

REGENERATION, LIVEABILITY AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO

DECISION RECORD

16 February 2007

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. in Training Room 4,
Municipal Buildings, Hartlepool

Present:

The Mayor (Stuart Drummond)

Officers: Peter Scott, Director of Regeneration and Planning
Dave Stubbs, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Joanne Smithson, Head of Community Strategy
Derek Gouldburn, Urban Policy Manager
Pat Watson, Democratic Services Officer

61. Minor Works Proposals, Neighbourhood Consultative Forums - Head of Neighbourhood Management

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To request consideration of recommendations of the Central, North and South Neighbourhood Consultative Forums in respect of the minor works budget proposals.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report detailed the recommendations of spend on Minor Works projects in the Central, North and South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum areas.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder agreed the recommendations for funding as detailed in the report.

62. Health and Care Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) Programme 2006/7 - Head of Community Strategy

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To seek Portfolio Holder agreement to the proposed modification of the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) Health and Care Programme for 2006/07.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report detailed the proposed modifications.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder agreed the proposed modifications to the NRF Health & Care Programme for 2006/07 as detailed in the report.

63. Town Wall Paving Scheme – Head of Regeneration

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To request Portfolio Agreement to an amended design for the upgrading of the Town Wall paving scheme. Also to seek agreement to increase the level of the Council's contribution from the Major Regeneration Projects budget in order to secure approval of Single Programme resources towards the scheme.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report advised the Portfolio Holder of a recent court case, involving another local authority, which had an impact on the requirement of the Council to provide a protective railing alongside the proposed paving improvements to the Town Wall. In light of this and in reflection of resident consultation feedback it was proposed to amend the scheme design to exclude the railing from the majority of the length of the scheme.

The report also advised of feedback received as part of the Single Programme project appraisal process in which the level of match funding had been deemed to be insufficient to release Single Programme

resources. The Portfolio holder was requested to approve an additional £20,000 (£40,000 in all) from the Major Regeneration Projects budget to support the scheme.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder approved:

- (a) the revised design proposals as outlined in the report, and
- (b) additional funding of £20,000 (making a total contribution of £40,000) toward the overall project cost from the Major Regeneration Projects budget.

64. Pride in Hartlepool Proposals - Head of Public Protection

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To request consideration of recommendations of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group in respect of proposals for community projects.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report listed the proposals and recommendations for funding.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder agreed the recommendations of the Pride in Hartlepool Steering Group in respect of proposals for community projects.

65. Household Waste Recycling Kerbside Collection Contract - Head of Neighbourhood Management

Type of decision

For information

Purpose of report

To advise the Portfolio Holder of approval received by the Performance Management Portfolio Holder on 29th January 2007 to enter into a partnership with other Tees Valley local authorities for the joint procurement of the Household Waste Recycling Collection contract.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report provided a brief explanation of the current operation and contractual commitments, the proposed procurement route, and details of partnering authorities.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the report, urged caution and requested a detailed report to a future Portfolio meeting.

66. Regeneration and Planning Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 – Quarter 3 Monitoring Report - *Director of Regeneration and Planning Services*

Type of decision

For information

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the progress made against Regeneration and Planning Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 in the third quarter of the year.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report contained details of progress against actions contained in the Departmental Plan and the latest position of key performance indicators. Several key departmental achievements by the end of the third quarter of the year were also highlighted.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the achievement of key actions and third quarter outturn of performance information.

67. Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 – 3rd Quarter Monitoring Report - *Director of Neighbourhood Services*

Type of decision

For information

Purpose of report

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the progress made against the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 in the first three quarters of the year.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report detailed progress against the actions contained in the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 and the first three quarters outturns of key performance indicators.

Decision

The Portfolio Holder noted the achievement on actions and indicators.

68. Local Government Access to Information

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.

Minute 69 – Former Odeon Cinema and Feasibility Study – Head of Regeneration (Para 3 – this item contains exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)).

69. Former Odeon Cinema Options and Feasibility Study - Head of Regeneration

Type of decision

Non-key

The report was exempt under Para 3 as it contained exempt information under Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972 namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)).

Purpose of report

To provide a summary of the recently completed Options and Feasibility Study into the former Odeon Cinema and to seek endorsement of the reports recommendations. The report also identified future actions required by HBC partners and stakeholders in order to implement the recommendations.

Issue(s) considered by the Portfolio Holder

The report provided background information as to how the brief for the study had been prepared, the production of the study and details of the recommendations contained within it. A full copy of the study was attached as an appendix to the report.

The report also summarised the policy context within which the study had been prepared.

Decision

- (a) The Portfolio Holder noted, with disappointment, the primary conclusion of the Odeon Cinema Options and Feasibility Study, namely that there were no identifiable options for the feasible re-use, refurbishment or façade retention of the former Odeon Cinema.
- (b) In light of the conclusion of the report, the Portfolio Holder authorised Officers to prepare guidance and advice concerning the context in which an application for Listed Building Consent for the demolition and redevelopment of the Odeon would be positively considered.
- (c) The Portfolio Holder authorised the appropriate HBC Officers (working in partnership with New Deal for Communities Officers) to work proactively with the owners of the Odeon and interested developers including Three Rivers Housing Association to determine whether a sustainable redevelopment of the property is achievable by agreement between the parties.
- (d) Whilst supporting negotiations by agreement, the Portfolio Holder indicated his willingness to utilise Compulsory Purchase powers if necessary, to secure a sustainable redevelopment scheme for this site.
- (e) The Portfolio Holder requested that progress be monitored and an update report be brought to a future Portfolio meeting.

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