solutions and in view of its wide availability there was the opportunity that it may encourage specialists to bring at risk properties back into use. It was highlighted that whilst English Heritage grants were generally only available to grade 1 and 2 star buildings, the register may provide an opportunity to secure funding for at risk buildings.

The Mayor suggested that the register be circulated to the next meeting of the

Derelict Land Group for comments.

Decision

That the establishment of a Heritage at Risk Register for Hartlepool be agreed together with the inclusion of heritage assets listed in Appendix 2.

The meeting concluded at 10.25 am.

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