

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE

HELD ON TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2008

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

Apologies: Councillor Mrs J Freak and P G Ward

1. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on 25 November 2008 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

2. **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FOR COUNTY DURHAM**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration which gave details of progress made in preparing an Annual Monitoring Report and Local Development Scheme for County Durham, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that the content of the Annual Monitoring Report and Local Development Scheme, be noted.

3. **OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON EASINGTON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - PREFERRED OPTIONS FOR CORE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT DOCUMENT**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration which gave details of the response to the publication of the Preferred Options for a Core Strategy and Development Management document of the Easington Local Development Framework and sought approval for the associated Appropriate Assessment, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the response to the consultation on the Easington Local Development Framework Core Strategy and Development Management Preferred Options document be noted,
- (ii) the revised Appropriate Assessment of the document be endorsed and recommended to the new unitary authority in preparation of a Local Development Framework for County Durham.

4. **FAMILY INITIATIVE SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S HEALTH (FISCH) PROGRAMME IN EASINGTON**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Social Inclusion and Culture which sought approval to appoint a Physical Activity Officer as part of the Family Initiative Supporting Children's Health (FISCH) programme which was to be introduced by The County Durham and Darlington Primary Care Trust within Easington, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that approval be granted to appoint a Physical Activity Officer as part of the FISCH project within Easington on a fixed term contract until March 2010.

5. 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 three items of business, not shown on the Agenda, be considered as a matter of urgency. However, due to the exempt nature of one of the items of business it be considered following the exclusion of the press and public.

6. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2008/2009 – HALF YEAR REVIEW (AOB)

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Resources which gave details of progress made on delivering the 2008/2009 Capital Programme and actions taken in light of current financial pressures, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the decisions of the Capital Programme Working Group related to the half year review of the 2008/2009 programme be endorsed,
- (ii) the revised programme be approved,
- (iii) the position statement at the end of the half year be noted.

7. HAZELWELL COMMUNITY CENTRE (AOB)

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration which gave details of the outcome of the evaluation of the Hazelwell Centre and its Management Committee and sought approval for the transfer of land owned by the District of Easington to the Hazelwell Centre Management Committee, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the transfer of the freehold asset to the Hazelwell Centre, with a condition over restricting any future alternative use, be approved,
- (ii) the Hazelwell Centre's Management Committee or it's successor be required as part of the legal transfer to produce an annual report to the Council outlining it's activities, membership, trustee arrangements and finances.

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 items of business on the grounds that they involved the disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraphs 1 & 3, Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

9. EARLY RETIREMENT

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Resources which gave details of a request for early retirement with unreduced benefits, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

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RESOLVED that the request for early retirement, under Regulation 30 of the LGPS on an unreduced basis, be approved.

10. EARLY RETIREMENT

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Resources which gave details of a request for early retirement with enhanced benefits including augmented service and a redundancy payment, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that the request for early retirement be refused as it did not meet the requirements of the Council's ER/EV Scheme.

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT IN EASINGTON DISTRICT (AOB)

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration which gave details of the future of the Neighbourhood Management Programmes currently in operation in the Easington District Council area, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the NMP in Easington and Horden be authorised to manage a declining local presence during 2008/2009 and support the existing board through the Councils Regeneration Initiatives section,
- (ii) the North Peterlee commitment of £258,000 be honoured from Area Based Grant for 2009/2010 and the declining local presence be managed during the period with a reduced level of dedicated staff supported by the Councils Regeneration Initiatives team.
- (iii) consultation be undertaken with the trade unions to ensure that where staff were at risk of redundancy the Councils agreed management of change policy was applied.

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