

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

HELD ON TUESDAY, 13TH DECEMBER, 2005

Present: Councillor A. Napier (Chair)
Councillors R. Crute, Mrs. J. Freak, J. Goodwin,
D. Myers, G. Patterson, F. Shaw and R.J. Todd

1. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on 22nd November, 2005, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

2. **PARTNERSHIP SCRUTINY REPORT FOR REGENERATION AND PARTNERSHIPS**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration which gave details of partnership arrangements within the regeneration portfolio, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

Members were advised that the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee had also considered the report.

RESOLVED that the information contained within the report and the positive progress made, be noted.

3. **GENERAL FUND/HOUSING REVENUE - 2005/2006 MONITORING STATEMENT**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Services which gave details of the financial position for the period 1st April to 31st October, 2005, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services outlined the position on the General Fund and the Housing Revenue Account.

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

4. **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 they involved the disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraphs 9 and 11, Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

5. **DURHAM COALFIELD HOUSING MARKET UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration, which gave details of progress made by the Durham Coalfields Housing Market Renewal Partnership, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The purpose of the report was to consider recommendations from the Settlement Study and consider the local implications and issues that the Durham Coalfields Housing Market Renewal work had brought forward and the subsequent recommendations.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the findings of the Jacobs Babbie Phase 3 Study be endorsed;
- (ii) the priority settlements identified for intervention across the County Durham Sub-Region be approved;
- (iii) approval be granted for the direct appointment of the successful consultants awarded the Peterlee Master Planning Phase 2 work via English Partnerships selection process to ensure adequate compliance with requirements of the Area Development Framework process in the Horden wards;
- (iii) resources to complete the requirements of an Area Development Framework, via consultants, anticipated to be £75,000 to £100,000 plus VAT, be sourced from the existing Strategic Housing Investment Programme Funding and the Council's Strategic Reserve Fund.

6. EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNAL DECISION

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Personnel and Payroll, which provided details of an Employment Tribunal case which resulted in a judgement against the Council, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that the decision of the Tribunal be noted and approval be granted to meet the cost of the settlement from the insurance fund.