

ADDITIONAL MEETING - PLEASE NOTE VENUE

REGENERATION, LIVEABILITY AND HOUSING PORTFOLIO DECISION SCHEDULE



Monday 26th March 2007

at 10.02am or immediately following the Mayor's Executive Portfolio (being held at 10am) whichever is the later

in The Mayor's Office

The Mayor Stuart Drummond responsible for Regeneration, Liveability and Housing will consider the following items.

1. **KEY DECISIONS**
No items

2. **OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION**
 - 2.1 Allocation of Additional Neighbourhood Element 2007/8 – *Head of Community Strategy*

3. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**
No items

4. **REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS**
No items

**REGENERATION, LIVEABILITY & HOUSING
PORTFOLIO**

Report To Portfolio Holder
26th March 2007



Report of: Head of Community Strategy

Subject: ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL
NEIGHBOURHOOD ELEMENT 2007/8

SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the agreement of the Regeneration, Liveability & Housing Portfolio Holder for the allocation of additional Neighbourhood Element funding in 2007/8.

2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

Government Office North East announced in January 2007 that Hartlepool would receive an additional £65,000 of Neighbourhood Element Funding for 2007/8. Areas in receipt of Neighbourhood Element must include the mandatory outcome “improved quality of life for people in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods” in their Local Area Agreement (LAA). Following advice from the Government Office this report proposes that the additional funding be used to support the delivery of the mandatory Local Area Agreement outcome “empower local people to have a greater voice and influence” by supporting the work of the Community Network and HVDA.

3.0 RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Neighbourhood Element Funding is within the remit of the Regeneration, Liveability & Housing Portfolio.

4.0 TYPE OF DECISION

Non-Key.

5.0 DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Regeneration, Liveability & Housing Portfolio - 16th March 2007.
Hartlepool Partnership – 23rd March 2007.

6.0 DECISION REQUIRED

To agree the proposed allocation of the additional Neighbourhood Element for 2007/8.

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Subject: ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL
NEIGHBOURHOOD ELEMENT 2007/8

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the agreement of the Regeneration, Liveability & Housing Portfolio Holder for the allocation of additional Neighbourhood Element funding in 2007/8.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Portfolio Holder agreed the allocation of the Neighbourhood Element (NE) 4-year programme at the Portfolio Holder meeting in October 2005. Areas in receipt of Neighbourhood Element must include the mandatory outcome “improved quality of life for people in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods” in their Local Area Agreement (LAA).
- 2.2 In January 2007 Government Office North East announced that Hartlepool would receive an additional £65,000 of Neighbourhood Element Funding for 2007/8. In their announcement the Government Office encouraged areas in receipt of NE to consider using this to strengthen the voice of the Third Sector and local people in the design and delivery of the Local Area Agreement (LAA), which would assist in the delivery of the mandatory outcome “empower local people to have a greater voice and influence”.

3. ALLOCATION OF ADDITIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD ELEMENT 2007/8

- 3.1 Following encouragement from the Government Office this report proposes that the funding be used to support the delivery of the mandatory Local Area Agreement outcomes “improved quality of life for people in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods” and “empower local people to have a greater voice and influence” by supporting the work of the Community Network and HVDA.

3.2 Funding has already been allocated from the LAA (£215,000) to support the work of the Community Network and HVDA to deliver these outcomes and it is proposed that the additional £65,000 be used to extend the work that they will do in supporting local residents and community and voluntary sector groups. Activities will include:

- Support to Community Network representatives;
- Support to Neighbourhood Action Plan Forums;
- Provision of capacity building training and events;
- Support for Community & Voluntary Sector Groups in accessing funding and development opportunities;
- Delivery of a Community Chest grants programme.

3.3 The funding will form part of the LAA Service Level Agreement for 2007/8, which will also incorporate Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) monies.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 This report refers to £65,000 of a £581,000 budget for 2007/8. It is part of this enlarged budget that will support the community & voluntary sector and therefore there are no significant financial implications for the Council.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The Portfolio Holder is requested to agree the allocation of the additional NE for 2007/8.