

PLEASE NOTE VENUE

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO DECISION SCHEDULE



Tuesday 15th May 2007

at 10.00 a.m.

**in Conference Suite 1,
Belle Vue Community Sports and Youth Centre,
Kendal Road, Hartlepool**

Councillor Tumilty, Cabinet Member responsible for Culture, Leisure and Transportation will consider the following items.

1. KEY DECISIONS

No items

2. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

2.1 Ashgrove Avenue Proposed One-Way System – *Head of Technical Services*

2.2 Fens Shops Alleygates – *Head of Technical Services*

2.3 Northern Region Special Olympics, Proposed Football Festival at Grayfields Recreation Ground – *Director of Adult and Community Services*

3. REPORTS FOR INFORMATION / DISCUSSION

3.1 Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 – 4th Quarter Monitoring Report – *Director of Neighbourhood Services*

4. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS

No items

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder
15 May 2007



Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: ASHGROVE AVENUE PROPOSED ONE WAY
SYSTEM

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval for a one way system in Ashgrove Avenue, as per plan No.M50,536.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report details the investigations into the request, the consultation undertaken and the recommended course of action.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for traffic and transportation issues.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

This is a non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

This is an executive decision made by the Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

That the Portfolio Holder approves the introduction of a one way street in Ashgrove Avenue.

Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: ASHGROVE AVENUE PROPOSED ONE WAY SYSTEM

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for a one way system in Ashgrove Avenue, as per plan No.M50,536 (**Appendix 1**).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Several requests have been made over a period of time for Ashgrove Avenue to be made a one way street. These requests have come from local residents and also the Member of Parliament and are due to problems travelling along the road caused by the number of parked vehicles.
- 2.2 Ashgrove Avenue is a long road and is frequently full of parked vehicles on both sides, leaving nowhere for people to pull in and allow other vehicles to pass. Numerous altercations between motorists have been reported as a result of this.
- 2.3 The section of Haswell Avenue which runs parallel to Ashgrove Avenue became one way 5 years ago running northbound, and the Ashgrove one way street would run southbound, to form a loop, and prevent access difficulties for neighbouring streets.

3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 All properties in Ashgrove Avenue were consulted, with the replies detailed below:
- In favour of one way street – 46
 - Against one way street - 3
 - In favour, but would like the opposite direction – 4
 - In favour, but would like traffic calming - 1
- 3.2 This clearly demonstrates a significant level of support for the scheme. 2.3 above details why the one way system would run southbound, while the need for traffic calming would be monitored, as with all new schemes.

- 3.3 The only non-residential property in the road is the bakers, at 92 Ashgrove Avenue, who is against the proposal. He has cited difficulties for deliveries and access to his premises, however, the proposed one way street would not make getting to the shop any different to the current situation, with people being able to arrive via both Ashgrove Avenue and Windemere Road.
- 3.4 The only difference will be that people will no longer be able to leave the shop area via Ashgrove Avenue, but the adjacent streets – Haswell Avenue/Stockton Road and Brenda Road give easy alternative routes to the same point.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The signing of the one way street would be funded from the Council's Traffic Management budget.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 That in view of the significant support from local people, the one way street be approved.

APPENDIX 1



CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder
15 May 2007



Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: FENS SHOPS ALLEYGATES

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek a decision on the implementation of alleygates to the rear of Fens Shops, as per plan No. AG00257.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report details the investigations into the request, the consultation undertaken and the recommended course of action.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO HOLDER

The Portfolio Holder has responsibility for traffic and transportation issues.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

This is a non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

This is an executive decision made by the Portfolio Holder.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

Whether to approve the installation of gates or not.

Report of: Head of Technical Services

Subject: FENS SHOPS ALLEYGATES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek a decision on the implementation of alleygates to the rear of Fens Shops, as per plan No.AG00257 (**Appendix 1**).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The introduction of an alleygate scheme has been requested to the rear of Fens Shops following numerous complaints of anti-social behaviour. This has included underage drinking, criminal damage, arson, violence, males and females urinating, graffiti and intolerable noise for adjacent properties.
- 2.2 The Police are in support of the scheme and have reported that the number of youths who gather in the area can vary from 10 to as many as 90 in extreme cases. An off duty Police Officer has been assaulted in the area, along with another man in a separate incident.

3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 Consultation has taken place with local residents and businesses with the following results:
- 18 in favour of the scheme
 - 4 against the scheme
- 3.2 Those against the scheme complained about the following:
- i) it will only succeed in moving the problem into nearby residential areas;
 - ii) requested a gate be provided at the southern end to allow access for car parking;
 - iii) that the steps to access the flats above the shops will still suffer from anti-social behaviour, although these are in private ownership.

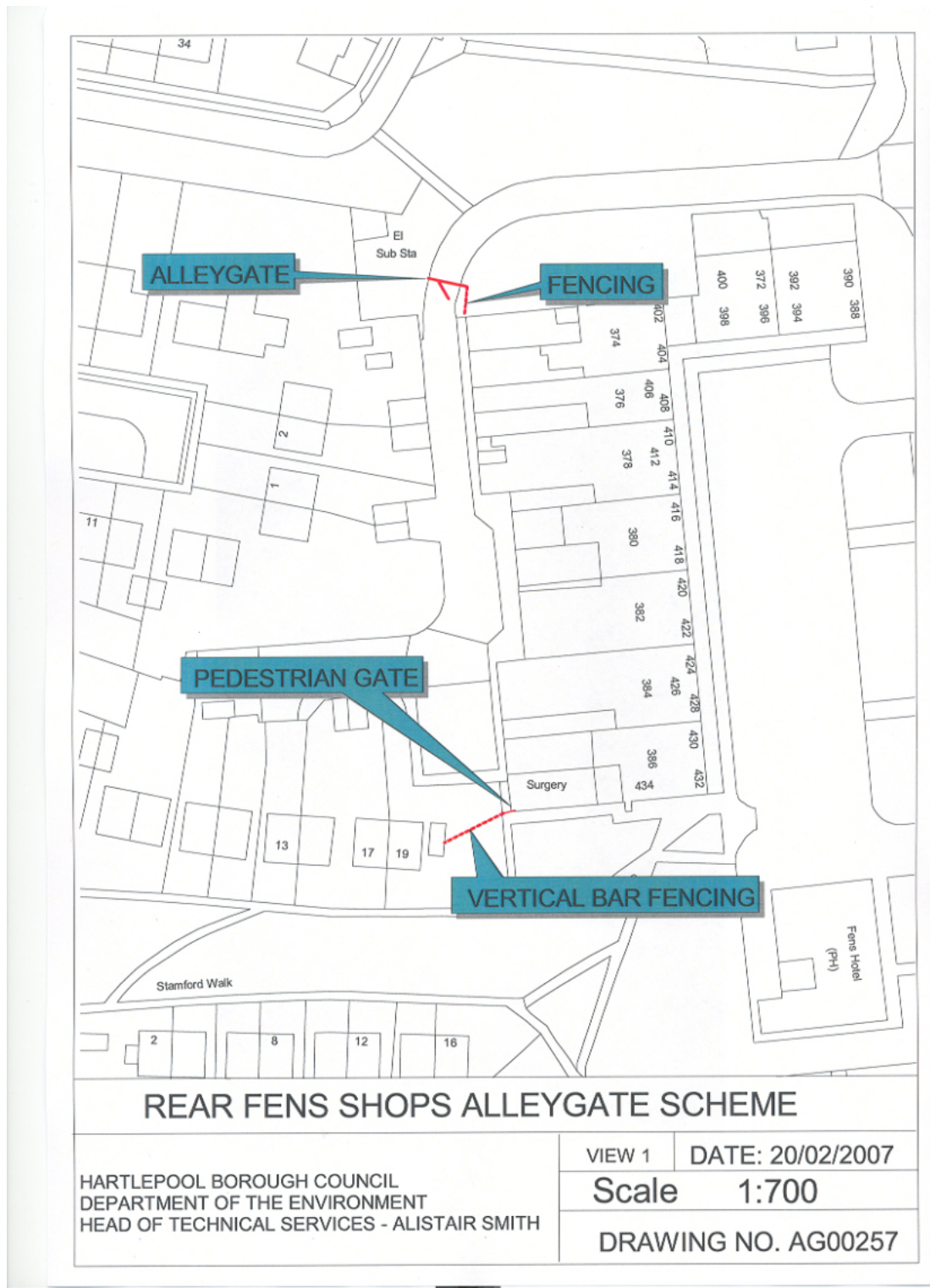
4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The scheme would be funded from a combination of the South Area Joint Action Group, Owton Manor NAP Forum and the South Neighbourhood Consultative Forum.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Whether to approve the installation of gates or not.

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CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

Report To Portfolio Holder
15th May 2007

Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: Northern Region Special Olympics, proposed
Football Festival at Grayfields Recreation
Ground.

SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Portfolio Holder of this event and confirm support for the event

2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

Special Olympics is a worldwide movement founded in the USA in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

Special Olympics Great Britain (SOGB) was established in 1978, as part of Special Olympics Worldwide. SOGB is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. Since its formation it has grown steadily to reach its present position with more than 130 groups in England, Scotland and Wales offering more than twenty sports in its training and competition framework.

Northern Region Special Olympics wish to hold a two day Football Festival at Grayfields Recreation Ground, making use of the new facilities with the addition of a marquee (Please see Map at **Appendix 1**).

3.0 RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Sports Development, Parks and Countryside and Recreation are part of the Culture, Leisure and Transportation portfolio.

4.0 TYPE OF DECISION

Non-Key

5.0 DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio meeting 15th May 2007

6.0 DECISION (S) REQUIRED

That the portfolio holder approves the hosting of the Event at Grayfields Recreation Ground

Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: Northern Region Special Olympics, proposed Football Festival at Grayfields Recreation Ground.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Portfolio Holder of this proposed event and confirm support for the event.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Special Olympics movement was founded in 1968 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the sister of President John F Kennedy, who believed that the Olympic ideals of sport could give confidence and new hope to people with learning disabilities as well as to those who cared for them. Special Olympics now reaches over 2.25 million athletes in 160 countries worldwide.
- 2.2 Special Olympics Great Britain (SOGB) was established in 1978, as part of the worldwide Special Olympics. SOGB is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. Since the formation of SOGB it has grown steadily to reach its present position of more than 130 groups in England, Scotland and Wales offering more than twenty sports in their training and competition programme.
- 2.3 They presently offer opportunities to more than 8000 children and adults with a learning disability and will work to expand opportunities to reach a further 10,000 individuals by 2010.
- 2.4 The Mission of Special Olympics Great Britain (SOGB) is to provide year-round sports training and competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for people with learning disabilities. This gives them the continuing opportunity to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of skills, gifts and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community.

2.5 The Aims Of Special Olympics Great Britain (SOGB) are:

- To provide quality sports training 48 weeks in each year - to encourage fitness, commitment and discipline through sport
- To provide as many Special Olympics athletes with the opportunity to participate, train and compete in as wide a variety of sports and events as possible
- To provide quality Coaching
- To help athletes develop social skills and build friendships through the interaction and team spirit of their sports training and competition
- To provide athletes with the experience of new cultures when travelling abroad
- To encourage athletes to compete and participate rather than have an emphasis on winning
- To promote the inclusion of people with a learning disability in mainstream sport

2.6 It is estimated that 1.3million children and adults with learning disabilities reside in Great Britain.

2.7 On the 3rd July 2007, it is intended to hold a Football Festival at Grayfields Recreation Ground as part of the SOGB program, spanning 2 days and involving 25 Football teams with 5 teams per division, apart from this competition there will be a skills festival and a marquee promoting different sports.

2.8 The event is being organised by the Sports Development Team along with SOGB representatives. The Parks & Countryside section are involved in the provision of the facilities. Attention is being paid to the use of grass pitches during their renovation period and areas for play have mostly been placed outside the main renovation areas. The marquee has also been sited outside main renovation areas (please see **Appendix 1**).

2.9 It is hoped to develop this event in years to come and possibly develop it beyond Football to other sports.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 It is not envisaged that this event will have major financial implications. Any major items of expenditure will be covered by grant funding being sought by the organisers. It is proposed to waive charges for the facilities at Grayfields as the event clearly supports many of the aims of the Football Development Plan for Hartlepool.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- i) That the Portfolio is requested to:

Note the report and give approval for the event to take place.

CONTACT OFFICER: Andrew Pearson, Parks and Countryside Manager

Background Papers

None.

2.3 APPENDIX 1



CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder

15 May 2007



Report of: Director of Neighbourhood Services

Subject: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
DEPARTMENTAL PLAN 2006/07 – 4TH
QUARTER MONITORING REPORT

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the progress made against the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 in the fourth quarter of the year.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

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

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

The Portfolio Member has responsibility for culture, leisure and transportation issues.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non-key.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Portfolio Holder meeting 15 May 2007.

6. DECISION REQUIRED

Achievement on actions and indicators be noted

Report of: Director of Neighbourhood Services

Subject: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
DEPARTMENTAL PLAN 2006/07 – 4TH
QUARTER MONITORING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Portfolio Holder of the progress made against the key actions identified in the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 and the progress of key performance.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio Holder agreed the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan in July 2006.
- 2.2 The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Transportation has responsibility for part of the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan.
- 2.2 The Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 sets out the key tasks and issues along with an Action Plan to show what is to be achieved by the department in the coming year.
- 2.4 The Council recently introduced an electronic performance management database for collecting and analysing performance. In 2006/07 the database will collect performance information detailed in the Corporate Plan, the five Departmental Plans and the Services Plans of the Neighbourhood Services Department.
- 2.5 Each section within the department produces a Service Plan, detailing the key tasks and issues facing them in the coming year. Each plan contains actions, detailing how each individual section contributes to the key tasks and priorities contained within the Neighbourhood Services Departmental plan and ultimately those of the Corporate plan.

3. FOURTH QUARTER PERFORMANCE

- 3.1 This section looks in detail at how the Neighbourhood Services Department have performed in relation to the key actions and performance indicators that were included in the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 for which the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Transportation has responsibility.

- 3.2 On a quarterly basis officers from across the department are requested, via the Performance Management database, to provide an update on progress against every action contained in the performance plans and, where appropriate, every performance indicator.
- 3.3 Officers provide a short commentary explaining progress made to date, and requested to traffic light each action based on whether or not the action will be, or has been, completed by the target date set out in the plans. The traffic light system has been slightly adjusted in 2006/07, following a review of the system used previously. The traffic light system is now:-

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|--------------|---|
| Red | - Action/PI not expected to meet target |
| Amber | - Action/PI expected to be meet target |
| Green | - Action/PI target achieved |

- 3.4 Within the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan there are a total of 95 actions and 117 Performance Indicators identified. The Portfolio Holder for Culture, Leisure and Transportation has responsibility for 16 of these actions and 22 of these performance indicators. Table 1, below, summarises the progress made at the end of the fourth quarter towards achieving these actions and performance indicators.

Table 1 – Neighbourhood Services progress summary

| | Departmental Plan | | Regeneration, Liveability & Housing Portfolio | |
|---------------|-------------------|-----|---|-----|
| | Actions | PIs | Actions | PIs |
| Green | 82 | 84 | 12 | 16 |
| Amber | 5 | 2 | - | - |
| Red | 8 | 25 | 4 | 2 |
| Annual | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 95 | 117 | 16 | 18 |

- 3.5 12 of the actions for which the Portfolio Holder has responsibility have already been completed, with the remaining four not completed as anticipated. Table 2 Below highlights those actions which have not met target.

Table2: Actions not completed on target/not on target

| Ref | Action | Milestone | Comment |
|-------|--|-----------|--|
| NS043 | Improve utilisation of the Council fleet and greater efficiencies in transport provision | June 06 | Problems experienced with vehicle routing and scheduling software, work ongoing with software company to rectify. Fleet management system being considered through Tees Valley Procurement Group. Integrated Transport Unit report to Corporate Management Team in May |
| NS044 | Provide an integrated transport strategy for the delivery of community transport services | Mar 07 | Report to Corporate Management Team in May 2007 with project initiation document. Working with Children's Services on contracts. Children's Services have procured the services of a consultant to assist with the tendering process. |
| NS045 | To co-ordinate the delivery of the Council's Dial a Ride service in conjunction with the Council's community transport services providing greater efficiencies in vehicle utilisation and an enhanced Dial a Ride service. | Jul 06 | Problems encountered with vehicle routing and scheduling software. Currently being discussed with software company. Dial a Ride operated in house from the 1 st April 2007. |
| NS048 | To actively target the Council's 2010 casualty targets by the introduction of local safety schemes. | Feb 07 | Local safety scheme at Newburn bridge has started on site, however this is not due to be completed until May 2007. |

3.6 It can also be seen that 16 of the Performance Indicators have been highlighted as having achieved the target, with 2 of indicators not achieving the target. Details of these indicators are shown in table 3 below.

Table3: Performance Indicators not on target

| Ref | Description | Target | Outturn | Comment |
|---------|---|--------|---------|--|
| NS043 | The percentage of pedestrian crossings with facilities for disabled people, as a proportion of all crossings in the local authority area. | 100% | 92% | 3 crossings require tactile indicators to be fitted. Middlesbrough BC as contractors have recently confirmed that these will be fitted in May 2007, to bring the outturn for this indicator to 100%. |
| LAA E11 | Number of people killed or seriously injured | 339 | 39 | Figures have shown a good reduction from those recorded for last year. Indications are that figures for the coming year are expected to be maintained at least at the present levels |

- 3.7 It has not been possible to provide updates on the remaining four indicators, due to information required from external agencies, however it is expected that a verbal update of these indicators will be provided to the Portfolio Holder at the meeting of 15th May 2007. Table 4 below highlights these indicators.

Table 4: Performance Indicators - No Update

| Ref | Description |
|--------|--|
| BV102 | Passenger journeys on Buses. Number of local bus passenger journeys originating in the authority area undertaken each year |
| BV 187 | Condition of surface footway. Percentage of the category 1, 1a and 2 footway network where structural maintenance should be considered. |
| BV 223 | Condition of principal roads. Percentage of the local authority principal road network where structural maintenance should be considered. |
| BV224a | Condition of non- principal roads. Percentage of the local authority non-principal road network where structural maintenance should be considered. |

- 3.8 During the year the Neighbourhood Services Department completed a number of actions for which the Portfolio Holder has responsibility, including: -
- A successful programme of traffic enforcements around schools has helped provide children and parents with a safer environment.
 - Pedestrian and cycle road safety training for children have been completed with targets for children to be trained, exceeded.
 - The Local Transport Plan bus strategy has been implemented and the Dial-a-ride service is now being provided 'in-house'

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 It is recommended that achievement of key actions and first quarter outturns of performance indicators are noted.