

# **SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AGENDA**



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

**At 10.00am**

**In Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool**

**MEMBERS: SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM:**

Councillors C Akers-Belcher, S Akers Belcher, Brash, Cranney, Gibbon, Hall, Hargreaves, James, Lauderdale, A Lilley, G Lilley, Loynes, Morris, Richardson, Simmons, Sirs, Wells and Wilcox.

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**3. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

**4. MINUTES**

4.1 Confirm minutes of previous South & Central Neighbourhood Forum held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012 and 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 - Employment

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

7.1 Presentation - *Cleveland Fire Brigade*

7.2 Ward Members Budgets

## **8. ITEMS FOR DECISION**

None

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

There will be a Special Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012 at 10.00am in Committee Room B, Civic Centre to discuss the Health & Wellbeing Strategy and Localisation of Council Tax Reform.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013 at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool.

**WARDS**

Burn Valley  
Foggy Furze  
Fens and  
Rossmere  
Manor House  
Rural West  
Victoria

***SOUTH AND CENTRAL  
NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM***

***4 July 2012***

***MINUTES OF THE MEETING***



The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

**PRESENT:**

Chair:	Councillor Kevin Cranney	- Foggy Furze
Vice Chair:	Councillor Angie Wilcox	- Manor House
	Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher	- Foggy Furze
	Councillor Jonathan Brash	- Burn Valley
	Councillor Steve Gibbon	- Fens and Rossmere
	Councillor Ged Hall	- Burn Valley
	Councillor Marjorie James	- Manor House
	Councillor John Lauderdale	- Burn Valley
	Councillor Alison Lilley	- Fens and Rossmere
	Councillor Geoff Lilley	- Fens and Rossmere
	Councillor Brenda Loynes	- Rural West
	Councillor Carl Richardson	- Victoria
	Councillor Chris Simmons	- Victoria
	Councillor Kaylee Sirs	- Foggy Furze
	Councillor Ray Wells	- Rural West

Also in attendance: Councillors Paul Beck and Rob Cook

Jan Ledger, Housing Hartlepool

Public: Cathleen Campion, Dorothy Clark, Jean Davison, Bob Farrow, William Hall, Ted Jackson, Rosemarie Kennedy, George Stamper, Laura Tunnicliffe, Ray Waller, Michael Ward, Mary Wilkinson, Cathleen Williams,

Officers: Denise Ogden, Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services  
Clare Clark, Neighbourhood Manager  
Joan Stevens, Scrutiny Manager  
Jon Wright, Senior Neighbourhood Co-ordinator  
Adele Wilson, Community Regeneration and Development Co-ordinator  
Irene Cross, Neighbourhood Development Officer  
Vicky Bosley, Democratic services Officer

Police Representatives: Carl Broughton, Dave Halliday

## 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Following the welcome and introductions, the Chair confirmed Residents had not received the agenda for the meeting and confirmed for future meetings, all residents who had attended previous meetings would be notified of future forums

## 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Stephen Akers-Belcher, Pamela Hargreaves and George Morris.

## 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

The Chair announced that questions would be asked and ward issues would be raised by Residents first and Councillors second.

### Manor House

A Resident spoke of actions which had arisen from the Rift House Tenants Association regarding the speed restrictions at Masfield Road and a grass verge on the bend at Kipling Road. Councillor Marjorie James confirmed she was happy to discuss this further with the Resident after the Forum.

### Foggy Furze

A Resident raised issues with regards to the new build estate. The street lights were on day and night; this had been reported on numerous occasions. The Neighbourhood Manager confirmed she had reported this to the Public Lighting Manager and would chase it up. Dog fouling in the area had increased and the road surface required attention. Councillor Ray Wells highlighted that he had previously suggested all Elected Members should have the authority to issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling and that no additional costs would apply to the Council as Elected Members already had a valid CRB. The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services confirmed she would investigate if this was feasible with the Councils Legal Department.

### Rural West

A Resident reported that the road from Elwick Road to Wooler Road was in serious need of repair and that leaving cut grass was dangerous for elderly people. The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services confirmed that

2012 had seen the wettest April to June on record and that resources did not allow grass to be collected after being cut.

### **Rossmere and Fens**

A Resident raised concerns regarding speeding on Rossmere Way and had already requested a speeding sign. It was confirmed Police had been out to monitor, however it was the incorrect time day. Councillor Alison Lilley confirmed she had attended meetings with Officers in order to try and resolve the speeding issues. The Chair suggested that the speeding issue could be linked with Community Speed Watch. The Resident also commented on the poor state of the pond, due to overgrown weeds and questioned whether the Lottery Grant received could be used to address this. The Chair confirmed this was noted by the Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services, who would provide a response.

### **Manor House**

Councillor Marjorie James confirmed grass cuttings issues were ongoing and had led to a Resident falling, however, the Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Neighbourhood Manager were working hard to try and resolve. Councillor Marjorie James also questioned when the CCTV review would be concluded and how soon could the traffic issues at Patrick shops would be dealt with. The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services confirmed that this issued had recently been approved by the Portfolio Holder, survey's had been completed within the area and that information would hopefully be available the following month.

### **Foggy Furze**

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher raised concerns with reference to the five

year road improvement plan, as mistakes had been identified and Swalebrooke Avenue and Taybrooke Avenue had not been reflected. It was requested that PCSO's patrol the area more often in order for anti-social behaviour to be monitored. Confirmation was requested regarding the 'like for like' fencing around Waverley Terrace.

Councillor Kaylee Sirs invited residents to attend the drop in surgery at Browning Avenue Baptist Church in between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm that evening.

### **Rural West**

Councillor Ray Wells reported that the Traffic Camera at Sappers Corner, Greatham wasn't working and urged for it to be fixed. An illuminated warning sign was requested for the blind bend and crossing on Elwick Road.

Councillor Brenda Loynes highlighted bushes at a house in Springston Road were dangerously high causing vision to be blocked when travelling in a car. An update was requested on the Lodge Gates. The Senior Neighbourhood Co-ordinator confirmed that discussions were currently taking place with Conservation Officers, as the cost of original gates was over £2,500.00. Councillor Brenda Loynes suggested a meeting should take place to discuss further.

### **Burn Valley**

Councillor Ged Hall raised queries regarding dog fouling and private landlords and was keen for progress reports on selective licensing to be presented at future Regeneration and Planning services Scrutiny Forum. Objections had also been raised with reference to the one way system on Arncliffe Gardens and Wansbeck Gardens.

Councillor Brash highlighted that Clifton Avenue and Hutton Avenue were now 20 mph zones and indicated, although 20 mph zones worked well outside of schools, it was important for the community to be in agreement to avoid a community split.

### **Victoria**

Councillor Chris Simmons confirmed that Elected Members had been working with the Neighbourhood Team, Residents and Police in order to resolve problems within Victoria and expressed his gratitude.

Councillor Carl Richardson raised concerns regarding grass cutting and the danger uncollected grass imposed to elderly residents within the ward and suggested that cut grass be sold for compost. The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services confirmed that resources prevented grass from being collected across the town. The Council collected grass in some areas e.g. sheltered accommodation and strategic routes / roundabouts. The Assistant Director for Neighbourhood Services also advised that compost was provided to the public free of charge as part of the Councils recycling campaign. The Chair added that he had witnessed grass blowers being used in order to remove grass from pavements.

### **Rossmere and Fens**

Councillor Alison Lilley raised concern regarding speeding bikes, riding on pavements near Fens School on Spalding Road. Thanks were also given to Officers for their assistance with dog fouling issues.

Councillor Steve Gibbon raised concerns regarding PCSO's having to leave wards earlier in order to walk back to the York Road base for 10.00 pm. Inspector Halliday confirmed that statistics for Anti-

social behaviour around Fens shops had reduced from 37 calls in March to 6 calls in May. It was highlighted if trends increased work shifts could be looked at to accommodate.

Councillor Geoff Lilley reported that residents were alarmed by the number of road bikes speeding on Catcote Road and on Fens school field.

## **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
- South and Central Neighbourhood Team
- Identical boundaries to Cleveland Police
- South and Central wards included;
  - i. Victoria
  - ii. Burn Valley
  - iii. Foggy Furze
  - iv. Manor House
  - v. Fens and Rossmere
  - vi. Rural West
- Ward Profiles
- Ward Member Budgets

The Assistant Director for Neighbourhood Services also highlighted special meetings of the Neighbourhood Forums on 'How the Council should be run' had been arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012. In the discussion that followed the presentation, the Chair requested that Ward Profiles be made available for

residents. It was confirmed by the Community Regeneration and Development Co-ordinator that copies would be brought to the next 'special' Neighbourhood Forum on 19 July 2012.

A Resident raised concerns regarding the publicity of the Forums, the Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services confirmed that press releases, Resident Associations, public notices, internet, Facebook, Twitter and local radio stations had been utilised, in order to raise Resident awareness of the Neighbourhood Forums.

## **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

In the discussion that followed the presentation, the Chair questioned how community representatives and residents would be made aware of when Scrutiny Forums would be held. The Scrutiny Manager confirmed that all Scrutiny Forums were publicised, letters would be sent to Resident Associations and

confirmation could be given at Neighbourhood Forums. A Resident requested that hard copies be made available for those Residents who did not own a computer. The Scrutiny Manager confirmed that a public notice listing all meetings was placed on the public notice board outside the Civic Centre.

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher, Chair of Children's Services Scrutiny Forum comment he would continue to use the local radio, the LED display (located on the front of the Civic Centre), Heartbeat and What's Happening to raise awareness and suggested Work Programme updates could be fed through Neighbourhood Forums.

Councillor Marjorie James confirmed that many different issues would be raised at Scrutiny Forums throughout the year and urged Residents to attend and contribute.

## **11. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UPDATE**

Inspector Dave Halliday provided a verbal overview on the South and Central Neighbourhood Policing staff, new ward boundaries and reduction in crime. Inspector Halliday was keen to pick up new ideas from new wards and commented on the great community spirit and the communication between Councillors and the Neighbourhood Policing team. Inspector Halliday confirmed that the Government funded, Community Speed Watch would assist with speeding problems within his wards and although it was in the early stages, the key was having regular dialogue with both Residents and Partnerships. Inspector Halliday had already carried out work in various areas and confirmed that Rossmere Way was next.

Residents praised the work of the PCSO's and Councillor Angie Wilcox

confirmed she was in contact with the PCSO's in Manor House Ward on a daily basis and also praised their work.

Councillor Marjorie James highlighted that violent crime had increased and suggested that a campaign to raise awareness could be beneficial for the community, especially vulnerable groups who were not aware they could be inviting crime.

## **12. ITEMS FOR DECISION**

There were no items for decision.

The meeting concluded at 11.35 am



## WARDS

Burn Valley  
Foggy Furze  
Fens and  
Rossmere  
Manor House  
Rural West  
Victoria

# ***SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM***

**19 July 2012**

## ***MINUTES OF THE MEETING***



The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

### **PRESENT:**

Chair:	Councillor Kevin Cranney	- Foggy Furze
Vice Chair:	Councillor Angie Wilcox	- Manor House
	Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher	- Foggy Furze
	Councillor Steve Gibbon	- Fens and Rossmere
	Councillor Marjorie James	- Manor House
	Councillor John Lauderdale	- Burn Valley
	Councillor Brenda Loynes	- Rural West
	Councillor George Morris	- Rural West
	Councillor Ray Wells	- Rural West

### Also in attendance:

Councillor Rob Cook	- de Bruce
Councillor Sylvia Tempest	- de Bruce

Public: Mr R Harriman, Mr P Carroll, Mr B Coward, Mr T Jackson, Mrs S Jackson, Mr Keen, Mrs Jackson, Mr B Farrow, Mrs E Cawley and C Lavelle.

Officers: Peter Devlin, Chief Solicitor  
Denise Ogden, Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services  
Clare Clark, Neighbourhood Manager South and Central  
Jon Wright, Neighbourhood Co-ordinating Manager  
Adele Wilson, Community Regeneration & Development Coordinator  
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 Stephen Akers-Belcher, Jonathan Brash, Ged Hall, Pamela Hargreaves, Chris Simmons and Kaylee Sirs.

## 15. 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 sought clarification on how the referendum would be facilitated. The

Chief Solicitor confirmed that the ballot on the governance arrangements for the Council would be held in conjunction with the election for the Police and Crime Commissioner on 15 November 2012. This would mean that everyone eligible to vote would be able to do so.

A resident raised concerns at the low attendance of the public and questioned how the meeting had been promoted. The Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services acknowledged that whilst timescales were tight, the meetings had been advertised in the usual way as well as the addition of several press releases in the local paper. Residents could also respond to the consultation via an online survey on the Council's website.

Clarification was sought on the financial accountability of the different governance options. The Chief Solicitor confirmed that the Council was a statutory corporate body and was therefore financially accountable in its own right, although Members and Officers could be individually responsible if they operated outside the confines of legislation.

A resident questioned the financial implications of the different governance options. The Assistant Director, Neighbourhood Services indicated that the financial implications and proposed structures will be examined further once the referendum options had been identified.

However, a Member commented that in approximate figures, a Mayoral allowance including on-costs would be approximately £100k with additional special responsibility allowances paid to the Chairs of the regulatory committees and overview and scrutiny committees. Taking this into account, it was this Members opinion that a committee system was unlikely to result in a higher

cost to the authority with a saving of at least the Mayoral allowance being made.

A resident questioned how many of the initial elected Mayor's were still in position. The Chief Solicitor confirmed that there were originally 11 elected Mayors and a further 5 had been elected. It was noted that there had been 47 referendums held since 2001.

In response to a question from a resident, a number of Members confirmed that they did feel that the elected Mayoral governance system had eroded the role of the local councillor and devalued local democracy.

Clarification was sought on whether overview and scrutiny would form part of a committee system. A Member clarified that there would continue to be an element of scrutiny including statutory obligations for overview and scrutiny in relation to the Police and Crime Panel as well as the Health and Wellbeing Board.

A Member emphasised the importance of ensuring that the governance arrangements in place were in the best interests of the residents of the Town.

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.

<p><b>16. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT</b></p>
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None.

The meeting concluded at 3.05 pm

CHAIR

# South & Central 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>
<b>Manor House Ward</b>  A Resident spoke of actions which had arisen from the Rift House Tenants Association regarding the speed restrictions at Masfield Road and a grass verge on the bend at Kipling Road. Councillor Marjory James confirmed she was happy to discuss this further with the Resident after the Forum .	A consultation has taken place regards a 20 mph zone for Kipling Road with a positive response, a report will now go to Port Folio.  The verges can be looked at regards tamacing however the verges are extremely wide and would cost tens of thousand even to make a start.	
<b>Foggy Furze Ward</b>  A Resident raised issues with regards to the new build estate. The street lights were on day and night; this had been reported on numerous occasions. The Neighbourhood Manager confirmed she had reported this to the Public Lighting Manager and would chase it up. The dog	Most of the lights are now working, however there is still an issue with one of them which should function correctly soon.  The dog fouling issues have been passed to the Environmental Enforcement team for action.	

<p>fouling had increased and the road surface required attention. Councillor Ray Wells highlighted that he had previously suggested all Elected Members should have the authority to issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling and that no additional costs would apply to the Council as Elected Members already had a valid CRB. The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services confirmed this could now be investigated, as the election had taken place and that approval from the Legal Department was required.</p>	<p>The Road surfaces have been inspected and orders raised for any defect that were identified.</p> <p>The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services has pursued this enquiry regarding giving Councillors the powers to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for dog foul and litter, unfortunately we have been informed by the Chief Solicitor that we cannot delegate these powers to an individual Councillor, only an officer. If Councillors wish to retain a decision making power, they would need to do it through a Committee or Sub Committee – which would obviously cost more than issuing (a number of) FPNs.</p>	
<p><b>Rural West Ward</b></p> <p>A Resident reported that the road from Elwick Road to Wooler Road was in serious need of repair and that leaving cut grass was dangerous for elderly people. The Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services confirmed that 2012 had seen the wettest April and June on record and that resources did not allow grass to be</p>	<p>The carriageway repairs have now been carried out.</p>	

<p>collected after being cut.</p> <p>Councillor Ray Wells reported that the red light camera was not working at Greatham and urged for it to be fixed for safety of the residents. An illuminated warning sign was requested for the blind bend and crossing on Elwick Road.</p> <p>Councillor Brenda Loynes highlighted bushes at a house in Springston Road were dangerously high causing vision to be block when travelling in a car.</p>	<p>The Road Safety Team have looked into this issue previously, unfortunately the cost for the new digital system is in the region of £400K, therefore unlikely to ever happen.</p> <p>Peter Frost has advised that additional flashing LED light could be fitted and will be considered subject to funding.</p> <p>This issue has been looked at by Highways but unfortunately there is no action that they are able to take.</p>	
<p><b>Rossmere and Fens Ward</b></p> <p>The Resident also commented on the poor state of the pond, due to overgrown weeds and questioned the money from the Lottery Grant. The Chair confirmed this was noted by the Assistant Director of Neighbourhood Services, who would provide a response.</p> <p>Councillor Alison Lilley raised concern regarding speeding bikes, riding on pavements near Fens School on Spalding Road. Thanks were also given to Officers for their assistance with dog fouling issues.</p> <p>Councillor Geoff Lilley reported that residents were alarmed by the number off</p>	<p>The pond has been cleaned and all remaining weed etc has been deemed acceptable by Ian Bond Hartlepool Borough Councils Ecologist</p> <p>The Police picked this issue up at the meeting</p> <p>The Police picked this issue up at the meeting</p>	

road bikes speeding on Catcote Road and on Fens school field		
<b>Manor House</b>  Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher raised concerns with reference to the five year road improvement plan, as mistakes had been identified and Swalebrooke Avenue and Taybrooke Avenue had not been reflected. It was requested that PCSO's circuit the area more often in order for anti-social behaviour to be monitored. Confirmation was requested regarding the 'like for like' fencing around Waverley Terrace.	<p>This request has been acknowledged and these streets will now be resurfaced this financial year</p> <p>The Police picked this issue up at the meeting</p> <p>We have had confirmation that the fencing will be 'like for like' and works should commence within the next couple months albeit weather dependant.</p>	
<b>Burn Valley Ward</b>  Councillor Ged Hall raised queries regarding dog fouling and private landlords and was keen for a progress report on selective licensing, as Chair of Regeneration and Planning services Scrutiny Forum. Objections had also been raised with reference to the one way system on Arncliffe Gardens and Wansbeck Gardens.	<p>The dog fouling issue is a town wide problem and with limited resource is difficult to enforce, the Environmental Enforcement Team will patrol areas, however rely on intelligence provided by residents to enable them to target areas</p> <p>The one way system has been fully consulted on. Two objections were received, however was passed by Port Folio holder. The signs should be erected within the next couple of weeks.</p>	



**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

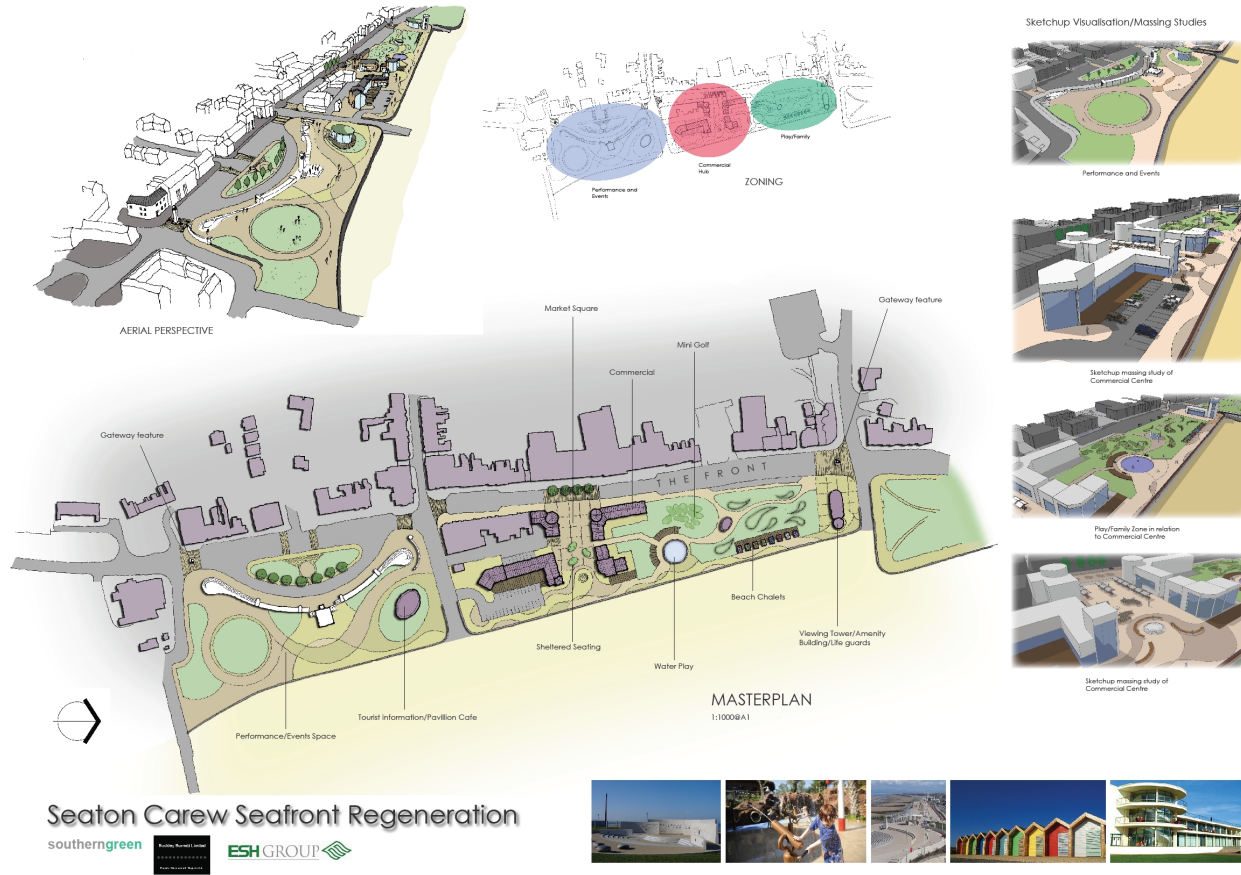
# Enterprise Zone Success

## QUEENS MEADOW EZ

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

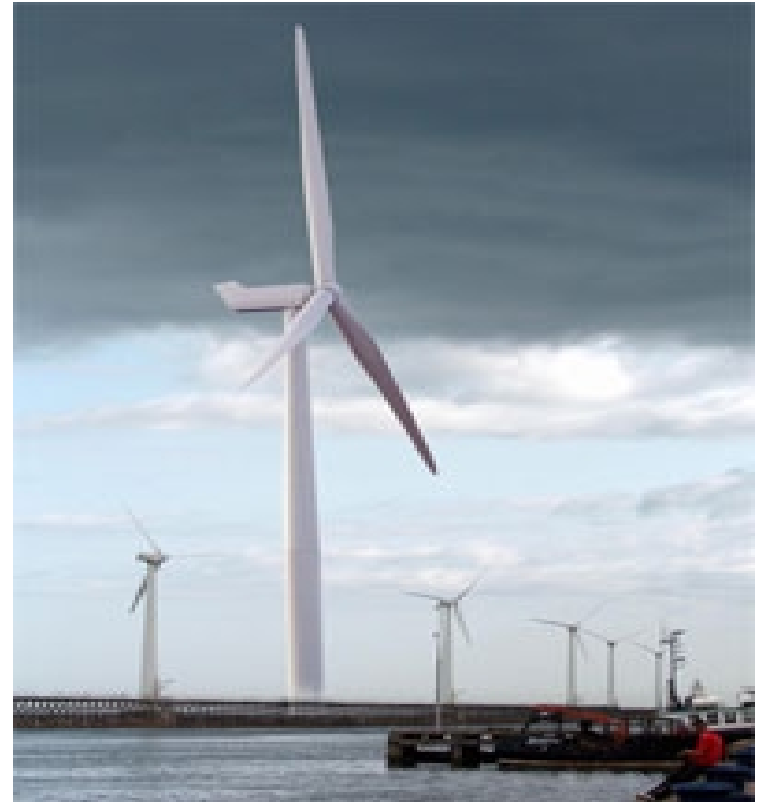


# Seaton Carew Masterplan



# 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)



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

2 Send your answer



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

# 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.

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# 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 to 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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Presentation

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...



*Protecting local  
communities*

## **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

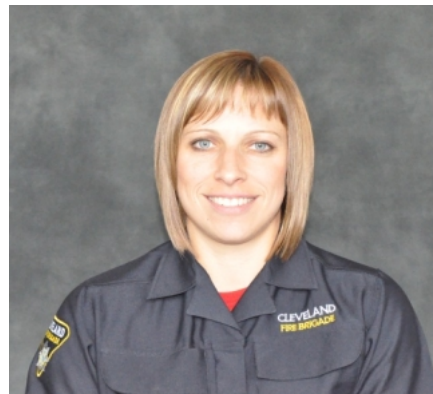
## **Locality Manager**

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



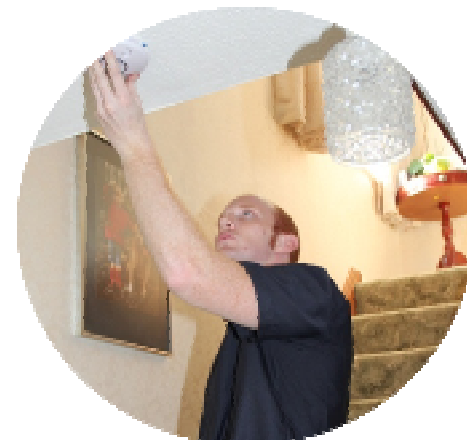
The Hartlepool Mail's 'Stamp It Out' campaign, ran in conjunction with the Brigade's Stop Arson campaign.

# 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



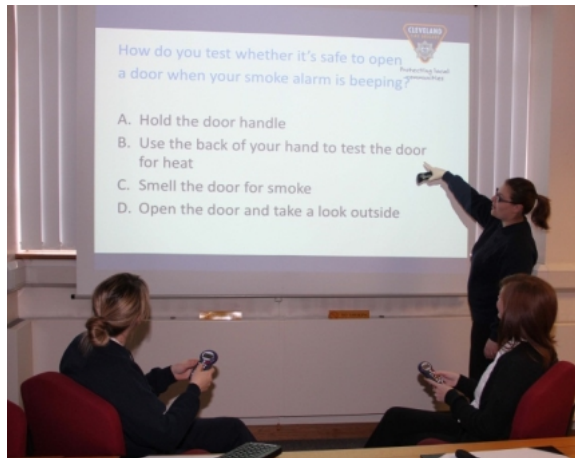
This means that **50% (20185)** of Hartlepool households have now received a Home Fire Safety Visit



# Community Activities



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)

## SOUTH & CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM (October 2012)

**Report of:** NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGER

**Subject:** WARD MEMBER BUDGETS

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Forum of the current position in relation to Ward Member Budgets in the South and Central 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>Burn Valley</b>				
Councillor Jonathan Brash	St Matthew's Hall (Car Parking)	29/08/12	£16,600	£5,367
Councillor Ged Hall	St Matthew's Hall (Car Parking)	29/08/12	£16,600	£5,367
Councillor John Lauderdale	St Matthew's Hall (Car Parking)	29/08/12	£16,600	£5,366
<b>Foggy Furze</b>				
Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher	Fencing Provision (XI Form College/Dickens Grove)	28/08/12	£5,195.45	£1,000
Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher	Match funding contribution to Waverly Terrace Community Garden NCS Project	28/08/12	£1000	£500
<b>Manor House</b>				
Councillor Stephen Akers-Belcher	Contribution to a local apprenticeship pilot scheme	03/08/12	£62,700	£750
Councillor Marjorie James	Contribution to a local apprenticeship pilot scheme	03/08/12	£62,700	£750

Ward Members in the Foggy Furze and Victoria Wards have allocated a proportion of their Ward Budgets to establish a community fund for local voluntary and community groups to access. Details of approved schemes will be outlined in future reports.

### 4. UNAPPROVED SCHEMES

Scheme	Amount
TOTAL	

**5. RECOMMENDATION**

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



**Appendix A****SOUTH & CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM – WARD MEMBER BUDGETS**

<b>Ward Councillor</b>	<b>Funding Available</b>	<b>Funding Approved</b>	<b>Funding Remaining</b>
<b>Burn Valley</b>			
Councillor Jonathan Brash	£5,500	£5,367	£133
Councillor Ged Hall	£5,500	£5,367	£133
Councillor John Lauderdale	£5,500	£5,366	£134
<b>Fens</b>			
Councillor Steve Gibbon	£5,500	-	£5,500
Councillor Alison Lilley	£5,500	-	£5,500
Councillor Geoff Lilley	£5,500	-	£5,500
<b>Foggy Furze</b>			
Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher	£5,500	£1,500	£4,000
Councillor Kevin Cranney	£5,500	-	£5,500
Councillor Kaylee Sirs	£5,500	-	£5,500
<b>Manor House</b>			
Councillor Stephen Akers-Belcher	£5,500	£750	£4,750
Councillor Marjorie James	£5,500	£750	£4,750
Councillor Angie Wilcox	£5,500	-	£5,500
<b>Rural West</b>			
Councillor Brenda Loynes	£5,500	-	£5,500
Councillor George Morris	£5,500	-	£5,500
Councillor Ray Wells	£5,500	-	£5,500
<b>Victoria</b>			
Councillor Pam Hargreaves	£5,500	-	£5,500
Councillor Carl Richardson	£5,500	-	£5,500
Councillor Chris Simmons	£5,500	-	£5,500