

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

DECISION RECORD

26th September, 2006

Present:

Councillor Victor Tumilty (Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio Holder);

Councillors G Morris, M Turner and M Waller were also in attendance and were given an opportunity to speak on the following items:

Councillor Morris – Minute 40 Mountston Close Alleygate

Councillor M Waller – Minute 38 St Patrick's Shops accessibility

Councillor Turner – Two (2) issues not on the Agenda – (Farndale Road and paint on pavements).

Seven (7) Residents of Mountston Close/Tarnston Road were also in attendance.

Officers: Mike Blair, Transportation and Traffic Manager,
John Mennear, Assistant Director (Community Services),
Alastair Smith, Head of Technical Services,
Pat Watson, Democratic Services Officer.

38. St Patrick's Shops, Owton Manor Lane (*Head of Technical Services*)

Type of decision

Non-key.

Purpose of report

To seek approval to a proposed scheme to improve accessibility to St. Patrick's shopping parade on Owton Manor Lane.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report indicated that a local Ward Councillor had raised an issue with accessibility problems at St Patrick's Shops. Due to large level

differences, between the carriageway and footway, access from the road, especially for people with mobility problems, was reported to be very difficult. Further background information was provided and appendix 1 to the report indicated that a proposed scheme that would include the re-profiling of the adopted footway to provide individual ramped access to each shop and the construction of parking bays and steps from road level to the footway.

The estimated cost of the works was £130,000, excluding any possible public utility apparatus diversions. Part funding of £10,000 had been identified.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the implementation of works to the shopping parade subject to the remainder of the funding becoming available.

39. Traffic Regulation Orders (*Head of Technical Services*)

Type of decision

Non-key.

Purpose of report

To seek approval for the traffic regulation orders following objections to the Cornwall Street traffic calming scheme and the proposal to introduce a business parking bay in Lowthian Road.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

This report details the background to the various orders and the investigations into the objections submitted. A plan of the area; a copy of a full objection letter; a plan indicating parking restrictions in the location of the closure point to maintain a turning area for vehicles and an objection from a resident of Lowthian Road were attached as appendices to the report.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved the traffic regulation orders outlined in the report and noted the objections and investigations into the objections.

40. Mountston Close Gating Order (*Head of Technical Services*)

Type of decision

Non-key.

Purpose of report

To seek approval to the implementation of a gating order, under the conditions of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, in Mountston Close.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report contained a brief history of the situation and the procedures necessary under the Act.

The Head of Technical Services report verbally that a report was being submitted to Cabinet on 9th October 2006 to seek consideration of a Thoroughfare Policy that would establish rules relating to how requests for the gating or closure of strategic footpaths, such as this one, should be addressed in future.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder granted approval to start the necessary processes required to implement a gating order in Mountston Close and noted that Cabinet would consider the issue of gating of footpaths, in general, in the near future.

41. Thornbury Close Traffic Calming Petition (*Head of Technical Services*)

Type of decision

Non-key.

Purpose of report

To consider a petition submitted from residents of Thornbury Close requesting traffic calming.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report details the action requested, the investigations into the request and the recommended course of action.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder note the petition, and agreed that no further action be taken at this time but the situation be monitored.

42. Adult and Community Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 – 1st Quarter Monitoring Report (*Director of Adult and Community Services*)

Type of decision

For information.

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the progress made against the Adult and Community Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 in the first quarter of the year.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The report detailed the progress against the actions contained in the Adult and Community Services Departmental Plan 2006/07, and the first quarter outturns of key performance indicators.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the achievement on actions and indicators and asked that his thanks and congratulations be passed on to staff involved in the achievements, especially the Maritime Festival.

43. GP Referral Scheme – Hartlepool Exercise For Life Programme (HELP) (*Director of Adult and Community Services*)

Type of decision

For information.

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the background and ongoing development of the GP Referral Scheme within the Sport and Recreation Service.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

A GP Referral scheme, H.E.L.P. (Hartlepool Exercise for Life Programme), has been running in Hartlepool for nearly 12 years and it is managed by the Councils Sport & Recreation Service within Sports Development. Funding for it originally came from the Hartlepool Health Action Zone and latterly, Hartlepool PCT. More recently, a three year Public Service Agreement has been secured to finance the scheme.

This report aimed to provide an insight into the effectiveness of the programme to date and underlined the importance of the programme to Hartlepool in meeting the Council's corporate objectives around improving health and well being via physical activity and participation in health related exercise.

Detailed information was provided on the current situation, scheme partners, financial implications and achievements.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the effectiveness of the programme to date and agreed its importance to Hartlepool in meeting the Council's corporate objectives around improving health and well-being via physical activity and participation in health related exercise. The Portfolio Holder was happy to note 3.7 of the report in relation to the free Active Card and that the scheme had no financial implications to the Council. The Portfolio Holder asked for his thanks to be passed to the Officers concerned for their good work.

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