

AREA 1 FORUM

Monday,
11 December 2006
6.30 p.m.

Memorial Room,
Town Hall, Spennymoor

AGENDA and REPORTS

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To notify the Chairman if you have an interest in the following items.

3. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2006. (Pages 3 - 8)

4. POLICE REPORT INCLUDING ROAD SAFETY

A representative of Spennymoor Police will attend the meeting to give a report on crime statistics, initiatives in the area and road safety.

5. SEDGEFIELD NECA

Presentation to be given regarding the Sedgefield necA, High Street Project.

6. SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

(a) Application - Family/Community Support Area - Tudhoe Grange School

Report of Head of Strategy and Regeneration. (Pages 9 - 12)

(b) Application - Middlestone Moor Play Area Phase 3

Report of Head of Strategy and Regeneration. (Pages 13 - 16)

7. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th February 2007 at 6.30 p.m. in the Memorial Room, Spennymoor Town Hall

9. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

To consider any other business which, with the consent of the Chairman, may be submitted. Representatives are respectfully requested to give the Chief Executive notice of items to be raised under this heading no later than 12 noon on the Friday preceding the meeting in order that consultation may take place with the Chairman who will determine whether the item will be accepted.

Brian Allen
Chief Executive

Council Offices
SPENNYMOOR
1st December 2006

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Item 3

SEDFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

AREA 1 FORUM

Conference Room 1,
Council Offices,
Spennymoor

Monday,
6 November 2006

Time: 6.30 p.m.

- Present:** Councillor J.M. Khan (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and
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| Councillor A. Gray | – | Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor M.T.B. Jones | – | Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor B.M. Ord | – | Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor Mrs. C. Sproat | – | Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor A. Smith | – | Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor K. Thompson | – | Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Councillor W. Waters | – | Sedgefield Borough Council |
| Inspector A. Green | – | Durham Constabulary |
| Councillor N. Foster | – | Durham County Council |
| M. Fordham | – | County Durham PCT |
| G. Darkes | – | Greenways Residents Association |
| A. Lamb | – | Greenways Residents Association |
| A. Stapleton | – | Eden Residents Association |
| E. Croft | – | Neighbourhood Watch |
| C. Todd | – | Sedgefield Borough Learning
Co-ordinator |
| B. Abley | – | Spennymoor Settlement |
| P. Storey | – | Spennymoor Settlement |
| M. Welsh | – | Spennymoor Settlement |
| W. G. Wheaton | – | Spennymoor Settlement |
| V. Williams | – | Spennymoor Settlement |
| S. Dobson | – | Spennymoor Settlement |
| L. Edgar | – | Spennymoor Settlement |
| M. Marsden | – | Spennymoor Settlement |
| Councillor Mrs. M. Smith | – | Spennymoor Town Council |
| Councillor Mrs. E.Maddison | – | Councillor for Spennymoor Ward,
Spennymoor Town Council |
| L. Aunger | – | St. John's Ambulance, Spennymoor |
| B. Argyle | – | Local Resident |
| E. Hodgson | – | Local Resident |
| F. Ryder | – | Local Resident |
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- Apologies:** Councillor Mrs.A.M.Armstrong – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. B. Graham – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor E. Foster – Durham County Council
Councillor Ms. S. Armstrong – Spennymoor Town Council

AF(1)15/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Councillors indicated that they would be declaring an interest in the following items:

Councillor A. Gray :	Item 4 – Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme – The Spennymoor Settlement	Personal Interest – Member of Spennymoor Settlement
Councillor A. Smith :	Item 4 – Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme – The Spennymoor Settlement	Personal Interest – Member of Executive Committee – Spennymoor Settlement
Councillor W. Waters	Item 4 – Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme – The Spennymoor Settlement	Prejudicial Interest – Member of Sedgefield Borough Council Cabinet

AF(1)16/06 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(1)17/06 SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - THE SPENNYMOOR SETTLEMENT

NB : In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Members’ Code of Conduct Councillors A. Gray and A. Smith declared a personal interest in the above item and remained in the meeting.

NB : In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Members’ Code of Conduct Councillor W. Waters declared a prejudicial interest in the above item and left the meeting for the duration of discussion on the item.

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration regarding the above. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members of the Forum were reminded that £836,000 had been allocated over three years to 2008/09 for the Local Improvement Programme in Area

1 to tackle the issues as outlined in the Council's Community Strategy. The allocation for 2006/07 was £278,800.

The role of the Area Forum was to provide a view as to the priority of the project within the area. The project would then be considered by the Council's Management Team and Cabinet. The latter would decide whether or not to allocate funding tot the project.

Spennymoor Settlement Regeneration Project

D. Acock, Spennymoor Settlement, was in attendance to present the application.

The project involved refurbishing the existing facilities at the Everyman Theatre to enable the Settlement Association to provide extra arts and community based activities to ensure that the theatre was used to its full extent and safeguard it for the future. The theatre was built in 1939 and was a Grade II Listed Building.

It was pointed out that if the Heritage Lottery Fund did not agree to provide the required match funding for the scheme, other possible sources of funding had been identified.

The Forum noted that the scheme would not proceed without match funding being available. The project met all the Local Improvement Programme criteria and would link in very well with the planned development of Spennymoor Leisure Centre.

The Forum agreed to support the project.

AF(1)18/06 REVIEW OF AREA FORUMS

The Forum was informed that a Scrutiny Review Group had been established to examine the operation of Area Forums to determine their effectiveness to identify changes that could be made to strengthen community involvement. A copy of the Group's report had been included in the agenda. (For copy see file of Minutes)

The Forum's attention was drawn to the following recommendations of the Review Group:

1. Area Forums be re-named and re-launched as Community Forums to reflect a greater emphasis on community involvement and the number be replaced with a name that reflects the area.
2. Agenda items to be based on local issues identified through the development of Local Area Frameworks and Local Improvement Plan.
3. Membership of Area Forum to be formalised to be representative of the communities to which it aims to serve.

4. Implement a public question time at the beginning of each Area Forum.

A questionnaire seeking views on the above recommendations was circulated at the meeting for completion.

It was reported that the views expressed at the Area Forum meeting, the community consultation event on 22nd September 2006 and in the questionnaires, would be analysed by the Council's Regeneration Section and reported to Cabinet for consideration.

AF(1)19/06

POLICE REPORT (LOCAL ISSUES AND ROAD SAFETY)

Inspector Adrian Green was present at the meeting to give details of crime figures for the area.

The reported crime figures for September were as follows:

<u>Type of Crime</u>	<u>September 2006</u>
Total Crime	136
Dwelling Burglary	6
Burglary Other	7
Criminal Damage	37
Violent Crime	38

The crime detection rate as a percentage was 28.7%.

Specific reference was made to the launch of Operation Dark, which was aimed to tackle those criminal activities that were aided by darkness.

It was reported that a PCSO had just commenced in post and it was anticipated that either one or two additional PCSOs would be appointed either before or after Christmas.

Specific reference was made to recent press reports that Durham Constabulary was to lose approximately 300 officers, which would obviously impinge on the Force's ability to tackle crime.

It was explained that Durham Constabulary had a projected shortfall of £10m, which could necessitate reducing the number of police officers. It was pointed out that Durham Constabulary was classed as a 'rural force' and Government funding was being directed towards the inner cities.

Members of the Forum expressed concern regarding the time spent by police officers transporting people under arrest to the cells at Bishop Auckland and Newton Aycliffe Police Stations. It was explained that it was not cost-effective to keep the cells at Spennymoor Police Station continually open. Reference was made to the national drive to have one cell block to cater for the whole of the County.

Concern was expressed regarding the large number of taxis in the vicinity of The Cube on a Friday night, which often led to the highway being obstructed.

A question was raised on whether The Cube made any contribution to the cost of policing Spennymoor. It was reported that The Cube employed more than the required ratio of door staff and any anti social behaviour incidents in the High Street should not automatically be attributed to patrons of The Cube as there were a number of public houses in Spennymoor, with extended opening hours.

Concern was also expressed regarding the difficulties in contacting the Police using the non-emergency number and the slow response to some calls. It was pointed out that a graded response system had been introduced. Some non-urgent matters could be referred to beat officers and therefore not responded to for 2 – 3 days.

AF(1)20/06

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 11th December 2006 at 6.30 p.m. at Spennymoor Town Hall.

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Item 6a

AREA 1 FORUM

11th December 2006

Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application - Family / Community Support Area – Tudhoe Grange School

Introduction

This report highlights a Local Improvement Programme (LIP) application submitted to and appraised by the Strategy and Regeneration Section. The report provides information to the Area 1 Forum for their consideration and comments, which will be used to formulate a report and recommendation to the Sedgefield Borough Council Cabinet in due course.

The Area 1 Forum has been allocated £836,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. Of this amount, £278,700 has been allocated to 2006 / 07, none of which has been formally allocated to date.

Project Background

- **Name of Project:** Family / Community Support Area
- **Name of Applicant:** Tudhoe Grange School
- **Date of Application:** 20th October 2006
- **Landlord:** School Premises - Durham County Council
- **Brief Description of Project:** The project involves the complete refurbishment of an area at the lower school site on Durham Road to provide a venue specifically designed for community and family use to access appropriate services confidentially within their own community. A range of services have been identified to offer support to young people and their families. These include use by the following agencies: Youth Engagement Service, Nursing Services, Survivors of Domestic Abuse, Education Welfare Officer plus additional community based groups.
- **Requested from LIP:** £15,226.62 (53%)
- **Total Project Cost:** £28,475.64 (Capital)
- **What will the LIP be used for:** The porch at the front of the building will be split into 2 areas with a shared entrance to provide dedicated informal community space. One area will incorporate office space and

a meeting area for small groups and the other, a larger meeting area for groups accompanied by a small kitchen/refreshment area. Access to video / ICT will also be provided.

LIP Criteria

- **ODPM Definition:** **Yes**
The applicant has advised us that the building is currently not fit for use and is therefore unused and currently vacant.

- **Community Strategy Objectives:**
The applicant has stated that the project links to three of the four community strategy objectives. These are Healthy - Improving the health and well being of the local community, improving access to a range of services including Nursing Services and establishing access to effective support mechanisms for victims of domestic violence.
Prosperous – Include courses aimed at developing a workforce with the skills required by business and aiming high in school. Strong – Narrowing the inequalities gap between the most disadvantaged communities within the Borough through an improved level of local service provision.

- **Evidence of need and community support:**
Letters of support have been received from County Durham Youth Engagement Services, No 31 and SODA (Survivors of Domestic Abuse), Sedgefield Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and the Family Support Worker for the school. Spennymoor Youth Action group have also been consulted on the project.

- **Value for money and Revenue implications:**
The applicant has applied for £15,226.62, which is 53% of the total project costs. The remaining costs will be funded by the school's own funds. The revenue costs will be absorbed as part of the schools annual budget. There will be a charge for use of the premises to some agency users at approx. £25 per session (half day or evening), however this will be free to charity and school based groups. The works have been tendered as part of a larger contract for the school, which was managed by Durham County Council.

- **Legal Issues:** **All satisfactory**

- **Statutory Approvals:**
Planning Permission and Building Regulation consent has been approved.

- **Issues**
Durham County Council who own the school site are currently embarking on a 4 Phase - Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Project across the County. Tudhoe Grange School falls into the second phase of planned investment with the school scheduled for redevelopment in approximately 8 years time. Subject to Government funding being confirmed, this project

will redevelop and modernise the school to provide a modern learning environment for both pupils and the wider community.

Therefore any investment directed to the school needs to be protected to ensure that if the school site is redeveloped as part of the Building Schools for the Future Programme, that the investment made is either kept on site or preferably modernised in line with the rest of the school to enhance the level of opportunity to the community.

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum considers the following key issue;

- The relative priority of this project within the Area 1 locality.

Subject to discussion and agreement of the above point, that the Area Forum support the progress and further development of this application through the Council's decisions making process.

Material considerations:

Other applications received from Area 1:

In taking the above decision, the Area Forum is requested to consider the implication of the funding level requested against the following projects that have been received for determination by the Forum.

- Spennymoor Settlement - Spennymoor Settlement Regeneration Project – LIP requested £120,000, Total project cost £170,000. Agreed to progress this application at the Area Forum meeting held on 6th November.
- Middlestone Moor Play Area Phase 3 - Middlestone Moor Action Reform Group - LIP requested £41,518. Total Project cost £64,734

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Item 6b

AREA 1 FORUM

11th December 2006

Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application Report - Middlestone Moor Play Area Phase 3

Introduction

This report highlights a Local Improvement Programme (LIP) application submitted to and appraised by the Strategy and Regeneration Section. The report provides information to the Area 1 Forum for their consideration and comments, which will be used to formulate a report and recommendation to the Sedgefield Borough Council Cabinet in due course.

The Area 1 Forum has been allocated £836,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009, none of which has been formally allocated to date. Of this amount, £278,700 has been allocated to 2006 / 07.

Project Background

- **Name of Project:** Middlestone Moor Play Area Phase 3
- **Name of Applicant:** Middlestone Moor Action Reform Group
- **Legal Status:** Constituted Organisation
- **Date of Application:** 12th August 2006
- **Landlord:** Sedgefield Borough Council
- **Brief Description of Project:** This project will provide Phase 3 of the playground development providing dedicated equipment to cater for the 8-16 age range. Phase 1 currently provides fixed play equipment for 2-8 year olds, whilst Phase 2 involved the construction of a Multi-Use Games Area.
- **Requested from LIP:** £41,518 (64%)
- **Total Project Cost:** £64,734 (Capital)
- **What will the LIP be used for:** To provide 5 pieces of equipment and appropriate safety surfacing specifically aimed at children aged 8-16 years. The project will also include barriers and bollards, adjustments to the footpath and signage to ensure that the playground meets the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA) guidelines.

LIP Criteria

- **ODPM Definition:** **Yes**

The land is situated between the current phases of the playground and is not used at the moment - this project will bring the area back into effective use.

- **Community Strategy Objectives:**

The applicant has stated that the project links to three of the four community strategy objectives. These are Healthy- Improving the health and well-being, Strong –Tackling disadvantage, narrowing the inequalities gap between the most disadvantaged communities within the Borough and Attractive - Develop and maximise the leisure and cultural facilities in the Borough.

- **Evidence of need and community support:**

The applicant has identified that before the original phases of the project, took place detailed consultation was entered into with a range of organisation including schools, Youth workers and also older children. Some children and parents went on a site visit to other parks to see equipment and try it out. The Community has also been consulted via copies of plans on display at the school and a letter drop was done to residents in the local area. A feasibility study has been carried out by Groundwork East Durham. To date, the needs of the younger children have been catered for but the older children still have no dedicated play equipment to play on.

- **Value for money and Revenue implications:**

The applicant has applied for £41,518 (64%) of the total project costs. Of the remaining costs (£23,216), £6,216 has been confirmed as match funding and the remaining £17,000 has been applied for from County Durham Foundation and Spennymoor Town Council. The applicant has also applied for Big Lottery Fund of £50,000 for the project. If this match funding is approved, the LIP may not be required.

There are no revenue costs directly attributed to the project, however Sedgefield Borough Council will be responsible for the maintenance and 3rd party insurance liability for the playground, as an extension of the first two phases. The preferred supplier of playground equipment for Sedgefield Borough Council, Kompan who have been chosen through a full competitive tendering process will supply the equipment.

- **Legal Issues:** **All satisfactory**
- **Statutory Approvals:** **All Agreed**

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum considers the following key issue;

- The relative priority of this project within the Area 1 locality, given the investment already made in Phases 1 and 2.

Subject to discussion and agreement of the above point, that the Area Forum support the progress and further development of this application through the Council's decision making process.

In agreeing to progress the project further, a key issue that the Strategy & Regeneration Division feel needs to be resolved prior to the project being taken through the Council's decision making process is the outcome of the Big Lottery Fund Grant.

Material considerations:

Other applications received from Area 1:

In taking the above decision, the Area Forum is requested to consider the implication of the funding level requested against the following projects that have been received for future determination by the Forum.

- Spennymoor Settlement - Spennymoor Settlement Regeneration project – LIP requested £120,000, Total project cost £170,000. Agreed to progress this application at the meeting held on 6th November.
- Tudhoe Grange School – Family / Community Support Area- LIP requested £ 15,226.62, Total project cost £28,475.64

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