

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE**

HELD ON TUESDAY, 26 APRIL, 2005

Present: Councillor A Napier (Chair)

Councillors R Crute, S Huntington,
D Myers, C Reynolds, F Shaw and
R J Todd

Apologies: Councillors J Goodwin, G Patterson
and Mrs J Freak

1 **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on 5 April, 2005, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

2 **GENERAL FUND/HOUSING REVENUE/CAPITAL – FINANCIAL MONITORING STATEMENT 2004/2005**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Corporate Services, which advised of the financial position for the period 1 April 2004 to 28 February 2005, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

Budget holders were required to carry out a monthly exercise of examining their spending and the appendices/statements attached to the report reflected the forecasted position to the 31 March, 2005.

Members were advised that the final accounts would clarify the situation further. The revenue accounts were in a strong position from a reserve point of view and whilst the general fund still had issues around the base budget for future years, these would be monitored through the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Following the improved subsidy position the HRA base budget looked more stable than in previous years. If the subsidy position was maintained by central government then the account should be sustainable for the foreseeable future.

RESOLVED that the information contained within the report, be noted.

3 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 9 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

4 **EAST DURHAM LINK ROAD AND HAWTHORN PRESTIGE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration which gave an update on progress with the East Durham Link Road and Hawthorn Prestige Industrial Estate, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the submission of a planning application which sought designation of the central development zone for industrial end use be approved.
- (ii) the proposals for the road scheme including access into the Hawthorn site be endorsed.
- (iii) the County Council be instructed to acquire the land required for the road scheme and obtain any easements and/or licences by agreement with the parties concerned, on terms agreed by the County Council's Corporate Services, or, failing agreement for all or any parts of the land concerned to be acquired by means of a Compulsory Purchase Order.
- (iv) the dedication to the County Council, for highway purposes, of approximately 37,024 square metres of land originally acquired for open space purposes be approved and the appropriate consent from One North East for the change of use be sought.
- (v) the County Council be instructed to process the necessary Order to Stop Up and divert Public Rights Of Way And Private Means of Access along the length of the road scheme in accordance with the appropriate sections of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Highways Act 1980.
- (vi) approval be granted, in principle, to enter into a legal agreement with English Partnerships, as outlined in paragraph 5.21, subject to a further report being received outlining the implications for the Council.
- (vii) the progression of all other legal matters incidental to the scheme be endorsed.

CERTIFIED TRUE RECORD

CHAIR

DATE

