

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF THE EXECUTIVE

HELD ON TUESDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2007

Present: Councillor A. Napier (Chair)
Councillors Mrs. J. Freak,
Mrs. E. Huntington, D. Myers,
Mrs. A. Naylor, G. Patterson,
R.J. Todd and P.G. Ward

Apologies: Councillors R. Crute and F. Shaw

1. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on 24 July 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

2. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/2007 - PERFORMANCE MONITORING - OUTTURN**

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 and outlined the outturn position, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

It was pointed out that as a result of decent homes schemes a further 180 dwellings now met the decent homes standard. At the year end the housing stock totalled 8,979 properties of which 983 were classed as decent. Works were undertaken to a further 3776 properties to prevent them falling into higher levels of non-decency.

The Chair made reference to the scheme at Argyle Place, South Hetton where there were still tenants to be rehoused.

RESOLVED that the outturn position statement on the 2006/2007 Capital Programme, be noted.

3. **GENERAL FUND/HOUSING REVENUE - 2007/2008 MONITORING STATEMENT**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Resources which gave details of the financial position for the period 1st April 2007 to 30th June 2007.

Members were advised of the revised forecast position on the General Fund and the summarised position on the Housing Revenue Account.

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

4. **APPOINTMENT OF PROJECT OFFICER (NORTH PETERLEE PATHFINDER AREA)**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Liveability which sought approval for a grant funded fixed term appointment of a Project Officer to drive reductions in criminal damage and secondary/deliberate fires in the North Peterlee area, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

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Members advised that the project had been subject to a detailed appraisal by the North Peterlee Pathfinder Board who had approved the grant support for this scheme.

It was explained that criminal damage was a “high volume” crime nationally. In 2006/2007 the North Peterlee area accounted for 22% of the Districts total criminal damage incidents, and therefore was a high candidate for intervention work.

This had already begun in part of the area through a 3 month action plan being jointly implemented with the Council, Police, Fire and East Durham Homes and residents groups and involved a variety of education and enforcement measures. This approach would now extend across North Peterlee.

RESOLVED that approval be granted for the fixed term appointment of a Project Officer for the North Peterlee Pathfinder area.

5. 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 3 and 4, Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

6. DEMOLITION OF HOWLETTCH COMMUNITY CENTRE AND PETERLEE BOYS CLUB

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration which sought approval to demolish Howlettch Community Centre and Peterlee Boys Club, Grampian Drive, Peterlee, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that approval be granted to proceed with the demolition of Howlettch Community Centre and Peterlee Boys Club.

7. LAND AT WINDSOR PLACE, SHOTTON

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration which sought approval to dispose of land at Windsor Place, Shotton to Haslam Homes for residential development, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that approval be granted to dispose of the land at Windsor Place, Shotton on the terms outlined in the report.

8. REVIEW OF THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR MANAGING ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Resources which gave details of revisions to the Council's Policy and Procedures for Managing Organisational Change, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

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RESOLVED that the revised Policy and Procedures for Managing Organisational Change be adopted with immediate effect.

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