

# **NORTH AND COASTAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AGENDA**



**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012**

**at 2pm**

**in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: NORTH AND COASTAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM:

Councillors Ainslie, Beck, Cook, Dawkins, Fisher, Fleet, Griffin, Hill, Jackson, Payne, Robinson, Shields, Tempest, Thompson.

- 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 and Coastal Neighbourhood Forum meetings held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012.
  - 4.2 Matters arising.
- 5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME and WARD ISSUES**
- 6. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION**
  - 6.1 Scrutiny Investigation:- Regeneration & Planning Services Scrutiny Forum – Employment – Presentation
  - 6.2 Scrutiny Investigation:- Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum – Environment - Presentation

**7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR INFORMATION**

7.1 Presentation – *Cleveland Fire Brigade*.

7.2 Ward Members Budgets.

**8. ITEMS FOR DECISION**

**9. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

There will be a Special Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012 at 2pm in Committee Room B, Civic Centre to discuss the Health & Wellbeing Strategy and Localisation of Council Tax Reform.

The next Forum meeting will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013 at 10am in the Committee Room B, Civic Centre.

**WARDS**

De Bruce  
Hart  
Headland and  
Harbour  
Jesmond  
Seaton

**NORTH AND COASTAL  
NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM**

**4 July 2012**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**



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

**PRESENT:**

- |             |                           |   |                      |
|-------------|---------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Chair:      | Councillor Mary Fleet     | - | Jesmond              |
| Vice Chair: | Councillor Rob Cook       | - | De Bruce             |
|             | Councillor Jim Ainslie    | - | Headland and Harbour |
|             | Councillor Paul Beck      | - | Hart                 |
|             | Councillor Keith Dawkins  | - | Jesmond              |
|             | Councillor Keith Fisher   | - | Hart                 |
|             | Councillor Sheila Griffin | - | De Bruce             |
|             | Councillor Cath Hill      | - | Seaton               |
|             | Councillor Linda Shields  | - | Jesmond              |
|             | Councillor Sylvia Tempest | - | De Bruce             |
|             | Councillor Mike Turner    | - | Seaton               |

Also in attendance:

Councillor Marjory James, Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

Public: John Cambridge, Aileen Kendon, John Maxwell, Sue Kelly, Alan Vale

Officers:

Denise Ogden, Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services  
Dave Frame, Neighbourhood Manager  
Joan Stevens, Scrutiny Manager  
Adele Wilson, Community Regeneration and Development Co-ordinator  
Garry Jones, Neighbourhood Service Officer  
Ann Callaghan, Neighbourhood Development Officer  
Julie Hetherington, Neighbourhood Support Officer  
Vicky Bosley, Democratic Services Officer

Police Representatives: Lee Rukin, North and Coastal Neighbourhood Inspector

Cleveland Fire Representatives: Steve Patton

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Following the welcome and introductions, the Chair expressed best wishes for Christine Blakey and her family as she was currently in hospital.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Peter Jackson and Jean Robinson.

**3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None.

**4. MINUTES OF NORTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2012**

Circulated.

**5. MINUTES OF CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2012**

Circulated.

**6. MINUTES OF SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUM HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 2012**

Circulated.

**7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND WARD ISSUES**

A Resident raised issues regarding West View Cemetery and referred to the public sign which stated that vehicles should not enter the cemetery unless they are attending a funeral or if a person had disabilities and that dogs should be on leads at all times. The Resident questioned who was policing the rules as they were broken daily. The Neighbourhood Manager confirmed that staff would be informed of the issues raised to allow relevant action to be taken. The Resident had also witnessed alcohol being consumed on numerous occasions, which increased during the summer nights and suggested that the sign be more forceful regarding the fine of £500. The Neighbourhood Manager confirmed that action would be followed up by Inspector Rukin.

A Resident had witnessed regular underage drinking outside King Oswy shops, which was intimidating for customers and residents, PCSO's had previously been informed of this. A Resident informed the Forum that cars were excessively sounding their horns on the Town Moor; the Neighbourhood Manager confirmed these issues would be taken forward with Inspector Rukin.

A Resident raised concerns with reference to her disappointment regarding services provided by the Council, as Merlin Way was not being maintained. The Neighbourhood Services Officer confirmed that parts of Bishop Cuthbert were not adopted by the Council, however a site visit could be arranged and relevant actions be taken up with the Developers.

A Resident confirmed that work had been carried out by the Police to assist with antisocial behaviour in the area and the Council had planted five trees. The

Resident questioned when this work would be complete and if the area could be landscaped to provide a safe play area for children, as they were currently playing ball games outside of her home. The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services confirmed a planning application for a children's play area had been rejected previously by Bishop Cuthbert Residents. Councillor Paul Beck added that he would pass his contact details onto the Resident after the meeting, in order to arrange a visit to try and resolve the antisocial behaviour issues highlighted.

A Resident questioned who owned the King Oswy Public House and the Brus Public House, as the grass had been cut on the Brus site however, it had not been collected, causing the pavement to be unsafe for Residents and the grass on the King Oswy site was getting out of control and becoming an eyesore. The Neighbourhood Manager confirmed the grass on the Brus site had been cut by a Community Payback programme and allocated no cost to the Council and that the Council were currently working together, with the owner of the King Oswy site to try and keep it tidy. The Neighbourhood Service Officer confirmed he would follow up this action.

## 8. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

There were no items for consultation.

## 9. NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUMS OVERVIEW

The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services gave a detailed and comprehensive presentation on Neighbourhood Forums Overview, which focussed on the following:

- New Ward Boundaries
- North and Coastal Neighbourhood Team
- Identical boundaries to Cleveland Police
- North and Coastal wards included;
  - i. Headland and Harbour
  - ii. De Bruce
  - iii. Jesmond
  - iv. Hart and
  - v. Seaton
- Ward Profiles
- Ward Member Budgets
- How the Council should be run – additional North and Coastal Neighbourhood Forum being held on 19 July 2012, 10.00 am

In the discussion that followed the presentation, Councillor Sylvia Tempest questioned when Ward Member Budgets were spent, was agreement required by all three Ward Members or could one Councillor make a decision on what Ward Member Budgets could be spent on. The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services confirmed the guidance stated it was preferred for all three Ward Members to agree ward member budget spend to reduce the risk of duplication, however it was not a requirement. Funding applications would be vetted by the Councils legal and Finance sections to ensure transparency and accountability. Guidance was available for all Members from the Legal Department, via the Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services and from the North and Coastal Neighbourhood Management Team to advise on the best value.

## 10. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Scrutiny Manager gave a detailed and comprehensive presentation on Overview and Scrutiny in Hartlepool, which focused on the following:

- List of current Scrutiny Forums;
  - i. Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee
  - ii. Children’s Services Scrutiny Forum
  - iii. Health Scrutiny Forum
  - iv. Adult and Community Services Scrutiny Forum
  - v. Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum
  - vi. Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum
- The Aim and Purpose of Scrutiny
- How Issues are raised through Scrutiny
- Community Engagement – The Way Forward

Councillor Sylvia Tempest announced she was Chair of Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum and was looking forward to Residents attending.

## 11. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UPDATE

Inspector Lee Rukin invited everyone in attendance to visit his Office to meet his team and gave a detailed and comprehensive presentation on Neighbourhood Policing, North and Coastal Forum, which focused on the following:

- Overview
- North and Coastal Team
- Hartlepool Recorded Crime – May 2012
- Performance (March – May 2012)
- Arrest Figures for last three months
- You Said We Did!
- Items of Interest
- Planning for next three months

In the discussion that followed the presentation the following issues were raised:

Councillor Sylvia Tempest was pleased to see PCSO’s in the De Bruce Ward as it added safety for Residents and asked if the number of PCSO’s had increased. Inspector Rukin confirmed paperwork that had previously been required to be completed at the station could now be completed on an electronic device which allowed additional PCSO presents within Wards. Inspector Rukin pointed out that each Ward had equivalent PCSO’s, however, De Bruce Ward benefited from the base in West View.

Councillor Paul Beck shared his concern regarding the amount of benefit clubs and how this would increase workloads for Police and questioned what measures had been put in place. Inspector Rukin answered that ‘Operation Respect’ had been introduced, which had been planned for two years and included various crimes. The strategy had been developed with Safer Hartlepool Partnership and Inspector Rukin had witnessed a change for the better.

Councillor Keith Fisher highlighted that metal theft was an issue and by making the sale of metal cashless the crime could impede. Inspector Rukin agreed with Councillor Fisher and confirmed this was out of his control and that pressure was being applied on the Government.

Councillor Jim Ainslie commented that drug usage in Hartlepool had an impact on Residents within the area and that there was a feeling of Police using resources in other areas. Inspector Rukin confirmed that Police tackled drug dealers and not drug users and relied on Residents coming forward with information. ‘Bobby Boxes’ had been installed in Central Estate and Burbank, which allowed Residents to lave

intelligence for the Police to act on; Crime Stoppers could also be used. The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services added drug deals were more likely to take place in the street, rather than in homes.

A Resident highlighted that quad bikes were contentiously driven on the beach. Inspector Rukin explained this was a continuous problem and urged members of the public to bring information to the Police in order for the Police to work with, and educate off road bike riders.

The Chairman of Hartlepool Carnival questioned if Police would be present at the Carnival. Inspector Rukin confirmed that Sergeant Jonathan Wrigley and Sergeant Paul Smith would be in attendance and requested contact details from the Chairman to allow discussions to take place and arrangements to be confirmed outside of the meeting.

Councillor Cath Hill highlighted the ‘hate crime’ against people with disabilities and referred to an incident in Leicester, which led to the death of a female and her daughter. Councillor Hill questioned what support and response Hartlepool residents would receive when reporting such crimes. Inspector Rukin confirmed that new legislation had been introduced to prevent repercussions and that Officers re-visited affected people and a matrix was captured as part of a problem solving opportunity. Inspector Rukin highlighted the low level of hate crime reported in Hartlepool and that Officers visited harder to reach ethnic communities in order to monitor reported crimes.

Councillor Sylvia Tempest requested that the presentations delivered at today’s Forum, be available for Members. The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services confirmed they would be made available on the Internet.

## 12. ITEMS FOR DECISION

There were no items for decision.

The meeting concluded at 11.35 am

# North & Coastal Neighbourhood Forum

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
In Council Chamber, Civic Centre

## Issues or comments raised:

<u>Issue Details</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>	<u>Officer</u>
<p><b>West View Cemetery Signs</b> Visitors ignoring the signs on the North &amp; South gates. Residents and visitors are upset that there is no enforcement in the Cemetery regarding motor vehicles and dogs.</p>	<p>The signs situated at each entrance to West View Cemetery read as follows: <b>Vehicles should only enter the cemetery grounds as part of a funeral cortege, or if they display a disabled disc</b> <b>Dogs must be secured on a leash at all times</b> <b>Cycling is not permitted</b> There are also signs showing that alcohol is not allowed to be consumed in the cemetery. During a normal working day, the double gates to the cemetery need to be open to allow funeral cortege's access to the cemetery. Each cortege will include a number of private cars, or which is an unknown quantity, and may have travelled some distance to attend the funeral and, as a result, may arrive early. Some disabled people are brought to the cemetery as passengers in a relative or friend's car which does not always display a disabled badge. This is obviously a sensitive area and we have to be careful how we approach people. One double gate is open on a weekend to allow access for the disabled. The mobile security employed by the council makes random visits to the cemetery. The neighbourhood policing team are regularly in West View Anyone found drinking would be asked to leave the cemetery. The tenant in the cemetery lodge is vigilant over weekends and evenings. The grounds</p>	<p>G Jones HBC</p>



	<p>maintenance team are also asked to be vigilant and report any incidents of bad behaviour.</p> <p>During the course of this year (2012), the councils enforcement team have issued a couple of fixed penalty notices to dog owners who have not had their dogs secured on a leads</p>	
<p><b>King Oswy Shops</b> Underage drinking</p>	<p>Police officers have picked this issue up and will monitor the area.</p>	<p>Inspector Rukin Police</p>
<p><b>Town Moor</b> Vehicles parking on Moor</p>	<p>Our Enforcement Officers ask owners of vehicles to move off the promenade and park on the carriageway. If residents see any vehicles parked on the promenade area they should report it and an Enforcement officer will attend.</p>	<p>G Jones HBC</p>
<p><b>Bishop Cuthbert</b> Meadowsweet Road Anti social behaviour on grassed area. Also issues around the general condition of the estate</p>	<p>A site meeting was held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 11.00am. This meeting was attended By Mr &amp; Mrs Kendon Cllr Beck Representatives from Persimmon and Bellway homes HBC and the Police .Mrs Kendon had a list of issues that were discussed and a tour of the Estate followed.</p> <p>All issues that were identified were assigned to an officer to action.</p> <p>Works are still ongoing to complete the action sheet and updates have been sent to all who attended the meeting.</p>	<p>G Jones HBC</p>
<p><b>King Oswy Pub Site</b> Concerns were raised over the condition of the site and questions were asked if the area could be tidied up</p>	<p>The King Oswy Pub site has now been added to the Community Pay Back teams work list to strim the area on a regular basis</p>	<p>G Jones HBC</p>
<p><b>St Hilds Cemetery</b> Grass cuttings being left on the cemetery footpath</p>	<p>Our grass cutters have been asked to inform their supervisor whenever they are cutting the grass in the Cemetery so that arrangements can be made for the footpaths to be cleared of any cuttings.</p>	<p>G Jones HBC</p>
<p><b>Bellasis Grove</b> Flooding Issues</p>	<p>An initial visit to the resident was carried out to identify the problem and a further visit with a Highways engineer to look at possible solutions. It was agreed that the two gullies near to the property be cleared and jetted and the entire cross troughs in front of the property cleared of all debris.</p>	<p>G Jones HBC</p>

**WARDS**

De Bruce  
Hart  
Headland and Harbour  
Jesmond  
Seaton

**NORTH AND COASTAL  
NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM**

**19 July 2012**



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

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

**PRESENT:**

- Chair: Councillor Mary Fleet - Jesmond
- Vice Chair: Councillor Rob Cook - De Bruce
- Councillor Jim Ainslie - Headland and Harbour
- Councillor Paul Beck - Hart
- Councillor Sheila Griffin - De Bruce
- Councillor Cath Hill - Seaton
- Councillor Peter Jackson - Headland and Harbour
- Councillor Robbie Payne - Headland and Harbour
- Councillor Linda Shields - Jesmond
- Public: Mrs N Morrish, Mr S Lavelle, Mr P Thompson and Mr Wood
- Officers: Peter Devlin, Chief Solicitor
- Denise Ogden, Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services
- David Frame, Neighbourhood Manager (North and Coastal)
- Ann Callaghan, Neighbourhood Development Officer (North and Coastal)
- Angela Armstrong, Principal Democratic Services Officer

**13. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Keith Dawkins, Keith Fisher, Jean Robinson and Sylvia Tempest.

**15. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Paul Beck referred to the recent sad news that a Hartlepool soldier Trooper Neil Guffick had been killed in Afghanistan. A minute's silence was requested as a mark of respect for this young man and the many others who have been killed in action.

The Chair requested that the sympathies of the Forum be conveyed to the family.

Everyone stood for a minute's silence.

**16. REFERENDUM ON HOW THE COUNCIL IS RUN**

The Chief Solicitor gave a detailed and comprehensive presentation which set the scene and enabled examination of the options available in a referendum on how the Council was run. It was noted that this meeting was part of a fuller consultation process, the outcome of which would be reported to Council on 2 August 2012. The current system and the alternative option would be considered in a referendum to be held on 15 November 2012.

In conclusion it was noted that the options available for a referendum were:

**Ballot Paper No. 1:**

How would you like Hartlepool Borough Council to be run?

By a Mayor who is elected by voters. This was how the Council was run now.

By a Leader who is an elected Councillor chosen by a vote of the other elected Councillors. This would be a change from how the Council was run now.

**Ballot Paper No. 2:**

How would you like Hartlepool Borough Council to be run?

By a Mayor who is elected by voters. This was how the Council was run now.

By one or more committees made up of elected Councillors. This would be a change from how the Council was run now.

Several members of the public were in attendance and addressed the Forum.

A resident commented that there was a lot of information to take in and would

prefer to study the options at leisure. The Chief Solicitor indicated that copies of the presentation would be circulated to enable everyone to take copies away with them for further consideration.

A resident questioned the need to change the system of governance if that system was successful. The Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services confirmed that in June 2012, Council had proposed that a referendum be undertaken on the Council's governance arrangements and this consultation process would enable the identification of the alternative option to be considered against the current system of governance.

A discussion ensued on the financial implications of the different options. However, the Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services confirmed that the proposed structures and financial implications of the chosen options would be examined further once the referendum options were identified.

A Member stressed the inclusive nature of a Committee system, as it would enable more elected Members to be involved in the decision making process as opposed to single Executive Members as in the current system.

However, the importance of having an 'elected' Mayor leading the Council and its decision making was also highlighted as it was considered that this system offered more accountability as fewer Members were involved in the decision making.

A resident commented that ensuring all information presented to the public was in plain easy to understand language was a key factor in enabling a full and meaningful response to any consultation.

Clarification was sought on whether scrutiny would form part of a committee

system. The Chief Solicitor confirmed that there were statutory scrutiny functions, such as Police and Crime Panel and Health and Wellbeing but that any further scrutiny would be discretionary.

There was some concern expressed by a resident that ‘party politics’ played a major role in any decision making. However, whilst a Member did recognise that ‘party politics’ did play a role in some decision making, another Member commented that the majority of Members acted in the best interests of the people of Hartlepool and in particular representing the community who elected them.

A resident commented on the public attendance at the meeting and the Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services confirmed that the scheduling of the meeting had been advertised in the usual manner with the addition of a number of press releases. It was also noted that there were various other mechanisms for members of the public to participate in the consultation via an online survey on the Council’s website, through community and voluntary sector, ward councillors, Facebook, twitter and paper surveys that were available from local libraries and the Civic Centre.

Clarification was sought on who would be the Leader of the authority under the governance of a committee system. The Chief Solicitor indicated that traditionally, the leader of the majority political group would take on board the role of spokesperson of the authority. In addition to this, a ceremonial mayor would be appointed to undertake the ceremonial duties of the Council.

The Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services confirmed that the referendum options would be considered and agreed at a meeting of Council on 2 August 2012 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber and

members of the public were encouraged to attend.

It was highlighted that the deadline for responses to the consultation was 20 July 2012 to enable checking against the electoral register and a report to be compiled for the Council meeting on 2 August 2012.

**17. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT**

None.

The meeting concluded at 11.05 am

CHAIR



**South & Central Neighbourhood Forum  
3 October 2012**

**SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION  
EMPLOYMENT**

**Councillor Ged Hall  
Chair of the Regeneration and  
Planning Services Scrutiny Forum**

# Why Are We Here?

- **To: Advise you of the ‘Employment’ investigation being undertaken by the Regeneration Services Scrutiny Forum and invite you to participate and to seek your views in relation to ‘Employment’ for consideration by the Forum and inclusion in their report to Cabinet.**

# Background

- **The JSNA is split into a number of themed areas, one of which is EMPLOYMENT.**
- **The Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum will this year be looking at Employment, the aim being to:**
  - Develop the theme; and
- **The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) provides a picture of the Town's health and wellbeing needs / priorities.**
  - Ensure that the health and wellbeing needs/priorities within the theme are accurate.

# Timetable / How to be Involved

- **TODAY - Participate in the question time session.**
- **11 OCTOBER / 13 DECEMBER 2012 - Scrutiny Forum to gather evidence**
- **21 FEBRUARY 2013 - Scrutiny Forum to consider results from the Neighbourhood Forum question time sessions**
- **21 MARCH 2013 - Scrutiny Forum to gather evidence**
- **18 APRIL 2013 - Scrutiny Forum to finalise Report for consideration by Cabinet on the 3 May 2013**



# JSNA Topic: Employment

- **“Increasing the number of people who are ‘work ready’ with the right skills to get local employment; helping people understand that they could have their own business; and help them to develop their entrepreneurial ideas.”**

# What We Do In ERT

- **Attract major investors to Hartlepool.**
- **Lead on major economic & regeneration initiatives including Seaton Carew Development and Enterprise Zones.**
- **Offer support to pre-start and new start businesses.**
- **Source funding to support business growth, to regenerate the town and improve employment rates.**
- **Lead on the Hartlepool Works Consortium.**
- **Manage and deliver major employability programmes**
- **Improve the tourism offer.**
- **Drive forward the Economic Regeneration Strategy.**

# Economic Regeneration Strategy

- The Economic Regeneration Team is responsible for driving forward the ERS (2011-2021) which provides a shared ambition of moving the Borough towards a more inclusive and prosperous economy.
- The ERS vision is: *Hartlepool will achieve its ambition of sustained, economic prosperity through major regeneration, driving business growth, increasing innovation, developing entrepreneurship and skills to make the area an attractive location to live, invest, work and visit.*
- The ERS aim is: *‘Develop a more enterprising, vigorous and diverse local economy that will attract new investment, enable local enterprises and entrepreneurs to be globally competitive and create more employment opportunities for local people’.*

# Economic Regeneration Strategy

The ERS has 5 main objectives:

- To improve business growth and business infrastructure and enhance a culture of entrepreneurship
- To attract new investment and develop major programmes to regenerate the area and improve connectivity
- To increase employment and skills levels and develop a competitive workforce that meets the demands of employers and the economy
- To increase the economic inclusion of adults, tackle financial exclusion and reduce the proportion of children in poverty
- To boost the visitor economy

# ERS and Links to JSNA

The ERS contributes to a number of cross-cutting themes including improving the Health and Well-being of residents.

- The DWP report, 'Caring for our Future' (2004) found that long term unemployed or economically inactive adults are nearly twice as likely (30%) to have a mental health problem as those employed (16%).
- According to the Freud Report (2007) it was stated that worklessness is strongly associated with poor health, including higher mortality, poorer mental health and higher usage of medical services.
- The Freud Report (2007) also stated clearly that claimants moving off benefits into work; experience improvements in their income, socioeconomic status, mental and general health, and well-being.

# What are the Key Issues? (1)

- **GB has witnessed worst recession in living memory.**
- **Lack of public and private investment on major regeneration programmes.**
- **Insufficient levels of business stock and business start ups.**

# What are the Key Issues? (2)

- **Youth Unemployment remains high.**
- **Long term unemployed adults and young people not prepared for the world of work.**
- **Local labour market does not meet the demands of SMEs.**

# Who is at Risk and Why? (1)

- **All businesses are potentially at risk unless the economy starts to grow. In particular those involved with the retail, leisure and tourism sector. This is due to reduced consumer confidence and spending.**
- **New start-up businesses, particularly within the first 12 months of trading.**
- **Urgent investment needed through large scale regeneration programmes that can provide opportunities for local businesses.**
- **Access to skilled workers, particularly to meet future needs of SMEs.**



# Who is at Risk and Why? (2)

- The long term unemployed claiming key benefits who may feel socially excluded.
- Unemployed adults with long term limiting illnesses.
- Those adults aged 50+ who have recently been made redundant or are due to be made redundant.
- Young people who have little or no work experience.
- Adults with low educational attainment.
- Those returning to the labour market including lone parents.
- Those adults with health problems and/or disabilities.
- Those with caring responsibilities.

# Projects to Support the Unemployed

- **Hartlepool Works Consortium**
- **Work Programme**
- **Flexible Support Fund**
- **Family Wise**
- **Going Forward Together**
- **Youth Contract**
- **JCP New Flexibilities**

# Next Steps to Regenerate Hartlepool

- Business Start up
- Regional Growth Fund
- Enterprise Zones
- Key Site Regeneration



# Incubation – Hartlepool Enterprise Centre

- **Converted former Victorian School with a capacity of 40 business units**
- **Enhancements made better use of existing workspace and created a further 19 units**
- **Provision of a dedicated business support service for new start and existing businesses**
- **Provision of conference facilities, including audio/visual equipment**
- **Easy in, easy out terms**



# Regional Growth Fund

- **£1.4bn fund introduced by Government to support projects and programmes that lever private sector investment to create economic growth and sustainable employment.**
- **Within Hartlepool, five companies were successful in securing funding including Able Seaton Dock, Heerema, Huntsman Tioxide, PD Ports and J&B Recycling which will safeguard existing jobs and create new jobs.**
- **Hartlepool secured 55% of the RGF funding allocation across the Tees Valley.**



# Enterprise Zones

- **The Government announced in the 2011 budget that it would establish 21 new Enterprise Zones in LEP areas. The Tees Valley LEP was amongst the first 11 LEPs that were identified.**
- **EZ are a key part of the Government's pro-growth agenda that allows areas with real potential to create new businesses and jobs.**
- **The core offer for businesses is around business rates discounts, enhanced capital allowances and a simplified planning regime.**

# EZ - Local Economic Impact

- **Queens Meadow Business Park**
  - Fine and speciality chemicals , medical & High Value Engineering
  - Business rate discount (£55,000 p.a. per business for five years)
  - 12 hectares in size
  - 10 new businesses and 140 new jobs by 2015
- **Hartlepool Port Estates**
  - Renewable Energy Production
  - Enhanced Capital Allowances
  - 67 Hectares
  - 3 new business and 900 new jobs by 2015
- **Oakesway Business Park (LEP funded)**
  - Renewable Energy Production
  - Business rate discount (£55,000 p.a. per business for five years)
  - To be funded from business rate growth income
  - 15 hectares in size
  - 7 new businesses and 140 new jobs by 2015



# Enterprise Zone Success

## QUEENS MEADOW EZ

- **OMEGA PLASTICS**
  - £600,000 investment
  - and 16 new jobs
- **PROPIPE**
  - £770,000 investment
  - and 24 jobs





# Seaton Carew Masterplan



Seaton Carew Seafront Regeneration

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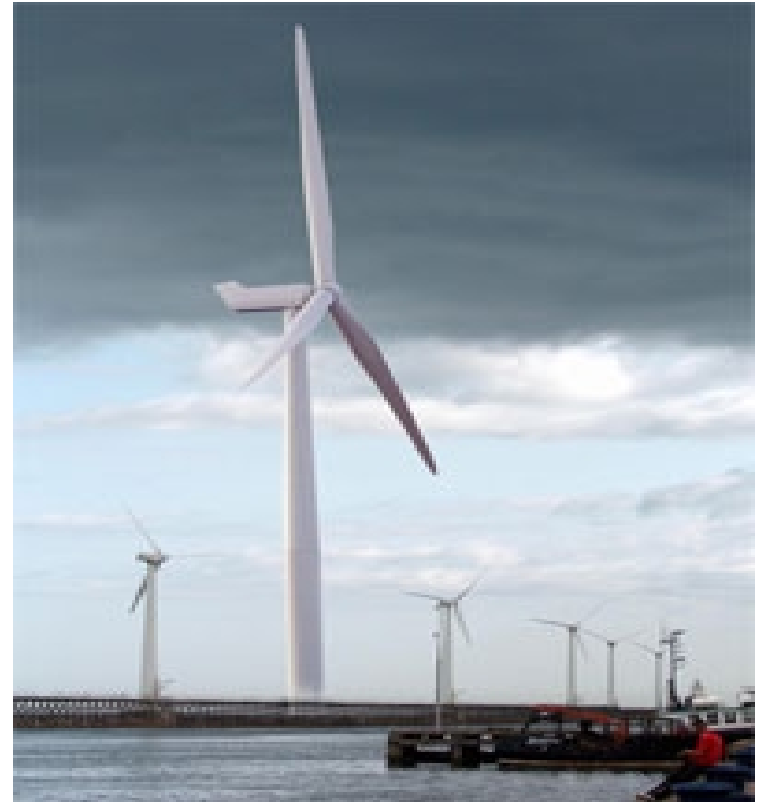


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# Renewable Energy (1)

- **Potential to maximise the port estate to attract investors in the renewable energy sector.**
- **Particular opportunities available through supply-chain activity which can be linked to the Dogger Bank initiative.**
- **Opportunities for manufacturing of wind turbines**



# Renewable Energy (2)



# Next

**Over the next few minutes:**

- **To facilitate discussion a number of multiple choice questions will be asked using the handsets provided. The results of the questions will be displayed for discussion.**
- **After each question queries can be raised and key officers will be present to assist.**

When the question and possible answers appear on the screen, the answer choices also appear on the handset.



1 Select your answer from the keypad – your choice will flash



Letters correspond to the numbers on the handsets – choose the letter that matches the answer choice

2 Send your answer

# Q&A

- **HARTLEPOOL HAS A POPULATION OF 91,300**
  - **WHAT IS THE NUMBER OF WORKING AGE RESIDENTS?**
- A. 25,500**
- B. 35,700**
- C. 58,100**



# Q&A

- **ANSWER = (C) 58,100**



# Q&A

- **How many residents are currently in employment in Hartlepool?**
- A. 34,400**
- B. 45,000**
- C. 50,100**

# Q&A

- **Answer = (A) 34,400**

# Q&A

- **How many people in Hartlepool of working age are claiming Incapacity Benefit/Employment Support Allowance?**

**A. 2,600**

**B. 5,000**

**C. 5,830**

# Q&A

- **Answer = (C) 5,830**

# Q&A

- **How many residents in Hartlepool are claiming an out-of-work benefit?**

**A. 14,160**

**B. 16,160**

**C. 18,160**

# Q&A

- **Answer = (A) 14,160**

# Q&A

- **How many young people (18-24 years old) are unemployed in Hartlepool?**

**A. 300**

**B. 800**

**C. 1,300**

# Q&A

- **Answer = (C) 1,300**



# Q&A

- **How many young people have been economically inactive for more than 5 years?**

**A. 50**

**B. 140**

**C. 180**

# Q&A

- **Answer = (C) 180**

# Q&A

- **What percentage of children up to 16 are classed as living in poverty in Hartlepool?**

**A. 5%**

**B. 32%**

**C. 45%**

# Q&A

- **Answer = (B) 32%**

# Q&A

- **How many businesses are in the town?**
- A. 1,510**
- B. 2,500**
- C. 4,507**

# Q&A

- **Answer = (B) 2,500**

# Q&A

- **How many of these businesses employ less than 9 people?**

**A. 48%**

**B. 68%**

**C. 78%**

# Q&A

- **Answer = (C) 78%**



**Neighbourhood Forum**

**3 October 2012**

# **SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION ENVIRONMENT**

**Councillor Rob Cook**

**Vice Chair of the Neighbourhood Services  
Scrutiny Forum**



# Why Are We Here?

## To:

- Advise you of the 'Environment' investigation being undertaken by the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum and invite you to participate
- Seek your views in relation to 'Environment' for consideration by the Forum and inclusion in their report to Cabinet

# Background

- The **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)** provides a picture of the Town's health and wellbeing needs / priorities.
- The JSNA is split into a number of themed areas, one of which is **ENVIRONMENT**.
- The Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum will this year be looking at Environment, the aim being to:
  - develop the theme; and
  - ensure that the health and wellbeing needs/priorities within the theme are accurate.

# Timetable / How to be Involved

**TODAY** - Participate in the question time session.

**17 OCTOBER / 19 DECEMBER 2012** - Scrutiny Forum to gather evidence

**13 FEBRUARY 2013** - Scrutiny Forum to consider results from the Neighbourhood Forum question time sessions

**20 MARCH 2013** - Scrutiny Forum to gather evidence

**17 APRIL 2013** - Scrutiny Forum to finalise Report for consideration by Cabinet on the 3 May 2013

# The Environment

‘The environment people live in is critical to a sense of Health & Wellbeing. The quality of air, water, noise pollution and cleanliness across the town is often a concern for residents. Therefore services need to be provided and monitored to ensure a clean and healthy environment.’

*NSSF Definition agreed 1<sup>st</sup> August 2012*

# Local environmental priorities

- Priorities identified
  - Climate change
  - Air and water pollution
  - Noise
  - cleanliness

# Climate

- Hotter, drier summers, milder, wetter winters
- Increased incidence and severity of storm events
- The greatest impact is on the most vulnerable members of society
  - Elderly & infirm
  - Disabled people and children
  - Those on low incomes who are unable to afford measures to make themselves and their properties more resilient to changing climates

# Noise

- We continue to receive complaints regarding noise issues emanating from
  - Music & Parties
  - Barking dogs
  - Alarms
  - Commercial premises – pubs/ clubs and waste sites



# Air & Water Quality

- There is a perception that air quality in Hartlepool is poor although the air quality is well within statutory limits and there are no requirements to declare any air quality management areas
- Exposure to second hand smoke impacts on health, causing a range of symptoms from eye irritation, headache, cough, sore throat, to heart and lung cancer
- Water quality can affect public health, it is essential that drinking water is clean and bathing water in swimming pools and along our coastline is safe

# Cleanliness

- Ward Profile recurrent themes include:
  - Improve the general appearance of the area, and promote safer, cleaner and greener streets.
  - Improve levels of environmental management including addressing derelict land and buildings.
  - Develop, improve and maintain local green spaces, parks and recreational areas.
  - Improve the maintenance of local shopping parades.

# Next

Over the next 20 minutes:

- To facilitate discussion a number of multiple choice questions will be asked using the handsets provided. The results of the questions will be displayed for discussion.
- After each question queries can be raised and key officers will be present to assist.

When the question and possible answers appear on the screen, the answer choices also appear on the handset.



1 Select your answer from the keypad – your choice will flash



Letters correspond to the numbers on the handsets – choose the letter that matches the answer choice

2 Send your answer

# Question 1

**What percentage of Hartlepool residents claim to be unconcerned about the effects of climate change?**

- A. 14%**
- B. 37%**
- C. 63%**

# Answer 1

**(A) 14%**

Based on results of the 2010/11 Viewpoint survey.

# Question 2

Climate change is causing Arctic Sea ice to melt, which is contributing to sea level rise. By what percentage, on average, does Arctic Sea ice shrink each year?

- A. 0.1%
- B. 0.5%
- C. 1%



# Answer 2

**(C) 1%**

Since the 1970's arctic sea ice has shrunk by 1% each year.

# Question 3

**Severe weather is becoming increasingly common as a result of climate change. On the 24th September 2012, how much rain fell in Hartlepool?**

- A. One week's worth**
- B. One month's worth**
- C. One year's worth**

# Answer 3

## (B) One month's worth

The unusually heavy rainfall led to a range of issues in the region, including flooding, evacuation of homes, an increase in traffic incidents and disruption to public transport services.

# Question 4

**Which bathing water standard is predicted for 2016 bathing season at Seaton Carew Centre?**

- A. Excellent**
- B. Good**
- C. Sufficient**
- D. Poor**

# Answer 4

## (C) Sufficient

In the past under the previous Bathing Water Directive we have had excellent water quality needed to gain the Blue Flag Award, however under the revised Bathing Water Directive the water quality standards are now twice as stringent, therefore it will not be possible to apply for the Blue Flag in the foreseeable future.

# Question 5

**This year was the first year of sampling under the revised Bathing Water Directive. What standard have we achieved this season for Seaton Carew Centre?**

- A. Excellent**
- B. Good**
- C. Sufficient**
- D. Poor**

# Answer 5

## (D) Poor

Possible due to the heavy rainfall this season, however we have another three years of sampling this may improve and gain sufficient in 2016. Hartlepool is not the only beaches to suffer poor bathing results; other beaches have suffered the same problem.

# Question 6

The three bathing beaches at Seaton Carew were first designated in 1988. Since then has bathing water quality improved?

A. Yes

B. No



# Answer 6

**(A) Yes**

Initially all three beaches failed to meet the bathing water standards. This was because sewage from Hartlepool and surrounding areas was discharged without effective treatment via a short outfall. In the early 1990s, Northumbrian Water constructed a scheme to address this which involved interception of existing outfalls and discharge via a long outfall. Also new sewage treatment works was built at Seaton Carew in 2000. In 1994 all bathing beaches meet the basic standards and in 1995 Seaton Carew Centre and North Gare both passed guideline standards for the first time.

Hartlepool Borough Council has established a group which will work with the Environment Agency and Northumbrian Water, focusing on making further improvements to bathing water quality in the future.

# Question 7

**What is the largest contributor to air pollution in Hartlepool?**

- A. Industry**
- B. Road Traffic**
- C. Domestic Properties**

# Answer 7

## (B) Road Traffic

# Question 8

Is the air quality in Hartlepool

- A. Good
- B. Poor
- C. Average

# Answer 8

**(A) Good**

# Question 9

**Who do you need to contact if you want to make a complaint about noisy neighbours?**

- A. The Police**
- B. The Council**
- C. The Noise Abatement Society**

# Answer 9

## (B) The Council

# Question 10

In 2011/12, how many Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) were issued in Hartlepool for litter offences?

- A. 298
- B. 402
- C. 581



# Answer 10

**(C) 581**

581 FPNs for litter offenses were issued in 2011/12, which was a slight increase on those issued in 2010/11 at 565.

# Question 11

How many litter and dog bins are there in Hartlepool?

- A. 565
- B. 989
- C. 1060

# Answer 11

**(C) 1060**

There are 560 litter and dog bins in the North and Coastal area, with 500 in the South and Central area.

# Question 12

**Hartlepool Borough Council cleanses public areas throughout the town. How often do you think your street is cleaned?**

- A. Weekly**
- B. Fortnightly**
- C. Monthly**

# Answer 12

## (A) Weekly

Streets in the town are inspected, swept and litter picked as required on a weekly basis (with the town centre being more frequent). The cleansing teams also respond to reports of litter, flytipping, graffiti and flyposting, provide and empty litter and dog foul bins and react to any other cleansing related complaints. Work is ongoing to make cleansing rounds more efficient and to follow the waste collection routes.

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3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012



# Hartlepool stations



Protecting local communities

There are two stations in the Hartlepool District:

## Stranton Fire Station

- Whole-time
- Hartlepool Community Hub
- Works in four watches
- Situated in Headland and Harbour Ward opposite old Cameron's Brewery



## Headland Fire Station

- Retained
- Due for refurbishment
- Situated in Headland and Harbour ward
- Uses retained firefighters living within five minutes travel time



# Who is who in the district...



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## District Manager

Dave Turton



## Station Manager

Steve Patton



## Contact Us

Stranton Station

01429 274151

Hartlepool Hub

01429 235447

Headland Station

01429 266942

Brigade HQ

01429 872311

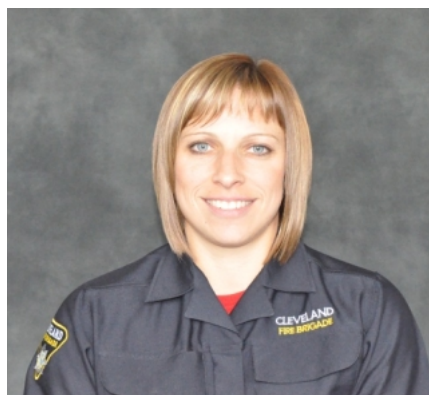
## Locality Manager

Ian Dixon



## Diversionary Activities Manager

Emma Rushforth





# Incidents

Since 2007/08...

- Total fire calls have reduced by **38%**
- Accidental house fires have reduced by **56%**
- Overall, deliberate fires have reduced by **53%**
- Deliberate house fires have increased by **19%**



Protecting local communities



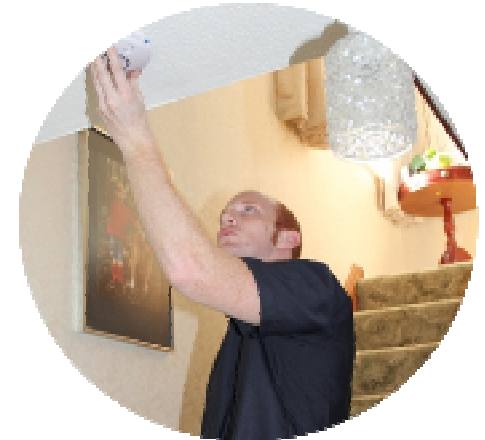
The Hartlepool Mail's 'Stamp It Out' campaign, ran in conjunction with the Brigade's Stop Arson campaign.

# Home Fire Safety Visits



Protecting local communities

The number of households in the Hartlepool District who have now received a Home Fire Safety Visit has increased by **over 100%** since March 2007



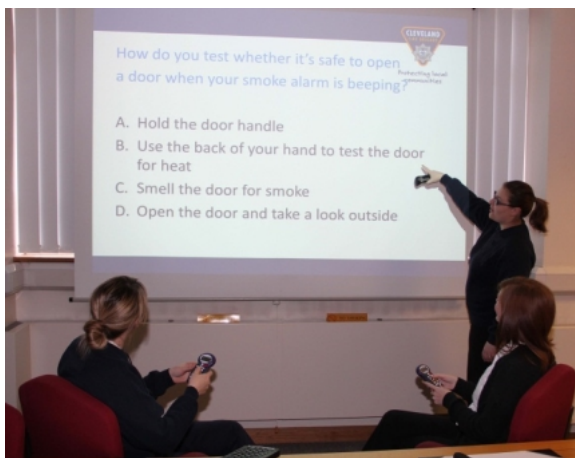
This means that **50% (20185)** of Hartlepool households have now received a Home Fire Safety Visit

# Community Activities



Protecting local communities

The Brigade provides various activities in the Hartlepool District including:



Schools Education



FIRE-FIT Diversionary Activities including boxing and football



Learn and Live Roadshows  
(Picture taken at English Martyrs Sixth Form College)

## NORTH & COASTAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM (October 2012)

**Report of:** NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGER

**Subject:** WARD MEMBER BUDGETS

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Forum of the current position in relation to Ward Member Budgets in the North and Coastal Neighbourhood Forum area.

### 2. BACKGROUND

As agreed by Cabinet on 30 April 2012, Ward Members have been allocated £5,500 each to be used for the wider and discernable community benefits of their ward.

### 3. APPROVED SCHEMES

The following table provides a breakdown of current spend to date in relation to each of the Ward Members; budgets. Attached at Appendix B is the current running total for each Ward Member and their remaining budgets.

Ward Councillor	Nature of Scheme	Date Approved	Total Project Cost	Funding Approved
<b>De Bruce</b>				
Councillor Rob Cook	Fun Day Contribution (2 September 2012)	09/08/12	£1000	£333
Councillor Sheila Griffin	Fun Day Contribution (2 September 2012)	09/08/12	£1000	£333
Councillor Sylvia Tempest	Fun Day Contribution (2 September 2012)	09/08/12	£1000	£333

### 4. UNAPPROVED SCHEMES

Scheme	Amount
TOTAL	

### 5. RECOMMENDATION

The North and Coastal Neighbourhood Forum is asked to note the contents of the report outlining Ward Member Budget spend to date.

**Appendix A****NORTH AND COASTAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM – WARD MEMBER BUDGETS**

<b>Ward Councillor</b>	<b>Funding Available</b>	<b>Funding Approved</b>	<b>Funding Remaining</b>
<b>De Bruce</b>			
Councillor Rob Cook	£5,500	£333	£5,167
Councillor Sheila Griffin	£5,500	£333	£5,167
Councillor Sylvia Tempest	£5,500	£333	£5,167
<b>Hart</b>			
Councillor Paul Beck	£5,500	-	£5,500
Councillor Keith Fisher	£5,500	-	£5,500
Councillor Jean Robinson	£5,500	-	£5,500
<b>Headland and Harbour</b>			
Councillor Jim Ainslie	£5,500	-	£5,500
Councillor Peter Jackson	£5,500	-	£5,500
Councillor Robbie Payne	£5,500	-	£5,500
<b>Jesmond</b>			
Councillor Keith Dawkins	£5,500	-	£5,500
Councillor Mary Fleet	£5,500	-	£5,500
Councillor Linda Shields	£5,500	-	£5,500
<b>Seaton</b>			
Councillor Cath Hill	£5,500	-	£5,500
Councillor Paul Thompson	£5,500	-	£5,500
Vacant	£5,500	-	£5,500