

REGENERATION AND NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

10 January 2013

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am
In Committee Room C, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillors : The Mayor, Stuart Drummond, Regeneration and Planning
Portfolio Holder

Officers: Denise Ogden, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Antony Steinberg, Economic Development Manager
Mike Blair, Highways, Traffic and Transport Manager
Patrick Wilson, Employment Development Officer
Peter Frost, Traffic Team Leader
Amy Waller, Principal Housing Regeneration Officer
Martin Spalding, Empty Homes Officer
Steve Hilton, Public Relations Officer
Angela Armstrong, Principal Democratic Services Officer

48. Environmental Apprenticeship Post - Assistant Director
(Regeneration and Planning)

Type of decision

Key decision

Purpose of report

To seek approval from the Portfolio Holder to implement the new Environmental Apprenticeship project which was a collaboration between the Council, Hartlepool College of Further Education and Job Centre Plus.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report noted that on the 29 June 2012, the Portfolio Holder approved the delivery of a six month Environmental Apprenticeship pilot project. The project began in July 2013 and was due to end in January 2013. Thirteen unemployed adults aged 18-24 years were employed by Nordic Pioneer, a North East based national training provider, who were placed within the Council's Neighbourhood Services Division. There was no cost to the Council for the Apprentices wages as it was externally funded from the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP).

The new Environmental Apprenticeship Project proposal was detailed in the report and was envisaged would achieve the employment of fifteen 18 year olds. Officers were working with Job Centre Plus to identify potential customers who may be eligible for this project. The cost and associated funding to deliver this project was included in the report.

The Portfolio Holder recognised that whilst it had proven difficult in the past to secure placements for young people in businesses, this project sets up a model that can be hugely beneficial to employers. In addition, the Portfolio Holder was pleased to note that all apprentices had completed the programme which highlighted the willingness of young people to train and work.

In response to a question from the Portfolio Holder the Employment Development Officer confirmed there may be opportunities to work with Nordic Pioneer on future schemes but this project was concentrating on pre work programme customers.

Decision

The 12 month Environmental project was approved.

49. Local Safety Schemes – Assistant Director (Transportation and Engineering)

Type of decision

Non Key

Purpose of report

To report the list of potential safety schemes following a review of updated road casualty data.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

It was reported that each year road casualty data was reviewed for the previous 3 calendar years, to determine the 20 locations with the highest number of accidents. Safety measures were proposed to be implemented at locations from the top of the list as far as the budget allows, as follows:-

- A689 (Newton Bewley – Greatham)
- A179 (Marina Way)
- Tees Road

The financial considerations of the proposals were included within the report. Should there be any remaining budget following these works, further improvement measures would be implemented for the next scheme(s) on the list.

Decision

- (i) The list of the top 20 accident locations were noted.
- (ii) The improvements for the top three sites were approved.

50. Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

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

Minute 51 - Proposed Compulsory Purchase of Empty Residential Dwelling – Property 001 (This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) 2006) namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (*para 3*).

Minute 52 - Proposed Compulsory Purchase of Empty Residential Dwelling – Property 002 (This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) 2006) namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (*para 3*).

51. Proposed Compulsory Purchase of Empty Residential Dwelling – Property 001 (*para 3*) – Assistant Director

(*Regeneration and Planning*) This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) 2006) namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (*para 3*).

Type of decision

Non Key

Purpose of report

To update Portfolio Holder on progress in relation to returning long term empty property back into use and to seek approval for the proposed Compulsory Purchase of that property under Section 17, Housing Act 1985.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

Further details were included in the exempt section of the minutes.

Decision

Further details were included in the exempt section of the minutes.

- 52. Proposed Compulsory Purchase of Empty Dwelling – Property 002 (para 3)** – *Assistant Director (Regeneration and Planning)* This item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) 2006) namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (*para 3*).

Type of decision

No Key

Purpose of report

To update Portfolio Holder on progress in relation to returning a long term empty property back into use and seek approval for the proposed Compulsory Purchase of that property under Section 17, Housing Act 1985.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

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Decision

Further details were included in the exempt section of the minutes.

The meeting concluded at 10.16 am

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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