

SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM



Wednesday 14 January 2015

at 2.00 pm

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

MEMBERS: SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM:

Councillors C Akers-Belcher, S Akers-Belcher, Barclay, Brash, Clark, Cranney, Gibbon, Hall, Hargreaves, James, Lauderdale, Lilley, Loynes, Martin-Wells, Morris, Richardson, Simmons and Sirs.

- 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 meeting held on 15 October 2014.
 - 4.2 Matters arising.
- 5. ASK THE POLICY CHAIRS**
- 6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND WARD ISSUES (maximum of 30 minutes)**
- 7. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION**

None



8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR INFORMATION

8.1 Presentation – Cleveland Police Update

8.2 Raising Awareness of Dementia – *Director of Child and Adult Services*

9. WARD MEMBER BUDGETS

9.1 Ward Member Budgets – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

11. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 10.00 am in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre,
Hartlepool



SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MINUTES 15th October 2014

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

Present:

Chair:	Councillor Kevin Cranney	- Foggy Furze
Vice Chair:	Councillor Alan Clark	- Fens and Rossmere
	Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher	- Foggy Furze
	Councillor Allan Barclay	- Manor House
	Councillor Steve Gibbon	- Fens and Rossmere
	Councillor Ged Hall	- Burn Valley
	Councillor Marjorie James	- Manor House
	Councillor John Lauderdale	- Burn Valley
	Councillor Geoff Lilley	- Fens and Rossmere
	Councillor Brenda Loynes	- Rural West
	Councillor George Morris	- Rural West
	Councillor Carl Richardson	- Victoria

Also Present:

Councillors Jim Ainslie, Paul Beck, Rob Cook, Peter Jackson and David Riddle

Public: Ian Campbell, Carol Clinton, Bob Farrow, Mary Green, Mark Griffin, W R Hall, Donna Hotham, Fran Johnson, Gordon Johnson, Stella Johnson, Yousuf Khan, Evelyn Leck, Allison Lilley, Jim Lindridge, Sue Little, Julia Pattison, Frank Sowerby and George Stamper

EDF Energy Representatives:

Simon Parsons and Debbie Simpson

Hartlepool Mail Representative:

Mark Payne

Officers:

Clare Clark, Head of Community Safety and Engagement
Garry Jones, Neighbourhood Co-ordinator
Joan Stevens, Scrutiny Manager
Nicholas Stone, Neighbourhood Safety Team Leader
Karen Kelly, Principal Housing Strategy Officer
Irene Cross, Neighbourhood Development Officer (South and Central)

Tracy Rowe, Community Regeneration Officer
Jo Stubbs, Democratic Services Officer

10. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted by Councillors Stephen Akers-Belcher, Ray Martin-Wells, Chris Simmons and Kaylee Sirs.

11. Declarations of Interest

None

12. Minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2014

Approved

13. Matters Arising

Councillor James highlighted a typographical error in her contact details which were appended to the agenda for information.

A resident asked whether consideration had been given to his request that the traffic evaluator on Elwick Road be moved to Park Road. The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator advised that there were strict Government guidelines dictating where traffic monitoring equipment could be placed. However traffic surveys could be carried out if necessary.

The Chair highlighted an Action Sheet had been supplied with the agenda papers.

A resident noted that there were still issues with parking outside Rift House Primary School. The Vice-Chair indicated a meeting involving Councillors, officers and residents was due to take place regarding this issue the following week.

14. Hartlepool Power Station Update – Presentation by the Station Director

Simon Parsons, Station Director for Hartlepool Power Station, gave a brief update on the past, present and future of the power station. Constructed in 1968 and generated in 1983 the power station employed 700 people, 90% of whom live within 10 miles of the site. This number was under increase at the moment due to the shutdown of the 2 reactors, one of which was a statutory requirement. Details were given of the opportunities available to young people including an apprentice scheme, 1-1 mentoring and crucial crew. Donations were regularly made by EDF Energy to local charities and

organisations including Hartlepool Hospice.

Both reactors were currently offline. There was a statutory requirement for every power station to take one reactor off every 3 years for 60 days. This had coincided with the closure of a second reactor following the finding of cracks in an identical reactor at the Heysham power station. It was hoped that both reactors would be back online by November. The Station Director stressed that no cracks or defects had been found.

Originally the power station was designed with a 30 year lifespan taking it to 2014. However this had recently been extended by 5 years to 2019 and the Station Director was hopeful that a further extension to 2024 would be granted. The following issues were raised by those present:

Six or seven apprentices are taken on each year – how many are from Hartlepool? All were local and all the station directors had started their careers through the apprenticeship scheme.

Is it normal to find fractures or cracks in reactors? Are these ever unrepairable? Inspections on a reactor in Heysham in 2012 identical to that used in Hartlepool had shown a nominal crack in the central graphite. While this did not affect the core the decision had been made to take the Hartlepool unit offline to ensure there were no similar issues. No cracks or fractures had since been found on the Hartlepool unit and there had been no risk to any of Hartlepool's power station employees. Cracks and fractures would be expected to occur over time however it was thought that the unit in question would probably not return to use as a precautionary measure.

What was the decommissioning strategy? The reactors would be boxed up and left on site to decay naturally over 80 years. This process could take up to 10 years and would mean the retention of jobs.

HBC were losing massive amounts of business rate income due to the current closure. Had any decisions be made on the possible replacement of Hartlepool power station as permanent closure would only result in financial problems for the HBC and the loss of hundreds of jobs? Ten potential sites had been identified for replacement power stations but the Government would make the final decision. In terms of the loss of business rate income this was a result of changes made by the Government whereby 49% of business rates were paid to the local authority where the business operated. If businesses were temporarily closed business rates were still applicable other than power stations which were exempt from payment during shutdown periods. The current closure had cost HBC approximately £1 million but the Station Director was doing all he could to bring the units back on line as quickly as possible.

The Power Station had been open to visitors since November 2013. Prior booking was not required to attend the visitors centre but an appointment was needed to tour the station itself. Anyone wishing to book a tour should email hartlepoolsitetours@edf-energy.com or phone 01429 853582.

The Chair thanked the Station Director for attending the meeting and answering questions.

15. Budget Proposals 2015/16 – Presentation by the Leader of the Council

The Leader of the Council gave a presentation on the Council's budget proposals for 2015/16. These included the introduction of the Hartlepool Living Wage of £7.71, a recommendation to freeze Council Tax for a fifth year in succession and the continued sustainment of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme meaning working age people on benefits would only be asked to pay 12% Council Tax rather than the 20% required by the Government. Councillors had also agreed to reject an increase in their members allowance until such time as the Council's workforce were given a pay increase.

A review of the reserves had released £1.87 million and an outturn of at least £300,000 was forecast. These monies had been earmarked for the one year retention of the advice and guidance service, the two year retention of the school crossing patrol and lifeguards services and to cover potential costs from the forthcoming terms and conditions review. Leftover monies would go toward supporting the 2016/17 and 2017/18 budget cuts.

Since 2010 Government grants to the Council had been cut by 39% and further anticipated cuts would mean the Council were receiving around half the money they were given in 2010. This equated to less than £225 per year per household in Hartlepool. The Leader questioned the fairness of these cuts particularly when contrasted with the additional £53 received per household in Surrey. Following the use of the reserves £5.62 million savings would need to be found in 2015/16, £5 million of which would come from cuts in services. The deficit for 2016/17 and 2018/19 was forecast to be between £15 and £18.5 million, up to 20% of the current budget. There were also risks associated with Government changes to business rates which had been exacerbated by the shutdown of the power station and resultant loss of business rate income which had depleted the Council's reserves.

A resident highlighted that although the amount of reduction quoted by the Leader was bad in reality the situation was even worse when inflation and rises in the cost of living were taken into account. The Leader acknowledged this saying this was why the help given to those affected by the Local Council Tax Support Scheme was so important.

A resident referred to the Hartlepool living wage in terms of local companies and Council procurement. The Leader indicated that local employers would be urged to pay the Hartlepool living wage, and the vast majority already did, but it would not be a procurement condition. The awarding of contracts was carried out by officers based on a set formula of cost and value and there would be no black marks for failure to pay the Hartlepool Living Wage.

A resident asked whether the Government should be covering the burden of the business rate losses caused by the shutdown of the power station as the power generated was used to benefit the whole of the UK not just Hartlepool. The Leader advised that Hartlepool was the only unitary authority with responsibility for a power station. The Council would be petitioning the Government to remove power stations from the business rates formula completely.

16. Ask the Policy Chairs

Vice-Chair of Regeneration Services Committee

No questions

Vice Chair of Children's Services Committee

No questions

Chair of Adult Services Committee

The Chair welcomed everyone to attend the next meeting of the Committee at 10am on Monday 3rd November.

Chair of Neighbourhood Services Committee

A number of concerns were raised regarding the rolling programme replacement of street lights with LED lights across Hartlepool and the problems this was causing in terms of dark spots on the pavements and entrances to people's homes. The Chair of Neighbourhood Services Committee confirmed that the new lights were less concentrated than the previous ones however when all the lights in the town had been replaced a survey would be carried out to identify any dark spots which would be rectified. He acknowledged that people's gardens and drives would be darker and advised anyone with concerns to contact the Community Safety Team for advice and suggestions such as solar powered lights. This work would result in savings of around £220 thousand per year. Residents questioned whether these savings were worth the potential risks and possible increase in anti-social behaviour particularly given the cuts in neighbourhood policing. The Chair of Neighbourhood Services Committee

advised that the Police and Crime Commissioner would be present at a town event the following evening and urged residents to bring their concerns to him then.

17. Public Question Time and Ward Issues

Foggy Furze

Oxford Road - A business owner referred to recent break-ins of a number of businesses on Oxford Road. At the time police had advised that they did not have the time to look through the CCTV footage. She felt that the change to LED lights would only make this situation worse. The Head of Community Safety and Engagement indicated that a multi-agency meeting had taken place with positive results. The business owner acknowledged this but this positive outcome had only been achieved after 18 months when the Council had been brought on board

Rural West

Quarry Farm Planning Application - A resident referred to a recent decision by the Planning Committee to refuse an application to build houses on the Quarry Farm site. The developer had taken the Council to appeal over this decision and the resident was keen to hear the views of those present. A number of residents expressed their broad support for the committee in refusing the application with a straw poll showing nine residents in favour of fighting the appeal by the developers. A member of the Planning Committee who was present commented that while he was unable to express his opinion on this issue due to predetermination he could confirm that the Fens Residents Association had expressed their support for residents in their fight against the developers

Concerns over flooding were highlighted and it was suggested that a new sewerage system should be introduced before building started and the developer should contribute to it financially. A Councillor moved that Northumbrian Water be invited to the next set of Neighbourhood Forum meetings. The Chair suggested that an additional joint meeting of the neighbourhood forums be arranged to look at this issue. The Chair of the North and Central Neighbourhood Forum was also present and was happy to do this.

A resident referred to other planning applications which had been submitted following the withdrawal of the Local Plan and described the situation as being out of control. However the Leader of the Council commented that Quarry Farm had been in the Local Plan prior to its withdrawal.

Manor House

Midlothian Field - A resident advised that wildlife including cats and rabbits were being injured and killed by people on quad bikes on Midlothian Field. The perpetrators were armed with guns and accompanied by dogs and despite repeated reports to the police nothing had been done so far. The Chair confirmed that action would be taken

Masefield Road – Traffic problems continued albeit cars were no longer parking on the grassed areas. A resident renewed calls for posts to be erected on the grass to prevent parking. The safety of children was paramount and action needed to be taken. The Chair noted this.

Owton Manor Lane – A resident highlighted the number of cracked pavements and dropped kerbs on Owton Manor Lane and the problems this caused for wheelchair users. There was a similar situation in the Fens area. The Chair asked officers to respond to the resident's concerns.

Burn Valley

Pavements – Cyclists riding on pavements were a hazard. The Chair noted this and requested that the police be invited to attend future neighbourhood forum meetings

Rubbish – More regular clean ups were needed particularly in terms of leaves on the pavements which could be dangerous when wet. The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator would discuss this issue following the meeting.

Police – Residents had reported problems to the police but nothing was done as they were short staffed. However they had still levied an increase in their Council Tax precept. Hartlepool tax payers should not be funding Middlesbrough's force. The Chair noted these comments.

Burn Valley – There were concerns around anti-social behaviour. The Chair noted this

York Road – uneven pavements were hazardous to the public. The Chair noted this

Dropped kerbs – A resident requested an update on previous requests for more dropped kerbs in the area. The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator to update the resident following the meeting.

Grass cutting – A resident queried why grass cutting tractors tended to travel in large convoys. The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator indicated that they would leave the depot at the same time and travel to the same area. The resident felt this was dangerous. The Neighbourhood Co-ordinator to pass these comments on.

Burn Valley Gardens / Blakelock Gardens – A resident indicated there were visibility problems due to a privet hedge sticking out. She suggested that a mirror be fixed to one of the lamp-posts. The Chair asked the Neighbourhood Co-ordinator to discuss this with her.

Fens and Rossmere

Fens Shops – A resident suggested that changes be made to the filter roads giving access to the car park in order to allow two cars to fit on it comfortably. A Councillor commented that it was possible to fit two cars on provided it was approached at the right angle. As the area was privately owned the Council did not have the power to make these changes and asking the landowner to do it would be a long process. The resident also referred to an overgrown privet hedge. The Councillor advised that the landowner had already been asked to cut it back.

18. Hartlepool Community Trigger – Presentation by the Neighbourhood Safety Team Leader

The Neighbourhood Safety Team Leader gave a detailed presentation on the introduction of the Hartlepool Community Trigger. Introduced as part of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 its purpose was to give victims and communities the right to request a review of their case and bring agencies together to take a joined up, problem solving approach to find a solution. Details were given of which agencies were part of the Community Trigger and how it could be activated. Following a request that the Community Trigger be activated a case review panel comprising three supervising officers from the agencies involved will consider the case. Their decision and/or recommendations can also be appealed. The Neighbourhood Safety Team Leader advised that further information was available on the HBC, Safer Hartlepool Partnership and Cleveland Police websites. It was noted that although multiple reports of incidents were usually needed for the Trigger to be activated in the case of a hate crime there only needed to be one incident report in the previous three months.

The following issues were then raised

Are the agencies working with victims prior to the Trigger being activated? They are. The Trigger can only be activated on incidents which have already been tackled by agencies. This had been introduced following Government concerns at agencies working in isolation. However Hartlepool were already well versed in multi-agency working.

How historic was the Trigger? There was a six month cut off for reporting incidents.

Could a social worker activate a trigger on behalf of a vulnerable person? It seemed to be concentrated on anti-social behaviour in the community. A Trigger could be activated on behalf of another person so long as they gave their consent. However there were already safeguarding procedures in place for the young and vulnerable.

Was there a tiered system in place for victims of crime? Victims were asked a number of questions and placed on a vulnerability assessment matrix depending on whether they were scored as low, medium or high risk. This data was shared through the Safer Hartlepool Partnership's secure systems.

The Chair thanked the Neighbourhood Safety Team Leader for attending the meeting and answering questions. He confirmed that the presentation was available on the HBC, Safer Hartlepool Partnership and Cleveland Police websites.

19. Consultation on the Housing Strategy for 2015-2010 *(Assistant Director (Regeneration))*

The Council's current housing strategy was due to expire in March 2015 and it was therefore necessary to prepare a new five year strategy incorporating an action plan. The new strategy would be produced following engagement with registered housing providers, residents, voluntary organisations and the private sector and would incorporate the Council's Homelessness Strategy and Empty Homes Strategy, both of which were due to expire in 2015. Public consultation would run from mid October to January 2015. A questionnaire had been developed based on the issues raised at a series of workshops held in September involving councillors, officers, the housing partnership, registered providers, private landlords, developers and the voluntary sector. This questionnaire would be available at public meetings and on-line. The results of this consultation would be used to form the basis of the 1st draft of the Housing Strategy. This would then be consulted upon during March-April 2015. A second draft and action plan would then be developed and presented to committee for approval in June 2015.

A Councillor commented that HBC should re-enter the housing market in Hartlepool and asked that this be included as part of the consultation. The Principal Housing Strategy Officer confirmed that it already had been.

The Chair thanked the Principal Housing Strategy Officer for attending the meeting and answering questions.

20. Ward Member Budgets *(Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods)*

Members were informed of the current position relating to Ward Member Budget in the South and Central Neighbourhood Forum area. In April 2012

members had been allocated £5,500 each by Cabinet to be used for the benefit of the community in their wards. A further £5,000 had been approved by Council in February 2013 and February 2014, however the latter approval was top sliced by 20% to allow the continuation of the Environmental Apprenticeship Scheme for a year, leaving £4,000 available to each member. All submissions were subject to delegated approval by the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods. In February 2014 Council had agreed that any unspent funds from the 2012/13 and 2013/14 allocations be set aside and utilised to continue the Ward Member budget programme post 2014/15. Appendices were attached giving a breakdown of the current spend to date and the current running total for each ward member with remaining budgets.

Decision

That the content of the report be noted

21. Any other business which the Chair considers urgent

The Head of Community Safety and Engagement advised those present that a 'Face the Public' event would be taking place at 5.30 pm the following evening at Hartlepool College of Further Education. The Police and Crime Commissioner would be present and the public were welcome to attend. Parking for the event would be free at the College.

The meeting concluded at 12:50 pm.

CHAIR

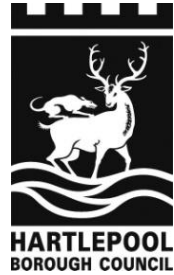
SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM**15 October 2014****Issues Raised / Action Sheet**

Wards & Issue Raised	Action Taken	Responsible Officer
<p>Manor House</p> <p>Midlothian Field</p> <p>A resident reported wildlife is been killed and dumped in the area by people on quad bikes.</p> <p>Masefield Road</p> <p>Masefield road grassed area – cars driving over and parking on open space.</p> <p>Owton Manor Lane Area</p> <p>Footpath defects and tactile crossing points around St Patrick’s shopping parade and Wynard road.</p>	<p>.</p> <p>This issue has been passed to the police investigate and action.</p> <p>A letter drop to all residents in the area has been carried out.</p> <p>A Site visit took place to identify areas and all actionable defects passed to Highways for repair.</p>	<p>Police</p> <p>G Jones.</p> <p>G Jones</p>
<p>Burn Valley Ward</p> <p>Residents raised the issue of leaves on the footpaths which could be dangerous when wet.</p> <p>Lower Oxford Street Dropped crossing points.</p>	<p>Footpaths in the area have cleared of leaves; however this is an ongoing problem until all the leaves have fallen from the trees.</p> <p>A full audit of the area has taken place and 7 locations have been identified for the installation of dropped kerbs.</p>	<p>G Jones</p> <p>G Jones</p>

<p>Burn valley Gardens/ Blakelock Gardens Overgrown shrubs obscuring sight lines.</p>	<p>All shrubs have now been cut back to improve sight lines.</p>	<p>G Jones</p>
<p>Victoria Ward</p> <p>A resident suggested that the trims on the Civic Centre steps be changed from black to white to aid people with sight problems.</p>	<p>The nosings are yellow as requested by the Access Group. The dirtying down of the steps and the nosing's has significantly reduced the chromatic contrast between the two elements, particularly due to Light Reflectance Value deterioration on the nosings. We will be replacing the nosings in the new year when the budget becomes available.</p>	<p>S Wilkie</p>

SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

14 January 2015



Report of: Director of Regeneration & Neighbourhoods

Subject: WARD MEMBER BUDGETS

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 For information only.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To inform the Forum of the current position in relation to Ward Member Budgets in the South and Central Neighbourhood Forum area, encompassing Burn Valley, Fens and Rossmere, Foggy Furze, Manor House, Rural West and Victoria wards.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Ward Member budgets and the associated application and approval framework were approved by Members in April 2012. The budgets are not available for individuals, or intended to be expended on services provided by the Local Authority or other public agencies, unless the purpose is to enhance or supplement what is being delivered. Ward Members are expected to consult with each other to ensure that there is no duplication in expenditure and projects supported must be lawful, and cannot undermine the Council or partners' priorities or service delivery.

3.2 Procedural arrangements have been implemented to ensure accountability and transparency, with all Ward Member budget submissions being subject to an approval process under delegated authority of the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods (in conjunction with Legal and Finance Departments). Progress on Ward Member budgets is reported on a quarterly basis to the Neighbourhood Forums and is published online. In addition to this, an annual report is taken to Neighbourhood Services Committee for information.

4. APPROVED SCHEMES

- 4.1 Attached at **Appendix A** is a breakdown of spend to date in relation to each of the Ward Members budgets in 2014/15. Attached at **Appendix B** is a running total of Ward Councillors' budgets to date for 2014/15.

5. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Through the implementation of the application and approval framework, a robust and transparent process has been put in place to ensure that the expenditure of Ward Member budgets is for the purpose for which it is intended. In addition to this, consultation with other Ward Members, the community, and key partners is required through the application process to guarantee that monies are not used adversely and that projects and / or schemes are responding to local need.
- 5.2 In addition to quarterly reporting to the Neighbourhood Forums, an annual report is taken to Neighbourhood Services Committee for consideration. All expenditure related information associated with Ward Member Budgets is also available online.

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 On 14 February 2013, Council approved a recommendation from Members (4 February 2013) allocating a total of £165,000 for 2013/2014 for Ward Member budgets, equating to £5,000 per Elected Member. As part of this decision, it was also outlined that any underspend remaining from the 2012/2013 allocation would be carried forward by each individual Ward Councillor for their use in the new financial year.
- 6.2 On 19 September 2013, as part of the 2014/15 budget proposals, Finance and Policy Committee recommended allocating £165,000 from the reserves review to continue Ward Member budgets in 2014/15 (i.e. £5,000 per Member). It was subsequently recommended by Finance and Policy Committee on 19 December 2013 that the Ward Member budget allocation for 2014/15 be top sliced by 20% (£1,000 per Ward Member) for the continuation of the Environmental Apprenticeship Scheme, and that any unspent funds from the 2012/13 and 2013/14 allocations be set aside and utilised to continue the Ward Member budget programme post 2014/15. This was agreed by Full Council on 6 February 2014.

7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 Within the original decision on 30 April 2012 to approve Ward Member Budgets, it was agreed that a delegation of powers to the Assistant Director

(Neighbourhood Services)¹ be awarded; this was facilitated through 'executive arrangements' outlined within the Local Government Act 2000 which enables decision making powers to be delegated by the executive, individual Portfolio Holders, or through an Officer.

- 7.2 Ward Members budgets must be used for purposes which originally fell within the 'well being powers' enshrined in the Local Government Act 2000. The well being powers as far as they relate to England have now been repealed under Schedule 1 of the Localism Act 2011 which provides for the 'broader power of competence'. This gives local authorities an explicit freedom to act in the best interests of the community, unless the local authority is prevented from taking that action by common law, specific legislation or statutory guidance. As such, the power of competence can be applied to working in the best interests of Hartlepool Borough Council's Ward Member Budgets.

8. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 There are no direct equality and diversity considerations in relation to Ward Member Budgets.

9. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 There are no staff considerations for the Forum's attention in this case.

10. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

- 10.1 Asset management considerations are not applicable in this instance.

11. SECTION 17 OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 CONSIDERATIONS

- 11.1 There are no Section 17 implications.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

¹ From December 2012, this power has fallen to the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods.

13. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13.1 On 30 April 2012, Ward Member Budgets and the associated application framework were approved by Cabinet. As part of this decision, it was agreed that expenditure be reported to the relevant Neighbourhood Forum on a quarterly basis.

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APPENDIX A

Ward Member Budget Spend 2014/15

Ward Councillor	Nature of Scheme	Date Approved	Funding Approved
Burn Valley			
Councillor Jonathan Brash	St Matthew's Hall Contribution (Roof Repair Scheme)	18.06.14	£500
	Countryside Wardens (Bulb Planting in Burn Valley Gardens with Eldon Grove School pupils)	07.11.14	£500
	Hartlepool Youth Services Holocaust Memorial Group (Holocaust Memorial Project)	07.11.14	£300
	Contribution towards the dropped kerbs scheme in the Oxford Street area	17.12.14	£500
Councillor Ged Hall	Hartlepool Youth Ministry (Outdoor Education Project)	13.05.14	£250
	West View Advice & Resource Centre (Macmillan Benefits Advice Service)	13.05.14	£400
	Stranton Centre (Cooking Project)	30.05.14	£200
	New Welfare Group (Community Gymnasium)	07.10.14	£300
	Dropped kerbs scheme in the Oxford Street area	03.11.14	£500
	Friends of Stranton Centre (Christmas Wreath Making Project)	03.11.14	£300
	Hartlepool Town Pastors (Running Costs)	09.12.14	£300
Councillor John Lauderdale	New Welfare Group (Community Gymnasium – New Sports Equipment)	09.09.14	£400
	ORB Youth Project (Activity Programme)	03.10.14	£200
	St. Matthew's Community Centre (New Roof)	03.10.14	£200
	Hartlepool Town Pastors (Project Costs)	03.10.14	£200
	Stranton Primary School (Radio Project)	03.10.14	£200
	Stranton Senior Group (Christmas Meal)	30.10.14	£200
	Dropped kerbs scheme in the Oxford Street area	03.11.14	£500
	Friends of Stranton Centre (Christmas Wreath Making Project)	03.11.14	£200
	Rossmere Primary School (Forest	03.11.14	£200

	School Project - Equipment)		
	4th Hartlepool Boys Brigade (Badminton Activity)	05.11.14	£200
	Hartlepool Fairtrade Town Steering Group (Publicity)	05.11.14	£50
	Hartlepool Youth Services Holocaust Memorial Group (Holocaust Memorial Project)	05.11.14	£100
	ORB Centre (New Seating)	05.11.14	£400
Fens and Rossmere			
Councillor Alan Clark	Brierton Lodge Nursing Home (Garden Scheme)	17.06.14	£300
	Hartlepool Elite Boxing Academy (Running Costs)	28.08.14	£500
	Belle Vue Community Sports & Youth Centre (Fens Cool Project)	22.09.14	£500
	Rossmere Primary School (Forest School Project – Equipment)	22.09.14	£400
	Friends of Wild Green Spaces (two bulb planting projects)	30.09.14	£137
	Friends of Wild Green Spaces (3 replacement benches in Rossmere Park)	03.11.14	£480
	Red Dreams (employment extension of 3 interns for 6 months)	03.11.14	£250
	Rossmere Friday Club (Activities / Outings)	04.11.14	£150
Councillor Steve Gibbon	Hartlepool People Centre (Core Costs)	17.07.14	£100
	Monday Friendship Group (Christmas Party)	25.07.14	£150
	Belle Vue Community Sports & Youth Centre (Fens Cool project)	22.09.14	£500
	Rossmere Primary School (Forest School Project – Equipment)	22.09.14	£400
	Friends of Wild Green Spaces (two bulb planting projects)	30.09.14	£137
	Friends of Wild Green Spaces (3 replacement benches in Rossmere Park)	03.11.14	£480
	Red Dreams (employment extension of 3 interns for 6 months)	03.11.14	£250
	Rossmere Friday Club (Activities / Outings)	04.11.14	£150
	Hartlepool Credit Union (Banking Facility Upgrade)	09.12.14	£250
Councillor Geoff Lilley	Monday Friendship Group (Christmas Party)	25.07.14	£150
	Hartlepool People Centre (Core	17.07.14	£100

	Costs)		
	Belle Vue Community Sports & Youth Centre (Fens Cool project)	22.09.14	£500
	Rossmere Primary School (Forest School Project – Equipment)	22.09.14	£400
	Friends of Wild Green Spaces (two bulb planting projects)	30.09.14	£137
	Greatham Primary School (Ukulele Instruments)	30.10.14	£500
	Friends of Wild Green Spaces (3 replacement benches in Rossmere Park)	03.11.14	£480
	Red Dreams (employment extension of 3 interns for 6 months)	03.11.14	£250
	Rossmere Friday Club (Activities / Outings)	04.11.14	£150
	Hartlepool Credit Union (Banking Facility Upgrade)	09.12.14	£250
Foggy Furze			
Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher	Belle Vue Centre Breakfast Club	12.06.14	£500
	Headland Heritage Festival	12.06.14	£100
	St Cuthbert's Parish Friendship Group (Social Outing)	12.06.14	£150
	St Luke's Infant Welfare Mothers Club (Christmas Party)	12.06.14	£100
	Hartlepool Voluntary Wheels (Running Costs)	12.06.14	£200
	Hartlepool Peoples Centre (Running Costs)	12.06.14	£150
	Haswell Avenue Allotment Association (Environmental Pond)	12.06.14	£167
	Kev's Klub (Social Outing)	12.06.14	£100
	BloominArt Northeast Group (Discover Arts' Award Programme)	12.06.14	£400
	St Cuthbert's Family Fun Club	12.06.14	£32
	Hartlepool Survival Group (Summer Outdoor Activities)	12.06.14	£167
	Frensham Drive Tree Works	16.09.14	£1,740
	Friends of Stranton Centre (Christmas Wreath Making Project)	04.11.14	£194
Councillor Kevin Cranney	Belle Vue Centre Breakfast Club	12.06.14	£500
	Headland Heritage Festival	12.06.14	£100
	St Cuthbert's Parish Friendship Group (Social Outing)	12.06.14	£150
	St Luke's Infant Welfare Mothers Club (Christmas Party)	12.06.14	£100
	Hartlepool Voluntary Wheels (Running Costs)	12.06.14	£200
	Hartlepool Peoples Centre (Running	12.06.14	£150

	Costs)		
	Haswell Avenue Allotment Association (Environmental Pond)	12.06.14	£167
	BloominArt Northeast Group (Discover Arts' Award Programme)	12.06.14	£400
	St Cuthbert's Family Fun Club	12.06.14	£32
	Hartlepool Survival Group (Summer Outdoor Activities)	12.06.14	£167
	Boys Brigade Summer Camp	23.06.14	£500
	Family Funday Contribution	01.07.14	£750
	St. Cuthbert's Area Resident Association (Halloween Party)	30.09.14	£495
	Friends of Stranton Centre (Christmas Wreath Making Project)	04.11.14	£150
Councillor Kaylee Sirs	Belle Vue Centre Breakfast Club	12.06.14	£500
	Headland Heritage Festival	12.06.14	£100
	St Cuthbert's Parish Friendship Group (Social Outing)	12.06.14	£150
	St Luke's Infant Welfare Mothers Club (Christmas Party)	12.06.14	£100
	Hartlepool Voluntary Wheels (Running Costs)	12.06.14	£200
	Hartlepool Peoples Centre (Running Costs)	12.06.14	£150
	Haswell Avenue Allotment Association (Environmental Pond)	12.06.14	£167
	Hartlepool Youth Ministry (Outdoor Education Project)	13.05.14	£225
	BloominArt Northeast Group (Discover Arts' Award Programme)	12.06.14	£400
	St Cuthbert's Family Fun Club	12.06.14	£32
	Hartlepool Survival Group (Summer Outdoor Activities)	12.06.14	£167
	Family Funday Contribution	01.07.14	£750
	To allocate £394 to Marmion Estate Resident Association (£394)	05.10.14	£394
	Friends of Stranton Centre (Christmas Wreath Making Project)	04.11.14	£200
Manor House			
Councillor Stephen Akers- Belcher	The Rifty Youth Project Fun Day	03.07.14	£200
	Golden Flatts Junior FC (Equipment)	22.09.14	£150
	Hartlepool Catholic Club (over 40's) FC (Pitch Fees for 2014/15 season)	22.09.14	£122
	Hartlepool Fairtrade Town Steering Group (Publicity)	04.11.14	£50
	Swinburne Road Bulb & Ornamental Tree Planting Scheme	12.12.14	£146
	Modern Apprentice Salary Costs (Kilmarnock Road Resource Centre)	12.12.14	£210

	Scott Grove Tree and Shrubbery Removal	12.12.14	£400
	Room Hire - Masefield Centre (Provision of a Benefits Advisor)	12.12.14	£9
	Friends of Heriot Grange Group (Sports Equipment)	12.12.14	£81
Councillor Allan Barclay	Owton Manor Primary School (Garden Project)	24.04.14	£200
	The Rifty Youth Project Fun Day	03.07.14	£200
	Golden Flatts Junior FC (Equipment)	22.09.14	£150
	Hartlepool Catholic Club (over 40's) FC (Pitch Fees for 2014/15 season)	22.09.14	£122
	Hartlepool Fairtrade Town Steering Group (Publicity)	04.11.14	£50
	Swinburne Road Bulb & Ornamental Tree Planting Scheme	12.12.14	£146
	Modern Apprentice Salary Costs (Kilmarnock Road Resource Centre)	12.12.14	£210
	Scott Grove Tree and Shrubbery Removal	12.12.14	£200
	Friends of Heriot Grange Group (Sports Equipment)	12.12.14	£81
	Councillor Marjorie James	Owton Manor Primary School (Garden Project)	24.04.14
The Rifty Youth Project Fun Day		03.07.14	£200
Golden Flatts Junior FC (Equipment)		22.09.14	£150
Hartlepool Catholic Club (over 40's) FC (Pitch Fees for 2014/15 season)		22.09.14	£122
Hartlepool Fairtrade Town Steering Group (Publicity)		04.11.14	£50
Swinburne Road Bulb & Ornamental Tree Planting Scheme		12.12.14	£146
Modern Apprentice Salary Costs (Kilmarnock Road Resource Centre)		12.12.14	£210
Scott Grove Tree and Shrubbery Removal		12.12.14	£200
Friends of Heriot Grange Group (Sports Equipment)		12.12.14	£81
Rural West			
Councillor Brenda Loynes	Elwick Parish Council Computer Course	16.09.14	£133
	Wild Green Spaces Country Fair	16.09.14	£50
	Seaton Carew Football Club - Rural West Youth Team (Running Costs)	09.10.14	£333
	Tunstall Hall Lane Sign	09.10.14	£17
	Greatham Residents Association (Website)	19.12.14	£167
Councillor George Morris	Elwick Parish Council Computer Course	16.09.14	£133

	Wild Green Spaces Country Fair	16.09.14	£50
	Seaton Carew Football Club - Rural West Youth Team (Running Costs)	09.10.14	£333
	Tunstall Hall Lane Sign	09.10.14	£17
	Greatham Residents Association (Website)	19.12.14	£167
Councillor Ray Martin-Wells	Elwick Parish Council Computer Course	16.09.14	£133
	Wild Green Spaces Country Fair	16.09.14	£50
	Seaton Carew Football Club - Rural West Youth Team (Running Costs)	09.10.14	£333
	Tunstall Hall Lane Sign	09.10.14	£17
	Greatham Residents Association (Website)	19.12.14	£167
Victoria			
All Ward Councillors	PROP (Cooking Project)	24.04.14	£500
	Hartlepool Youth Ministry (Outdoor Education Project)	24.04.14	£225
	Lynnfield Ladies (Room Hire)	24.04.14	£250
	Lynnfield Centre (Cooking Project)	24.04.14	£500
	ME Support Group (Donation)	24.04.14	£110
	Asylum Seeker and Refugee Group (Advice Worker)	05.08.14	£500
	Hartlepool Survival School Contribution	05.08.14	£200
	3rd Hartlepool Boys Brigade and Girls Association (Camping Facilities)	05.08.14	£900
	Carer Echoes Drama Group (Room Hire and Insurance Costs)	06.10.14	£300
	Friends of St Joseph's Court (Christmas Lunch)	06.10.14	£396
	Hope 4 NF (Launch Event)	06.10.14	£100
	Cobden Area Resident Association (Activities & Outings)	06.10.14	£300
	St. Luke's Mother's Welfare (Christmas Activities)	06.10.14	£300
	West View Advice & Resource Centre (MacMillan Service)	06.10.14	£600
	Saxon Juniors FC (Storage Container)	06.10.14	£150
	Lynnfield Community Learning Centre (Christmas Wreath Making & Play House for Joy's Garden)	22.11.14	£1,380
	Salaam Community Centre (New Play Equipment)	22.11.14	£500
	Thornton & Mitchell Street Area Residents Association (Children's Christmas Party)	22.11.14	£250

APPENDIX B

Ward Member Budget Overview 2014/15

Ward Councillor	Funding Available 14/15	Funding Approved 14/15	Total Funding Remaining
Burn Valley			
Councillor Jonathan Brash	£4,000	£1,800	£2,200
Councillor Ged Hall	£4,000	£2,250	£1,750
Councillor John Lauderdale	£4,000	£3,050	£950
Fens and Rossmere			
Councillor Alan Clark	£4,000	£2,717	£1,283
Councillor Steve Gibbon	£4,000	£2,417	£1,583
Councillor Geoff Lilley	£4,000	£2,917	£1,083
Foggy Furze			
Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher	£4,000	£4,000	£0
Councillor Kevin Cranney	£4,000	£3,861	£139
Councillor Kaylee Sirs	£4,000	£3,535	£465
Manor House			
Councillor Stephen Akers-Belcher	£4,000	£1,368	£2,632
Councillor Allan Barclay	£4,000	£1,359	£2,641
Councillor Marjorie James	£4,000	£1,359	£2,641
Rural West			
Councillor George Morris	£4,000	£700	£3,300
Councillor Brenda Loynes	£4,000	£700	£3,300
Councillor Ray Wells	£4,000	£700	£3,300
Victoria			
Councillor Pamela Hargreaves	£4,000	£2,487	£1,513
Councillor Carl Richardson	£4,000	£2,487	£1,513
Councillor Chris Simmons	£4,000	£2,487	£1,513
TOTAL	£72,000	£40,194	£31,806

Please note that as outlined in Section 6.2, 20% of the total Ward Member Budget allocation was ringfenced for the delivery of the Environmental Apprenticeship Scheme in 2014/15; this leaves £4,000 per Ward Member available for expenditure this financial year.