

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

HELD ON TUESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 2006

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

Apologies: Mrs. J. Freak and P.G. Ward

1. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on 28th November, 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.
2. **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE APPOINTED PROPER OFFICERS FOR THE DISTRICT OF EASINGTON FOR MATTERS RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Health which sought approval to appoint a new Proper Officer for Matters Relating to Public Health and the Control of Infectious Disease (the "Proper Officer"), and alternate Proper Officers for the District of Easington, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

Members were advised that the appointments had arisen following changes to the on call arrangements for public health and health protection matters in County Durham and the Tees Valley.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) Dr A R Marshall, Director, County Durham and Tees Valley Health Protection Unit, be appointed as Proper Officer for Matters Relating to Public Health and the Control of Infectious Disease (the "Proper Officer"), for the District Council of Easington;
- (ii) Dr D Wilson's appointment as Proper Officer for the District Council of Easington be removed;
- (iii) the following Officers be appointed as Alternative Proper Officers for the District Council of Easington;

Dr D Wilson
Dr I Holtby
Dr K Foster
Dr R Gorton
Dr M Khaw
- (iv) the following Officers be removed from the list of Alternative Proper Officers for the District Council of Easington;

Dr D Walker
Dr K Snider
Dr A Low
Dr P Cresswell

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF BUSINESS COUNCILLOR G. PATTERSON DECLARED A PERSONAL BUT NOT PREJUDICIAL INTEREST.

3. URBAN AND RURAL RENAISSANCE SCHEME IN HORDEN

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration which sought approval to provide a financial contribution to a scheme being undertaken in Horden as part of the Urban and Rural Renaissance Initiative (URRI), a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the environmental improvement scheme at Horden be endorsed;
- (ii) a contribution of £15,000 to the Horden scheme from the Flexible Regeneration Budget be agreed;
- (iii) Landlords consent be granted for the works being undertaken at Horden on Council owned land.

4. EASINGTON DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration, which gave details of the findings of the Easington Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report for 2005/2006 and sought approval for a revised Local Development Scheme amending the programme for development plan preparation work, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the draft Easington Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report 2005/2006 and revised Easington District Local Development Scheme be submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for approval in accordance with the requirements of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004
- (ii) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Regeneration and Development in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration to amend the Local Development Scheme in response to any comments received from the Secretary of State prior to publication of the Scheme

5. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/2007 – HALF YEAR REVIEW

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Resources which gave details of progress made on delivering the 2006/2007 Capital Programme, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The report also sought approval of the Capital Programme Working Groups (CPWG) recommendations related to the half year review of the 2006/2007 Capital Programme, the release of new monies (Capital Receipts) into the programme to

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support works undertaken by East Durham Homes (EDH) and the new "Capital Allowance"

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the monitoring position statement on the 2006/2007 Capital Programme be noted;
- (ii) the recommendations of the CPWG in relation to the half year review of the 2006/2007 Capital Programme be agreed;
- (iii) the release of additional resources (Capital Receipts) of £260,000 to fund office works at Peterlee and Murton and for the additional use of hand held computers be agreed;
- (iv) approval be granted to spend £12,203,000 on affordable housing and regeneration activities during the three year period 2006/2007 to 2008/2009.

6. ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

In accordance with the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, Section 100B(4)(b) the Chair, following consultation with the Proper Officer, agreed that two items of business, not shown on the Agenda, be considered as a matter of urgency. However, due to the confidential nature of one of the items it be considered following the exclusion of the press and public.

7. PARENTING PROVISION – HOME OFFICE FUNDING (AOB)

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Liveability which gave details of an invitation to bid for Home Office resources to increase parenting support programmes in the district and outlined a proposal that could form the basis of a bid, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that the proposals outlined in the report form the basis of a submission to the Respect Parenting Programme.

8. 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 item of business on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 4, Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

9. RESTRUCTURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND WORKSHOP SECTIONS (AOB)

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Liveability which sought approval to restructure the workshops and resources sections within the Environmental Operations Unit, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

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RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the revised staffing structure designed to provide adequate cover for the vehicle maintenance of the refuse collection fleet be agreed;
- (ii) the proposal of the Vehicle Inspector Assistant to comply with health and Safety and V.O.S.A. requirements with regards to MOT activities be approved;
- (iii) the restructure of the Resources Unit to improve financial management and manage the improved procurement system to obtain value for money be approved;
- (iv) the Councils agreed policies and procedures for managing organisational change be implemented in the filling of the proposed structure.

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