

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF THE EXECUTIVE

HELD ON TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2007

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

Apologies: Councillors Mrs E Huntington and P G Ward

- 1 **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on 20 March 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

2 **URBAN AND RURAL RENAISSANCE SCHEME IN SHOTTON**

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

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the environmental improvement scheme at Shotton be approved
- (ii) a contribution of £20,000 to the scheme be approved from the Flexible Regeneration Budget 2007/2008
- (iii) Landlords consent be granted for the work to be undertaken by Durham County Council on Council owned land.

3 **SCRUTINY REVIEW OF EAST DURHAM LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

Consideration was given to the report of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee which gave details of the findings of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee's review of the East Durham Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

The Chair of the Partnership's Scrutiny Committee advised that the Partnership's Scrutiny Committee considered and agreed the report on 3 April 2007 following a six-month in-depth review of the East Durham LSP.

The Scrutiny Support manager advised that following adoption of the Terms of Reference for the review the committee considered a report from the LSP Manager which detailed the role of the East Durham LSP, its composition, accountability and scrutiny/governance arrangements. Details of questions put to the LSP Manager together with responses were attached at Appendix A. Interviews were also conducted with each LSP thematic sub group Chair and representatives from the Community Empowerment Network, details of which were outlined in the report.

Whilst not forming part of the review's original Terms of Reference, linkages were identified between the work of the East Durham LSP and the newly established County Durham Local Area Agreement. As a result the Councils Assistant Chief Executive was interviewed on how the County Durham Local Area Agreement fit with the work of the East Durham LSP

The Scrutiny Support Manager explained that following investigations and interviews a summary and conclusions were drawn up which concentrated on the agreed Terms of Reference, all of which were outlined in the report.

The Chair thanked the Scrutiny Support Manager and everyone involved in the work undertaken.

RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the recommendations outlined in the report be approved;
- (ii) the report be referred to the East Durham Local Strategic Partnership Executive for consideration.

4 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/2007 – PERFORMANCE MONITORING

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 to the end of December 2006, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that the monitoring position statement on the 2006/2007 Capital Programme as at December 2006 be noted.

5 ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEM 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 the following item of business, not shown on the Agenda, be considered as a matter of urgency.

6 DISPOSAL OF LAND AT EDENHILL TO EAST DURHAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST (AOB)

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration which sought approval to dispose of 0.4 acres at Edenhill to East Durham Community Development Trust at a price considered to be less than best consideration. The report indicated the reasons for the proposed disposal on this basis, in line with the Councils agreed policy to justify the waiving of Contract Standing Order No 31.

RESOLVED that Contract Standing Order No 31 be waived and approval be granted to dispose of 0.4 acres of land at Edenhill to East Durham Community Development Trust for £100,000 in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 General Disposals Consent (England) 2003.