

# **REGENERATION, LIVEABILITY AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO**

## **DECISION RECORD**

**20<sup>th</sup> October 2006**

### **Present:**

The Mayor (Stuart Drummond), Regeneration, Liveability and Housing Portfolio Holder.

Officers: Peter Scott, Director of Regeneration and Planning Services  
Ralph Harrison, Head of Public Protection and Housing  
Alison Mawson, Head of Community Safety and Prevention  
Sally Forth, Anti-Social Behaviour Co-ordinator  
Chris Barlow, Principal Community Strategy Officer  
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

### **33. The Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2001 – Results of Consultation** *(Head of Community Safety and Prevention)*

#### **Type of decision**

Non-key.

#### **Purpose of report**

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the results of consultation carried out on areas which were previously covered by Byelaws and recommend referral to full Council for approval of a Designated Public Places Order.

To outline proposals to identify and approve further areas for designation.

#### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

At the Regeneration, Liveability and Housing Portfolio meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2006 approval was given to undertake consultation to replace the areas covered by existing Consumption of Intoxicating Liquor in Designated Places Byelaws with a Designated Public Places Order. A notice was published in the local press and letters were sent to all licensed premises,

the Police District Commander and Parish Clerks. Details of the proposed areas and the responses to the consultation were appended to the report.

The Portfolio Holder was also advised that several new areas for designation had been suggested by residents. It was proposed that a list of further potential areas for designation be drawn up based on submissions from the public, the police and other interested parties. A policy for determining if an area was suitable for designation would be developed and a report brought to a future Portfolio meeting.

The Portfolio Holder expressed his support for the proposals which he hoped would emphasise the message that drinking alcohol in these places was not acceptable. He stressed the need for the Orders to be properly enforced through neighbourhood policing.

#### **Decision**

That the making of a Designated Public Places Order for the locations identified be recommended and referred to full Council for approval.

### **34. Family Intervention Project** *(Head of Community Safety and Prevention)*

#### **Type of decision**

Non-key.

#### **Purpose of report**

To seek approval to submit an application to the Government's RESPECT UNIT to establish a Family Intervention Project (FIP) in Hartlepool.

#### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

In January 2006 the Government launched the RESPECT Action Plan to tackle anti-social behaviour. The Family Intervention project (FIP) was one of a number of interventions aimed at supporting and challenging families to increase their motivation to change their behaviour. Other areas in the UK have shown a high success rate when using this intervention. Details of the project, including the objectives, were given in the report.

The Head of Community Safety and Prevention advised that Hartlepool already has a similar intervention project – the Hartlepool Intervention Project (HIP). Officers had discussed possible FIP models with RESPECT Unit staff and had agreed which of the models would best suite the HIP method of working. The Portfolio Holder was given details of the model in question and advised that further reports would be brought to future meetings with more detailed proposals, should an application be successful.

Start-up funding of £100,000 was available for 2006/07 to establish an FIP

with the same amount available for 2007/08. Following that the Council and partners would be expected to mainstream the project.

The Portfolio Holder was happy to apply for funding for the RESPECT unit but had some concerns about mainstream funding. He stressed that he would want to see very positive results before he committed the Council to mainstreaming the project. The Head of Community Safety and Prevention advised that the project was expected to contribute towards savings across the Council which could be put towards mainstreaming. The Portfolio Holder requested he be provided with a bi-annual report on this issue.

#### **Decision**

That an application for funding be made to the RESPECT UNIT for £100,000 in both 2006/07 and 2007/08 to establish a Family Intervention Project.

### **35. Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) Review 2006** *(Head of Community Strategy)*

#### **Type of decision**

Non-Key

#### **Purpose of report**

To seek Portfolio Holder agreement to the recommendations made in NAP Review 2006.

#### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

In April 2006 NAPs were completed in all the priority neighbourhoods as set out in the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy (NRS). The NAP review 2006 made 34 separate recommendations for improving the development, implementation and monitoring of NAPs. There were no financial implications. The review was appended to the report for the Portfolio Holder's attention.

#### **Decision**

That the NAP Review 2006 be agreed as a way of improving the future development, implementation and monitoring of NAPs.

### **36. Licensing of House in Multiple Occupation – Licence Conditions** *(Head of Public Protection and Housing)*

#### **Type of decision**

Non-Key

**Purpose of report**

To seek approval for the conditions to be attached to licences for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)

**Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The Head of Public Protection and Housing gave information on the background and enforcement of HMO licensing. Details of the mandatory conditions that must be applied were appended to the report along with discretionary conditions considered to be of importance in relation to the management of such properties. In the case of a dispute between the Local Authority and the Licence Holder a report would be brought to the Portfolio Holder.

**Decision**

That the conditions and related standards be applied to licensed HMOs.

**37. Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) Programme  
2006-07 Mid-Year Update** *(Head of Community Strategy)*

**Type of decision**

For Information

**Purpose of report**

To notify the Portfolio Holder of the NRF spend at the mid-point of 2006/07 financial year.

**Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

The Head of Community Strategy reported that the overall NRF allocation for 2006/07 was £4,849,210. The spend to the end of September 2006 was approximately £1,500,000, 31% of the overall budget and in line with the mid-year spend position in previous years. The Government required a maximum carry over into 2007/08 of 5% of this year's allocation and no major problems were anticipated regarding future NRF programme delivery. A copy of the report was provided for the Portfolio Holder's attention.

**Decision**

That the 2006/07 NRF mid-year financial position be noted.

### **38. Neighbourhood Element Fund 2006-10** *(Head of Community Strategy)*

#### **Type of decision**

For information

#### **Purpose of report**

To inform the Portfolio Holder of progress made in developing the Neighbourhood Element programme in Hartlepool during 2006/07.

#### **Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder**

In 2005 it was announced that Hartlepool was eligible for the Neighbourhood Element Fund. This provides funding to help action in the most disadvantaged neighbourhood to improve outcomes for people living in these areas. Hartlepool is to receive £1,599,600 over four years with years 2008-10 subject to confirmation in the 2007 spending review.

The funding is focused on the four qualifying NAP neighbourhoods of North Hartlepool (Brus, St Hilda), Dyke House, Stranton, Grange, Burbank and Owton. Details were given of the funding priorities identified for each individual ward and their current progress.

The Portfolio Holder was advised that £46,025 of the 2006/07 allocation of £412,800 had been spent. However it was anticipated that the majority of expenditure would be incurred in the latter part of the year because of the time taken to agree priorities by NAP Forums and subsequent implementation. A further update on programme spend will be provided to the Portfolio Holder later in the year.

#### **Decision**

That the progress made in developing the Neighbourhood Element programme in Hartlepool during 2006/07 be noted.

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