

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

DECISION RECORD

15th May 2007

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m. at Belle Vue Community, Sports & Youth Centre, Kendal Road, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor Victor Tumilty (Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio Holder)

Officers: John Mennear, Assistant Director (Community Services)
Alastair Smith, Head of Technical Services
Mike Blair, Transportation and Traffic Manager
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

Also Present: Councillor Steve Gibbon
Residents Mr and Mrs Greenwell

130. Fens Shops Alleygates (*Head of Technical Services*)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To seek a decision on the implementation of alleygates to the rear of Fens Shops.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The introduction of an alleygate scheme to the rear of Fens Shops had been requested following numerous complaints of anti-social behaviour. The Police were in support of the scheme.

Consultation had taken place with local residents and businesses. Of the 22 respondents 18 were in favour of the proposal while 4 were against. Details were given of the reasons for these objections.

Ward Councillor Steve Gibbon spoke in favour of the implementation of the alleygates while Residents Mr and Mrs Greenwell detailed their reasons for objecting to the proposed installation. These included the need to open two sets of gates to gain entrance to their property and their

concerns at having to do this late at night with youths nearby.

The Portfolio Holder advised that he was personally against the installation of alleygates but made decisions objectively, based on the available evidence and opinions of residents. In this case he had strong concerns about the safety of residents opening the gates late at night and requested that the matter be deferred to a future meeting. This was to enable the Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Communities and the Head of Neighbourhood Management to have more involvement and to allow input from the ward councillors, residents association and neighbourhood police.

Decision

That the matter be deferred for future consideration.

131. Ashgrove Avenue Proposed One-Way System (*Head of Technical Services*)

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

To seek approval for a one-way system in Ashgrove Avenue.

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

Several requests had been made for Ashgrove Avenue to be made a one way street due to problems travelling along the road caused by the number of parked vehicles. Haswell Avenue, which runs parallel to Ashgrove Avenue, became one-way five years ago running northbound so it was proposed that Ashgrove run southbound to prevent access difficulties for neighbouring streets.

All properties in Ashgrove Avenue were consulted and of the 54 respondents 46 were in favour of the proposals while 4 were in favour but would prefer it to run in the opposite direction. Only three respondents were against the proposal. The Council's Traffic Management Budget would cover the necessary signage.

Decision

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

132. Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 – 4th Quarter Monitoring Report *(Director of Neighbourhood Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

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

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

A detailed report was provided on the progress against the actions contained in the Neighbourhood Services Departmental Plan 2006/07 and the fourth quarter outturns of key performance indicators.

The Traffic and Transportation Manager gave a verbal update on a number of performance indicators covering passenger journeys on buses and the condition of footways and roads.

The Head of Technical Services thanked the Portfolio Holder for his support over the previous year. The Portfolio Holder paid tribute to all the officers within the Neighbourhood Services Department, thanking them for their contribution.

Decision

That the achievement on actions and indicators be noted.

132. Northern Regional Special Olympics, Proposed Football Festival at Grayfields Recreation Ground *(Director of Adult and Community Services)*

Type of decision

Non-key

Purpose of report

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

Issue(s) for consideration by Portfolio Holder

The Special Olympics Movement was founded in 1968 based on the Olympic ideals of sport giving confidence and new hope to people with learning disabilities and their carers. Special Olympics Great Britain was

established in 1978 as part of this movement.

On the 3rd July 2007 it was proposed to hold a Football Festival at Grayfields Recreation Ground spanning two days and involving 25 Football teams. The event was being organised by the Sports Development Team and representatives of Special Olympics Great Britain. The Parks and Countryside Section were involved in the provision of the facilities and attention would be paid to the use of grass pitches during their renovation period. It was not envisaged that there would be any major financial implications for the council as Special Olympics Great Britain would be claiming grant funding.

Decision

That the hosting of the event at Grayfields Recreation Ground be approved.

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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