

SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AGENDA



Wednesday 15th June 2016

at 2.00pm

in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM:

Councillors C Akers-Belcher, S Akers-Belcher, Barclay, Buchan, Clark, Cranney, Hall, Hamilton, Hunter, James, Lauderdale, Lawton, Lindridge, Loynes, Martin-Wells, Morris, Richardson 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 2nd March 2016
 - 4.2 Matters arising.
- 5. ASK THE POLICY CHAIRS**
- 6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME and WARD ISSUES (maximum of 30 minutes)**



7. ITEMS FOR CONSULTATION

7.1 Local Plan – Presentation – *Planning Policy Team Leader*

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR INFORMATION

8.1 Police Update – Verbal Presentation – *Chief Inspector Lynn Beeston*

9. WARD MEMBER BUDGETS

9.1 Ward Member Budgets 2016/17 – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

11. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 14th September 2016 at 10.00am in the Civic Centre.



SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM MINUTES 2nd March 2016

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

Present:

Chair: Councillor Alan Clark - Fens and Rossmere

Vice Chair: Councillor Trisha Lawton - Victoria

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher - Foggy Furze
Councillor Stephen Akers-Belcher - Manor House
Councillor Allan Barclay - Manor House
Councillor Kevin Cranney - Foggy Furze
Councillor Ged Hall - Burn Valley
Councillor Marjorie James - Manor House
Councillor John Lauderdale - Burn Valley
Councillor Jim Lindridge - Fens and Rossmere
Councillor Brenda Loynes - Rural West

Public: Fred Corbett, Gordon Johnson, Stella Johnson, Yousuf Khan, Evelyn Leck, Sue Little, Michael Piercy, Julie Rudge, G Stamper, M Stoves and Michael Unwin

Officers: Denise Ogden, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Clare Clark, Community Safety and Engagement Manager
Phil Hepburn, Parking Services Manager
Irene Cross, Neighbourhood Development Officer (Central)
Tara Davison, Neighbourhood Development Officer (South and Central)
Tracy Rowe, Community Regeneration Officer
Jo Stubbs, Democratic Services Officer

Clinical Commissioning Group Representative: Dr Boleslaw Posmyk

Wharton Trust Representative: Sacha Bedding

Fire Representatives: Steve Patton

68. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted by Councillors Steve Gibbon, Ray Martin-Wells, George Morris, Carl Richardson, Chris Simmons and Kaylee Sirs.

69. Declarations of Interest

None

70. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2015

Approved

71. Matters Arising

None

72. Minutes of the joint meeting held on 12th February 2016

Approved

73. Matters Arising

None

74. Ask the Policy Chairs

Neighbourhood Services Committee

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Services Committee (NSC) was present and responded to the following issues:

Sewage in Stockton Road/Burn Valley area – Northumbrian Water had been approached by residents regards sewage coming out in the back streets and had informed them that the Council were responsible for this. The Chair of NSC advised that Northumbrian Water were ultimately responsible as they collected payment from residents. However if they were not responding appropriately residents should contact the Council's Environmental Health department regards possible enforcement. She urged residents to report these problems as they occurred rather than wait to raise them at Neighbourhood Forum meetings

Dryden Road – an LED street light had not worked for almost a year despite being report numerous times. The Chair confirmed this would be put right.

Catcote Road – repairs were needed to the road surface South of the Elwick Road junction. The Chair of NSC confirmed that the schedule of road repairs for 2016/17 had been agreed at Neighbourhood Services Committee earlier in the week although she could not recall whether Catcote Road had been on that list. Large areas of Catcote Road had been resurfaced recently however utility companies had required access leaving a patchwork effect. The Chair confirmed these concerns would be taken forward.

Bin tipping – this was becoming an increasing problem in the gated back streets around Dent Street. The Chair of NSC commented that as keys to the back street were only given to residents it must be somebody living in the street that was doing it. She would discuss it with a resident after the meeting. The Chair suggested that notification be sent to all residents regarding how unacceptable this was.

Kipling Road – road signage was placed incorrectly. The Chair of NSC had inspected this recently. It would be reported and dealt with.

Masefield Road – when would the street lighting be repaired?

Greatham – The 20mph flashing warning sign was not working. Noted by the Parking Services Manager.

Sappers Corner – rubbish was building up on the A689 heading into Hartlepool. Noted by the Parking Services Manager

Recycling service – The Chair of NSC confirmed that the blue box was being withdrawn and all items currently deposited in the blue box would go into the grey bin. This would take place across Hartlepool from 1st April. There would be no other changes. In response to a query regarding possible future charges for brown bin collection the chair of NSC indicated that the recycling service was currently under review but no decisions had been taken to charge at this time.

Finance and Policy Committee

The Chair of Finance and Policy Committee (FPC) was present and responded to the following issues:

Manor House West – Were there plans to purchase this property in Manor Lane? The Chair of FPC advised that this proposal had been rejected at pre-agenda stage. Negotiations were ongoing.

North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust – a recent CQC Inspection report had indicated that the management of the trust ‘requires improvement’. What steps were being taken by the Council to remove Mr Foster and Mr Garvin? The Chair of FPC referred to a meeting the previous week when Councillors had approved plans to seek a high court injunction against the closure of the fertility unit. It was not within the Council’s remit to remove the management of the trust however an independent expert was currently working on the development of a new health and social care plan for Hartlepool. A resident advised that 6 beds had already been lost at the ITU Special Care Unit at University Hospital of Hartlepool. The Chair of FPC was not aware of this.

Adult Services Committee

Shuttle bus – A resident had recently tried to use the shuttle bus to North Tees Hospital and was told it was only for staff use. Dr Boselaw Posmyk understood that it was for staff and patient use but would query this.

75. Public Question Time and Ward Issues

Fens and Rossmere

No questions or issues

Burn Valley

Stockton Road – the pavements outside nos 90-110 were cracked and sunk. Raw sewage was coming out around no 153. Cars were racing up Stockton Road and Blakelock Gardens and running through red lights.

Blakelock Gardens – Copping stones continued to be damaged

Victoria Homes – Faulty street light at no 17

Ellison Street – chip fat had been poured down the back-street drain causing a blockage

Belmont and Arncliffe Gardens – there were concerns regarding the safety of the crossing patrol person at the Elwick Road end as she was felt to be at risk of injury from speeding traffic. The Chair of NSC commented that as a member of staff she was confident that the crossing patrol person would report any such concerns herself.

Burn Valley – large amounts of dog foul and litter. The bin at the bottom was full of household waste. Young people accessing the area after dark for drinking and fighting.

Burn Gardens Social Club – Open access in need of securing

The Chair of NSC raised concerns at some of the issues being brought to the Forum and the apparent lack of communication between residents and their ward councillors. The Ward councillors in attendance advised as to the word carried out by them on behalf of residents. Where they were invited to attend residents' meetings they would do so. A resident referred to previous meeting invitations which had been declined.

Foggy Furze

Dog foul bins – Request for signage signalling their location

20 mph speed limits – With reference to the prevalence of these across Hartlepool (particularly the Headland and Seaton Carew) a resident commented that they were pointless and ineffective without proper enforcement

York Road /Park Road junction – Concerns at the possibility of an accident on this junction due to cars being given insufficient time to make a right hand turn of York Road into lower Park Road. The Chair of NSC felt this was due to drivers using the yellow box incorrectly, something which the Council could do little to address

Rural West

Tarnston Road – resident parking on a bend at the top of a hill. Request for double yellow lines to prevent this. The ward councillor confirmed plans to consult with residents regarding potential traffic schemes

North Lane – Where there any plans to reinforce the road? The ward councillor was not aware of any

Manor House

No issues

Victoria

No issues

76. Presentation by Dr Boleslaw Posmyk, Chair of Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group

Dr Posmyk referred to the Local Health and Social Care Plan Working Group which had been set up in June 2015. Chaired independently its aim was to identify health and social care planning priorities for use in the

development of a local plan for the delivery of integrated health and social care services across Hartlepool, including the University of Hartlepool Hospital site. Dr Posmyk highlighted a number of drivers for service change, including people living longer with complex health needs, reductions in budgets and an ageing health and social care workforce. Demographic challenges were also highlighted such as high levels of deprivation and unemployment and a decreasing working age population. A short animated video was played which showed an example of how service areas could be integrated to improve the patient's experience.

The following issues were then raised by those present:

Defibrillator – A resident highlighted the lack of a defibrillator machine at the One Life urgent care centre. Dr Posmyk had been unaware that this was the case as his practice, which was located within the One Life complex, had a defibrillator machine. He would ensure that a defibrillator machine was located within the urgent care centre itself.

Locum work - There seemed to be a move by doctors away from general practice to locum work as it was more financially advantageous and less stressful. Dr Posmyk advised that from April practices would be required to report the use of locums charging over a certain price to NHS England. This was part of a strategy to reduce the exorbitant fees currently being charged by some locums and make it less appealing

Care of the elderly – A Councillor referred to the practice of working age children moving away from Hartlepool and being unable to care for their ageing parents. This put a greater strain on social services to deliver care in people's own homes. Dr Posmyk acknowledged this as a concern saying that the aim of the Local Health and Social Care Plan was to ensure care packages were correct for the elderly population.

Spiritual healing – A resident indicated that he had been practicing spiritual healing for a number of years with positive results. Dr Posmyk commented that the CCG were open to all suggestions for the commissioning of services.

Working age population – A resident highlighted that while the elderly needed to be looked after deprivation and high levels of unemployment meant that those living in certain areas within Hartlepool would not reach old age. Dr Posmyk acknowledged this saying pre-emptive measures had been put in to address these concerns

Town planning – What input did health services have in planning policies to create a healthier town? Dr Posmyk indicated that this was achieved via the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Pharmacy opening hours – A Councillor referred to the closure of '24-hour' pharmacies on Sunday evening saying it was unacceptable if patients were young or required urgent treatment. Dr Posmyk confirmed that the

national contract for 24-hour pharmacy opening did allow pharmacies to close between 4pm Sunday and 8am Monday. However the minor ailments centre at the One Life complex did hold urgent items such as antibiotics and painkillers in stock so patients in need could access them if there were no pharmacies open. However these items could only be accessed during pharmacy shut down or if it was felt they would make a legitimate difference to the patient within the next few hours.

CQC Report – Concerns had been expressed about the leadership of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust by the CQC Report. What was being done to address this as the leadership were unlikely to remove themselves from post? Dr Posmyk confirmed that discussions were ongoing between the CCG, Acute Trust and CQC regarding the concerns expressed. The Trust would be asked to give detail of the ways they intended to address these issues. While the CCG could not directly influence the employment of Trust senior management they could penalise them financially if the issues were not addressed sufficiently

Purchase of services – A resident questioned whether the CCG should be buying services from outside the area, commenting that residents might be prepared to travel further afield for improved services. Dr Posmyk noted that the CQC had not raised concerns over the quality of services provided.

The Chair thanked Dr Posmyk for attending the meeting and answering questions

77. Presentation on Combined Authority and Devolution (*Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*)

Deferred to the next meeting of the Forum

78. Presentation of Dyke House Big Local Plan (*Wharton Trust Manager*)

Dyke House Big Local is part of phase 2 of the Big Local Initiative covering Dyke House and the surrounding areas. Big Local is part of the Local Trust, an independent organisation working with £200 million from the Big Lottery Fund to improve communities by giving them the tools to better themselves. Dyke House had received a million pound investment over 10 years and following local consultation had identified the following priorities:

- Learning and Skills Development
- Employment and Enterprise
- Environment
- Health and Welfare

Sacha Bedding from the Wharton Trust advised the forum what had actions the Dyke House Big Local had taken so far. These included sponsorship of

2 local people to study at Durham University and London, the transformation of the local church hall car park into an open access space for use by the community and a planned sculpture to celebrate a local World and Commonwealth Games Woman's Boxing Gold Medallist. The Partnership of the Big Local was comprised of 15 people and all were required to sign off on any proposals enabling group responsibility and decisions by consensus. For more information on the project residents were directed to the website www.tenyearsfromnow.org.uk.

Those present commended Mr Bedding on the project and the work which was taking place to make improvements to the area. The Chair thanked Mr Bedding for attending the meeting

79. Update by Cleveland Fire Brigade

Steve Patton from Cleveland Fire Brigade (CFB) gave a brief update. As the number of incidents was now so low CFB had moved their focus away from response to protection and prevention. Home fire safety checks were being carried out and work was ongoing to help reduce the instances of road traffic collisions. New resources were also being implemented including a new Headland-based fire station, new CFB headquarters and a refurbishment of the Stranton fire station later in the year.

Members thanked CFB for their preventative and collaboration work. The Chair thanked Mr Patton for attending the meeting.

80. Ward Member Budgets 2015/16 – *Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods*

Members were informed of the current position relating to Ward Member Budgets in the South and Central Neighbourhood Forum area. Ward Member budgets and the associated application and approval framework had been approved by Members in April 2012. In 2014 Council had approved a budget of £4,000 per member for 2015/16 with a limit placed on the level of expenditure for each member prior to the May election of one-twelfth spend between 1st April and the date of the election. A resident queried whether ward member budgets would continue for 2016/17. The Chair confirmed that they would.

Decision

That the report be noted

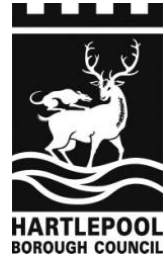
The Chair noted that this was the last meeting of the Forum for 2015/16. He thanked all those who had attended and contributed throughout the year.

The meeting concluded at 12:30pm

CHAIR

SOUTH AND CENTRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

15 June 2016



Report of: Director of Regeneration & Neighbourhoods

Subject: WARD MEMBER BUDGETS 2016/17

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 were introduced in April 2012, they 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 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 2016/17. Attached at **Appendix B** is a running total of Ward Councillors' budgets to date for 2016/17.

5. UNAPPROVED SCHEMES

- 5.1 All schemes were approved in this quarter to-date.

6. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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.

7. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 Ward Members will receive a budget of £4,500 each for 2016/17. In line with previous years there was a limit placed on the level of expenditure for each Ward Member prior to the Election in May i.e. all members were allocated 1/12th of their 2016/17 budget to spend between 1st April and the 5th May 2016. In addition, where Members carried over funds from 2015/16 into the current financial year, the same 1/12th restriction applied.
- 7.2 In considering the issues outlined in this report, Members are reminded that significant additional Government Grant cuts will be made over the period 2017/18 to 2019/20. As a result the Council will face a significant budget deficit for the next three years the extent of which will depend on the level of Council Tax increases approved by Members over this period. Detailed proposals for achieving 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 budget reductions will need to be developed. Any additional budget pressures will increase the level of budget cuts which will need to be made and will need to be referred to the Finance and Policy Committee for consideration.

8. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 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). 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.

- 8.2 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.

9. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY

- 9.1 There are no child and family poverty implications in this instance.

10. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

- 11.1 There are no Section 17 implications in this instance.

12. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

- 12.1 There are no staff considerations for the Forum’s attention in this case.

13. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

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

14. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

15. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 16.1 There are no background papers to this report.

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Ward Member Budget Spend 2016/17

Ward Councillor	Nature of Scheme	Date Approved	Funding Approved
Burn Valley			
Councillor Jonathan Brash	Hartlepool PATCH Family Support (Reading Project)	05.05.16	£333
Councillor John Lauderdale	Friends of Hartlepool Wild Green Spaces (Coast & Countryside Festival)	18.04.16	£200
Fens and Rossmere			
Councillor Steve Gibbon	Friends of Hartlepool Wild Green Spaces (Rossmere Park Bulb Planting)	05.05.16	£333
Foggy Furze			
Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher	Trip Fencing - Frensham Drive (edge of grassed area)	10.05.16	£400
	Installation of 2 additional lamp columns (South Parade)	10.05.16	£1,000
Manor House			
Councillor Stephen Akers-Belcher	Lindsay Road Parking Scheme (Removal of grassed verge)	10.05.16	£400
Councillor Marjorie James	Lindsay Road Parking Scheme (Removal of grassed verge)	10.05.16	£400
Councillor Allan Barclay	Lindsay Road Parking Scheme (Removal of grassed verge)	10.05.16	£400
Rural West			
Councillor George Morris	Seaton Carew FC (Defibrillator cabinet and tournament costs)	04.05.16	£300
Councillor Brenda Loynes	Seaton Carew FC (Defibrillator cabinet and tournament costs)	04.05.16	£300
Councillor Ray Martin-Wells	Seaton Carew FC (Defibrillator cabinet and tournament costs)	04.05.16	£300
Victoria			
All Ward Councillors (Trisha Lawton, Carl Richardson and Chris Simmons)	Hartlepool Horticultural Show 2016 (Bikini Vases)	21.04.16	£135
	Friends of Hartlepool Wild Green Spaces (Coast & Countryside Festival)	21.04.16	£135
	Elwick Parish Council (Rural Transport Scheme)	21.04.16	£500
All Ward Councillors (Trisha Lawton, Carl Richardson and Lesley Hamilton)	Cobden Area Residents Association (Social Activities)	19.05.16	£450
	Lynnfield Area Residents (Community Event)	19.05.16	£350
	Lynnfield Ladies (Social Activities)	19.05.16	£350
	Friends of St. Joseph's Court (Social Activities)	19.05.16	£450

APPENDIX B

Ward Member Budget Overview 2016/17

Ward Councillor	Carryover from Previous Years	Funding Available 16/17	Funding Approved 16/17	Total Funding Remaining
Burn Valley				
*Councillor Jonathan Brash	To be confirmed	£333	£333	
Councillor Dave Hunter		£4,167		£4,167
Councillor Ged Hall		£4,500	-	£4,500
Councillor John Lauderdale		£4,500	£200	£4,300
Fens and Rossmere				
**Councillor Steve Gibbon	To be confirmed	£333	£333	
Councillor Bob Buchan		£4,167		£4,167
Councillor Alan Clark		£4,500	-	£4,500
Councillor Jim Lindridge		£4,500	-	£4,500
Foggy Furze				
Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher	To be confirmed	£4,500	£1,400	£3,100
Councillor Kevin Cranney		£4,500	-	£4,500
Councillor Kaylee Sirs		£4,500	-	£4,500
Manor House				
Councillor Stephen Akers-Belcher	To be confirmed	£4,500	£400	£4,100
Councillor Marjorie James		£4,500	£400	£4,100
Councillor Allan Barclay		£4,500	£400	£4,100
Rural West				
Councillor George Morris	To be confirmed	£4,500	£300	£4,200
Councillor Brenda Loynes		£4,500	£300	£4,200
Councillor Ray Martin-Wells		£4,500	£300	£4,200
Victoria				
Councillor Trisha Lawton	To be confirmed	£4,500	£790	£3,710
Councillor Carl Richardson		£4,500	£790	£3,710
***Councillor Chris Simmons		£257	£257	
Councillor Lesley Hamilton		£4,243	£533	£3,710
TOTAL	TBC	£81,000	£6,736	£74,264

*Succeeded by Councillor Dave Hunter on 5 May 2016. Councillor Brash' remaining funds re-allocated to Councillor Hunter.

**Succeeded by Councillor Bob Buchan on 5 May 2016. Councillor Gibbon' remaining funds re-allocated to Councillor Buchan.

***Succeeded by Councillor Lesley Hamilton on 5 May 2016. Councillor Simmons' remaining funds re-allocated to Councillor Hamilton.