

# **JOINT REGENERATION, LIVEABILITY AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO AND CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO**

## **DECISION RECORD**

11th December 2006

### **Present:**

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

Councillor Victor Tumilty – Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Transportation

Officers: Peter Scott, Director of Regeneration and Planning  
Derek Gouldburn, Urban Policy Manager  
Pat Watson, Democratic Services Officer

## **2. Single Programme Project Proposals and Funding Bids** (*Head of Regeneration*)

### **Type of decision**

Key Decision

### **Purpose of report**

The report sought:

- a) authorisation to progress a Single Programme funded project proposal relating to the upgrading of paving and provision of a safety rail to part of the Headland Town Wall;
- b) approval for contributions from the major regeneration projects budget to the Town Wall scheme and a feasibility study for the Harbour bridge;
- c) endorsement of the preparation and submission of additional Single Programme bids to the Tees Valley Partnership.

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

The report outlined a proposed scheme for the upgrading of a stretch of the Town Wall as part of the Hartlepool Coastal Walkway. The details of the scheme were set out and approval to proceed within the current financial year was sought, subject to the confirmation of Single Programme resources.

The Mayor asked if Ward Councillors had been consulted and was advised that a report had been considered by the North Hartlepool Partnership who had requested consultation with local residents. A plan and railing designs were available at the meeting and the Portfolio Holders were given a verbal update on the results of consultation with the residents adjacent to the Town Wall. Councillor Tumilty referred to the health and safety requirements in relation to the Railings. It was noted that planning consent is required for the installation of the railings therefore the scheme will need to be considered by the Planning Committee.

In addition, the report referred to the need for a feasibility study for the proposed Harbour Bridge, to be funded by a mix of public and private sector funding, within which a £50,000 Borough Council contribution was proposed from the approved Major Regeneration Projects Budget.

The report also referred to an invitation from Tees Valley Partnership to submit project proposals for Single Programme underspend in 2006/08. The report highlighted three potential schemes relating to the Heugh Battery/Friarage area of the Headland, feasibility and development work around the Southern Business Zone, and; feasibility and design work around the Town Centre/Marina area. Approval was sought to progress detailed applications subject to them being confirmed by the Tees Valley partnership as priorities for Single Programme support.

### **Decision**

- i) The Regeneration, Liveability and Housing Portfolio Holder and Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio Holder approved the Town Wall scheme involving upgrading of paving and provision of safety railing subject to approval of Single Programme resources and receipt of any necessary statutory consents. Officers were requested to keep Ward Councillors and the local residents informed of developments.
- ii) The Regeneration, Liveability and Housing Portfolio Holder approved the submission of additional bids for Single Programme resources as set out in the report.
- iii) The Regeneration, Liveability and Housing Portfolio Holder approved a contribution of £20,000 towards the design cost of the Town Wall scheme and a contribution of £50,000 towards the Harbour Bridge's Feasibility Study from the Major Regeneration Project Budget.

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