

# AREA 1 FORUM

Monday,  
16 June 2008  
6.30 p.m.

Community Centre,  
Kirk Merrington

## 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 7<sup>th</sup> April 2008.  
(Pages 3 - 8)
- 4. POLICE REPORT**  
A representative of Spennymoor Police will attend the meeting to give a report on crime statistics, road safety and initiatives in the area.
- 5. SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - APPLICATION ST. PAUL'S PARISH HALL COMMUNITY REGENERATION PROJECT**  
Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 9 - 12)
- 6. SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - APPLICATION NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTRE BASEMENT DEVELOPMENT**  
Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 13 - 16)
- 7. QUESTIONS**  
The Chairman will take questions from the floor.
- 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 at 6.30 p.m. at Village Hall, Byers Green.
- 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

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### **Spennymoor Town Council**

Councillors Miss.S.J. Armstrong and J. Graham

### **Durham County Council**

Councillors N.C. Foster, Mrs. B. Graham, B.M. Ord and K. Thompson

### **Tudhoe Grange Comprehensive School Council**

### **UK Youth Parliament**

Ian Geldard

### **Spennymoor Comprehensive School Council**

J. Palmer and P. Lenagh

### **Spennymoor Police**

Inspector W. Bentham

### **County Durham Primary Care Trust**

### **Tudhoe Community Centre**

J. Smith

### **New Life Community Church**

R. Gibson

### **CAVOS**

G. Magill

### **Spennymoor Pub Watch**

C. Fletcher

### **Spennymoor Chamber of Trade**

J. Welsh

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Mrs. E. Croft

### **The Oaks Residents Association**

S. Bright

### **St. Pauls Gardens Residents Association**

I. Lessiter

### **Eden Residents Association**

Mrs. C. Bell

**Greenways Residents Association**

A. Lamb

B. Lamb

P. Lawton

**Tudhoe Residents Association**

Mrs. S. Stephenson

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Mr. B. Argyle

Mrs. Brown

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# Item 3

## SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 1 FORUM

Middlestone Moor  
Community Centre,  
Spennymoor

Monday,  
7 April 2008

Time: 6.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor A. Smith (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and  
Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor A. Gray – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor Mrs. E. Maddison – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor C. Nelson – Sedgefield Borough Council  
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Councillor K. Thompson – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor W. Waters – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor E. Foster – Durham County Council  
D. Gallagher – County Durham PCT  
Inspector W. Bentham – Durham Constabulary  
N. Smith – Durham Police Authority  
G. Darkes – Greenways Residents Association  
A. Lamb – Greenways Residents Association  
Councillor C. Maddison – Elected Member Tudhoe/Low  
Spennymoor Ward – Spennymoor  
Town Council  
J. Brown – Middlestone Moor Committee  
S. Brown – Middlestone Moor Committee  
I. Geldard – UK Youth Parliament  
D. Gordon – Local Resident  
E. Hodgson – Local Resident  
E. Jowett – Local Resident  
V. Mortimer – Local Resident

### In

**Attendance:** Mrs. H. Dent, Mrs. G. Garrigan and Miss L. Kitto

### Apologies:

Councillor Mrs B. Graham – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor J.M. Khan – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor Mrs E. M. Wood – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor J. Graham – Spennymoor Town Council  
Councillor N.C. Foster – Durham County Council

### AF(1)35/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

### AF(1)36/07 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

**SPENNYMOOR HEALTH CENTRE**

David Gallagher, Director of Strategic Partnerships and Projects, County Durham PCT, attended the meeting to give an update regarding the position on Spennymoor Health Centre.

County Durham Primary Care Trust (PCT) was launched on 1 October 2006. It replaced the five previous primary care trusts serving County Durham and it was to:

- Engage with local people to improve health and well-being, and reduce health inequalities
- Ensure that patients have access to and choice of a range of high quality health services by commissioning services, within allocated resources
- Directly provide high quality responsive and efficient services where this gives best value

Specific reference was made to the health challenges faced in County Durham. In County Durham as a whole:

- Life expectancy was below the national average
- Death rates from coronary heart disease (CHD) and cancers were above the national average
- Levels of smoking were higher than the national average
- The percentages of adults who binge drink and were obese were significantly higher than the national average
- Teenage pregnancy rates were higher than for England

Reference was made to the major problem of Alcohol Misuse. It was reported that an Alcohol Strategy was in place for the first time, however individuals should take responsibility for their own health. Guidance would be given by the PCT to make people aware of the actions available to improve their health.

County Durham PCT had developed a Five Year Plan. The Plan included schemes that were in progress, schemes committed to and funding available and schemes approved 'in principle'.

The Forum was informed that the committed and 'in progress' schemes were moving forward, however, Spennymoor Health Centre had only been approved in principle. The scheme would be revisited and further business planning was needed, which would involve further consultation with GPs and the public to ascertain what services should be provided.

It was agreed that the Forum would be kept informed on the progress being made.

*AGREED : That the information be noted.*



**POLICE REPORT**

Inspector W. Bentham, Community Inspector for Spennymoor and Ferryhill, was present at the meeting to give a report on crime statistics, initiatives and road safety for the area.

The reported crime figures for February and March 2008 were as follows :-

	<b><u>February :</u></b>	<b><u>March :</u></b>
Vehicle Crime	8	9
Violent Crime	13	11
Burglary (Dwelling)	3	2
Burglary (Other)	3	5
Rowdy Nuisance	100	78
Sexual Offences	0	1
Criminal Damage	32	29

With regard to road traffic accidents the figures were as follows :-

	<b><u>February :</u></b>	<b><u>March :</u></b>
Damage only Accidents	18	11
Minor Injuries	3	4
Fatalities	0	0

It was noted that March had been a good month with the smallest amount of reported incidents and a massive 33% drop in crime.

Rowdy nuisance behaviour continued to decline. Five magistrates search warrants had been executed in March and at three of the locations, drugs had been recovered and persons arrested.

It was explained that following the launch of Bottle Watch, reports on incidents of street drinking had decreased in February by 43% when compared with the previous month. There had been another decrease in March - 13%. Officers had identified and dealt with several adults supplying alcohol to minors and shops had been identified when alcohol had been seized on the streets.

At the last meeting of the Forum Members had been asked to set three Neighbourhood priorities for Area 1. The following areas were agreed:

1. Central Drive, Middlestone Moor
2. Drake Street
3. Mount Pleasant Court

Inspector Bentham reported that the actions taken in respect of the priority areas had proven to be successful.

Extended patrols by police officers, PCSO's and Neighbourhood Wardens had been used to tackle the ongoing problems in Central Drive, Middlestone Moor. 13 individuals had been identified, arrested and were awaiting a decision from the Crown Prosecution Service in relation to criminal proceedings. There had also been a staggering 80% decline in reports of anti social behaviour.

There had been a significant decrease of reports in Drake Street with only one suspicious activity report over the past few months. An Anti Social Behaviour Order had been granted for an individual who was the main cause of the problem. Patrols around the area had been increased and a drugs warrant had been executed at a house on the junction of Drake/South Street.

It was reported that the locks to the flats at Mount Pleasant Court had been changed to prevent youths gaining access. One individual had been served with an Anti Social Behaviour Order, however he was currently on remand in prison for unrelated matter.

*AGREED :*

- 1. That the information be noted.*
- 2. That the neighbourhood policing priorities be reviewed at the next meeting.*

**AF(1)39/07**

### **STREETS SAFE**

Helen Dent, Anti-social Behaviour Reduction Manager, attended the meeting to give an update on the forthcoming Streetsafe Operation.

Streetsafe Operations were aimed at tackling issues that impacted on the communities quality of life such as:

- Criminology
- Fear of crime
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Environmental issues
- Youth provision

It was reported that four joint operations were undertaken within the Borough each year. The operations involved the Police, Fire and Rescue Service, DVLA, SBC Neighbourhood Wardens, Environmental Health, Street Scene, Licensing, Leisure Services, Youth Engagement Services and Durham County Council Education in the community.

Members of the Forum were informed that on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2008 a four week Streetsafe Operation would commence in Middlestone Moor.

It was explained that the Council's analyst had identified Middlestone Moor as a key area. The operation would involve the following :-

- A 'Have your Say' Day
- A Youth Day
- Clean up the Area Day

Members were informed that the clean up in the area day would take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Unwanted items would be taken away free of charge such as white goods and furniture.

Specific reference was made to the successful Streetsafe Operation which had recently been completed in Dean Bank.

*AGREED : 1. That the information be noted.*

**AF(1)40/07**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be confirmed at the Annual Meeting of Council.

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# Item 5

AREA 1 FORUM

16<sup>th</sup> June 2008

## Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

### Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

#### Application - St. Paul's Parish Hall Community Regeneration Project.

This report highlights a Local Improvement Programme (LIP) application submitted to and initially 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 further develop the project proposal prior to it being taken through Sedgefield Borough Council's decision-making process.

The Area 1 Forum has been allocated £836,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009 subject to budget approval. A total of £278,600 has been allocated to the year 2007/08 of which £188,503 has been approved to date. A range of projects were allocated in the previous year for this area, and there is some additional under-spend resulting from last year, which will be available to the Area Forum for additional project activity.

#### Project Background

- **Name of Project:** St. Paul's Parish Hall Community Regeneration Project.
- **Location:** Whitworth Terrace Spennymoor
- **Name of Applicant:** St. Paul's Parish Church
- **Brief Description of Project:** The project, which is split into two phases, aims to undertake a major structural renovation and development of the existing Parish Hall, this will include a facility for increased general use by community groups, a provision for "healthy lifestyles" opportunities and a base for 3-5 Social Enterprise small businesses.
- **Requested from LIP:** £200,000 (44%) (Phase 1 only)
- **Total Estimated Project Cost:** £455,300 (phase 1)
- **Total Estimated Project Cost of Phase 1 and 2:** £1,154,409.

- **What will the LIP be used for:**

- Phase one – Refurbished exterior to existing building, new entrance foyer and single storey extension to North East Corner. This will incorporate:
  - Kitchen,
  - Café,
  - Entrance Foyer,
  - Lift and staircase
  - Upper Gallery
  - 1 Social Enterprise Unit

- **Impact of the Project:**

The applicant has stated that the provision of an enhanced community based facility would improve the physical and environmental conditions of the neighbourhood, and develop other regeneration benefits within the areas of skills training, improved healthy living, community safety, and greater social and community cohesion.

- Community spirit encouraged through working together with St Paul's Residents Association, local councillors, schools, community police and users of the building.
- Improved health/mental health and well-being of the community particularly the elderly residents in the area by providing activities such as luncheon clubs, movie afternoons, fitness clubs, tea dances etc.
- Reduction of anti-social behaviour and vandalism through engagement with young people.
- The unattractive and run-down building will be refurbished, creating an aesthetically pleasing facility with attractive landscaping to enhance the area.
- Job creation and skills development, created within both phases. Social Enterprise Groups developed in phase 2 would encourage new start up business. The Centre itself would also create some employment.

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

The applicant has stated that the project has received unanimous support from a wide range of civic and community leaders; community groups; schools; centre user groups. The outcome of the comprehensive household consultation and two well supported public meetings showed many positive responses.

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

The applicant has applied for £200,000 of LIP, which is 44% of the phase one project costs. This project is however the first phase of an anticipated larger project. The applicant is working on funding

applications for both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> phases of the project. It is anticipated that the Community Centre will be self-sufficient; therefore revenue costs will be met by the income and funding of the Community Centre.

Subject to discussion and agreement by the Area Forum to progress the project, the Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant to identify other opportunities for additional 'match funding' to be brought into the project during the full project appraisal stage prior to it being taken through Sedgefield Borough Council's decision-making process.

**Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:**

That the Area Forum considers:

- The project proposal, and how it would meet the priority needs of the Area 1 locality.

**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.

**Projects endorsed by Area Forum and waiting decision by SBC.**

NONE

**Projects Approved to date:**

2006/07	Tudhoe Grange School Family Centre	£ 15,226
2006/07	Spennymoor Settlement Technical Study	£ 3,231
2007/08	Middlestone Moor Play Area	£ 39,655
2007/08	Spennymoor Settlement	£142,000
2007/08	St Pauls Parish Hall Technical Study	£ 6,848
2008/09	Ox Close Nursery Parents Room	£ 43,835
2008/09	Ox Close School Community Garden	£ 57,548
	TOTAL	£308.344

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# Item 6

AREA 1 FORUM

16<sup>th</sup> June 2008

## Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

### Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

#### Application - New Life Christian Centre Basement Development

This report highlights a Local Improvement Programme (LIP) application submitted to and initially 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 further develop the project proposal prior to it being taken through Sedgefield Borough Council's decision-making process.

The Area 1 Forum has been allocated £836,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009 subject to budget approval. A total of £278,600 has been allocated to the year 2007/08 of which £188,503 has been approved to date. A range of projects were allocated in the previous year for this area, and there is some additional under-spend resulting from last year, which will be available to the Area Forum for additional project activity.

#### Project Background

- **Name of Project:** The Basement Development
- **Location:** Villiers Street, Spennymoor
- **Name of Applicant:** New Life Christian Centre
- **Brief Description of Project:** The project involves the redevelopment of the unused basement area for youth development and the development of unused rooms for community and educational use.
- **Requested from LIP:** £151,400
- **Total Estimated Project Cost:** £151,400
- **What will the LIP be used for:**
  - Basement works ( fire escapes and staircase, new ceiling, new lighting, plasterboard, treatment of damp, stud walls to create 2 rooms, new heating system for basement, toilets)
  - New Entrance area meaning that the basement area can be accessed without entering the church
  - Creating a new reception area
  - Creating a computer room

- Works to existing rooms and old entrance
  - Refurbished toilets
  - Work to the roof ( new gully, rebed existing tiles)
  - Works to the outside space (fencing, paving, decking and lighting)
  - Fixed furniture
  - Rewire in some rooms to bring up to current regulation
- **Impact of the Project:**  
 The applicant has stated that by bringing these unused spaces back to life they will be able to cater for larger number of children in Spennymoor, They will be able to create a safe place for young people to socialise in and enjoy recreational activities from which has in neighbouring communities led to significant decrease in anti-social behaviour.  
 Community members accessing the new services offered will also grow in confidence and gain new skills and employability as they begin to network with new people and access courses.  
 The outside space will improve community cohesion by allowing the centre to offer intergenerational activities such as community barbeques. Increasing the number of services will also create more opportunities for local residents to engage in volunteering which will have a positive effect on the community.
- **Evidence of need and community support:**  
 The applicant has stated that quality of life research carried out by The Cornforth partnership for Sedgfield Borough Council shows that 102 14-15 year living in Spennymoor say that there is not enough for young people to do in their community in their free time. The centre has also previously ran a very popular youth drop in from the basement with groups of up to 25 young people visiting on a weekly basis. This had to end due to the deterioration of the condition of the basement.  
 Consultation with centre users has shown that there is interest amongst them to undertake adult education courses.
- **Value for money and Revenue implications:**  
 The applicant has applied for £151,400 of LIP, which is 100% of the total project costs. The centre does not have any funds available to contribute to the project at this time but will continue to try and source match funding from elsewhere. They will however be responsible for the revenue costs of the project.

Subject to discussion and agreement by the Area Forum to progress the project, the Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant to identify other opportunities for additional 'match funding' to be brought into the project during the full project appraisal stage prior to it being taken through Sedgfield Borough Council's decision-making process.

**Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:**

That the Area Forum considers:

- The project proposal, and how it would meet the priority needs of the Area 1 locality.

**Material considerations:**

**Other applications received from Area 1:**

St. Paul's Parish Hall Community Regeneration Project £200,000

**Projects endorsed by Area Forum and waiting decision by SBC.**

NONE

**Projects Approved to date:**

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