

JOINT REGENERATION, LIVEABILITY AND HOUSING AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO

DECISION RECORD

11th JANUARY 2007

The meeting commenced at 8.30am in the Municipal Buildings, Hartlepool

Present:

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

Officers: Stuart Green, Assistant Director (Planning and Economic Development)
 Mic Bannister, Principal Procurement and Finance Officer
 Diane Martin, Principal Economic Development Officer (Employment)
 Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted by Councillor Peter Jackson. The Mayor stated that in the absence of Councillor Jackson, and in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 and the Council's Constitution, he would exercise his powers of decision.

2. Proposed HBC Targeted Training and Employment Charter - Assistant Director (Planning & Economic Development) and Head of Procurement and Property Services

Type of decision

Non-Key

Purpose of report

To seek approval for the adoption of a Targeted Training and Employment Charter for implementation alongside the Council's Procurement Strategy.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The Portfolio Holder was advised as to proposed measures to ensure that the Council's Procurement Strategy would allow processes to require targeted training and employment provision where appropriate, via a 'Charter' approach. This would allow the Council to incorporate targeted training and employment matters in the core requirements when procuring works and services. It would not disadvantage non-local contractors or risk indiscriminate discrimination by requiring 'local' recruitment and training but could require opportunities for trainees and unemployed people or people recruited from named local agencies. This would benefit the local economy and assist in targeting re-spend locally, enabling economic activity of those previously unemployed.

The report gave details of a voluntary Charter which had already been established with a positive impact and effect on local employment and economic benefit. Similar approaches were being pursued via formal planning agreements attached to permissions for major developments and a Targeted Training and Employment Charter for Hartlepool would tie into and consolidate these while clarifying the Council's position to potential contractors and developers.

The Portfolio Holder supported the adoption of the Charter, asking that all Council departments become embedded in it.

Decision

- i. That the adoption of the Targeted Training and Employment Charter be approved for implementation alongside the Council's Procurement Strategy.
- ii. That the inclusion of the establishment of the Charter in Hartlepool within any reports supporting the regional CEI pilot, that will ultimately report to Central Government on the pilot outcomes, be endorsed.

J A BROWN

CHIEF SOLICITOR

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