

# **ADULT AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD**

15<sup>th</sup> January 2007

The meeting commenced at 9 a.m. in the Municipal Buildings, Hartlepool

**Present:**

Councillor Ray Waller (Adult and Public Health Services Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Ewen Weir, Assistant Director (Commissioning)  
Andrew Pearson, Parks and Countryside Manager  
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

## **21. Communities for Health Report** (*Director of Adult and Community Services*)

**Type of decision**

Key (test i applies)

**Purpose of report**

To seek authority to join the Communities for Health programme, which will result in a grant of £100,000 to support the Council and its partners in meeting the challenges we face in improving health and reducing inequalities.

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

The report gave details of the Communities for Health programme, including the strategic aims and anticipated developments. The criteria for use of the grant were appended to the report for the Portfolio Holder's attention. It was envisaged that the grant would be used to complement existing initiatives. Proposals for its use would be agreed by the Health and Care Strategy Group based on recommendations of the Public Health Strategy Group.

**Decision**

That Hartlepool Borough Council's participation in the Communities for Health programme be approved.

## **22. Development of Horticultural Project at Waverley Terrace** *(Director of Adult and Community Services)*

### **Type of decision**

Non-Key

### **Purpose of report**

To inform the Portfolio Holder regarding a proposal to allocate allotment land at Waverley Terrace site to Hartlepool Integrated Mental Health Services in order to develop a horticultural project involving service user volunteers.

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

The Allotment Site at Waverley Terrace had recently been refurbished to create a new 13-plot site with a perimeter fence in order to address site security and improve the visual impact of the allotments in regards to the adjacent properties. Hartlepool Integrated Mental Health Services had identified a group of Service User Volunteers who would like to develop an area of allotments land to grow fruit, vegetables and flowers. This produce would be used by their friends and families as well as local food co-operatives in the more disadvantaged areas of Hartlepool. This would have beneficial outcomes for the services users such as increased confidence, self esteem and skills development as well as benefiting the wider community and supporting the healthy eating agenda. Details of the proposal were provided and a proposed site plan was appended to the report for the Portfolio Holder's attention.

### **Decision**

That the report be noted

**J A BROWN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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