

# **AREA 2 FORUM**

Tuesday,  
20 June 2006  
6.30 p.m.

Dean Bank and Ferryhill  
Literary Institute

## **AGENDA and REPORTS**

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## AGENDA

**1. APOLOGIES**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To notify the Chairman of any items that appear later in the agenda in which you may have an interest.

**3. MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2006. (Pages 1 - 6)

**4. POLICE REPORT**

A representative of Ferryhill Police will attend the meeting to give a report of crime statistics and initiatives in the area.

**5. SEDGEFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

A representative of Sedgefield Primary Care Trust will attend the meeting to give an update on local health matters and performance figures.

**6. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

To consider the attached reports outlining the propose projects: -

- LIP05 – Chilton Environmental Improvements Programme
- LIP08 – Duncombe Cemetery (Pages 7 - 14)

**7. QUESTIONS**

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at Chilton and Windlestone Community Centre at 6.30 p.m.

**9. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

Members are respectfully requested to give the Chief Executive notice of items they would wish to raise under the heading not later than 12 noon on the day preceding the meeting, in order that consultation may take place with the Chairman who will determine whether the item will be accepted.

B. Allen  
Chief Executive

Council Offices  
SPENNYMOOR  
12<sup>th</sup> June 2006

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### **Cornforth Partnership**

Mrs. K. Lynn

### **Police**

Sergeant Vincent

**Sedgefield Primary Care Trust**  
Alyson Learmouth and Sylvia Slaughter

**Ferryhill Business and Enterprise College**  
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# Item 3

## SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 2 FORUM

Chilton and Windlestone  
Community College

Tuesday,  
18 April 2006

Time: 6.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. C. Potts (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

Councillor B.F. Avery J.P	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. K. Conroy	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor T.F. Forrest	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Hodgson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
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Councillor A. Bruce	-	Chilton Town Council
M. Taylor	-	Chilton West Residents Association
K. Lynn	-	Cornforth Partnership
J. Weston	-	Dean Bank Residents Association
A. Forrest	-	Resident
B. Shepherd	-	Resident
S. Slaughter	-	Sedgefield Primary Care Trust
A. Learmonth	-	Sedgefield Primary Care Trust
J. Taylor	-	Sedgefield Primary Care Trust

**Apologies:** Councillor J.E. Higgin - Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor B. Meek – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor G. Morgan – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor D.A. Newell – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor R.A. Patchett – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor Ms. M. Predki – Sedgefield Borough Council  
Councillor G. Porter – Durham County Council

**AF(2)35/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Members had no interests to declare.

**AF(2)36/05 MINUTES**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**AF(2)37/05 SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL AREA IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**  
Consideration was given to a report detailing an application submitted to and appraised by the Strategy and Regeneration Section for funding from the Local Improvement Programme. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members of the Forum were reminded that the Local Area Improvement Programme funding was allocated for the purpose of regeneration of the community and each Area Forum had been allocated a sum, with Area 2 being allocated £836,000.

The funding was to be used for capital works such as bringing buildings back into use, etc.

It was noted that applications would be submitted to the Forum as they were received and Sedgefield Borough Cabinet would have final approval.

The projects needed to be owned by members of the community and it was important that they were sustainable. A team had been created in the Strategy and Regeneration Section to support applicants.

The current application was from Cornforth Partnership and related to the renovation of an abandoned shop in the High Street, West Cornforth. The purpose was to create a multi-purpose drop-in facility to meet local needs.

It was explained that lottery funding had been secured for revenue costs for the next three years. Some capital funding had also been secured.

In relation to sustainability, it was explained that The Cornforth Partnership had a good track record for attracting funds and would be working on that for the life of the project.

It was considered that the project met the criteria and the aims of the Community Strategy and should be supported.

*AGREED : That Cabinet be recommended to support the project.*

**AF(2)38/05**

**POLICE REPORT**

Acting Inspector Rogers and Acting Sergeant Howard were present at the meeting to give details of crime figures and local initiatives for the area.

It was reported that the crime figures for the area were as follows :-

<b>Ferryhill Crime Figures 2006</b>			
	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar.</b>
Crime	203	123	147
Detection	25.2%	27.3%	37.5%
Violent Crime	28	37	33
Robbery	0	2	0
Criminal Damage	76	43	43
Theft	50	20	38
Vehicle Crime	16	12	18
Burglary	23	5	8
Burglary (Other)	11	5	16

Members were also informed of the crime figures for 2005/6 for the Ferryhill area compared with the south of the region :-



	<b>Ferryhill area Per 1,000 population:</b>	<b>South of Region Per 1,000 population:</b>
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**Total Crime :**

2005/06	101.4	98.5
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**Violent Crime :**

2004/05		19.8
2005/06	21.2	19.8

**Burglary Dwelling:**

2005/06	13.6	10
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**Vehicle Crime :**

2005/06	10.0	12.8
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**Total Theft :**

2005/06	26.0	30.4
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**Burglary – Other :**

2005/06	6.3	8.9
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Members of the Forum were informed of a number of initiatives which were ongoing in relation to tackling anti-social behaviour, burglaries etc. Reference was also made to Operation Hawkeye dealing with vehicle security.

It was also explained that the Pub Watch Scheme and the Allotment Watch Scheme were continuing to be successful.

It was also reported that a further four ASBOs had been issued three of which related to juveniles in the Ferryhill area.

A query was raised regarding progress on the situation at West Cornforth and the use of a right of way at Linden Road, Salisbury Crescent and The Oval. It was explained that the situation was being dealt with by Durham County Council and works were ongoing in relation to closure of one of the "cuts".

A query was also raised regarding progress on Church Lane car park and works to be undertaken to combat anti-social behaviour. It was explained that full costings of a scheme were awaited.

**AF(2)39/05**

**SEDGEFIELD PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

A. Learmonth from the Primary Care Trust and S. Slaughter were present at the meeting to update Members on local health matters.

It was reported that in relation to ambulance response times additional ambulance cover had been provided which should be of a direct benefit.

Discussion was held regarding the problems of access to GPs at Chilton Branch Surgery.

It was explained that in relation to the closure of the Surgery on a Wednesday this was four times per year and not every month.

It was also explained that receptionists at the practice were prioritising residents of Chilton without transport as first call.

The Forum was also informed that a Health Care Assistant had been appointed and also a Specialist Nurse.

The main concern of the residents was that the Surgery was not open on a Tuesday or Thursday evening and that this was causing difficulty for employed people. Residents also considered that there should be an additional Doctor at the Surgery.

It was explained that the level of service available related to the ratio of the population and that bearing in mind that the population of Chilton was 4,000 two Doctors was considered a suitable level.

In relation to facilities at the Surgery it was pointed out that specialist services were available in Chilton in relation to coronary heart disease, smoking cessation and diabetes.

It was suggested that the next meeting of the Forum should again be held in Chilton with a representative from the Chilton practice being invited to attend.

Concerns were also expressed regarding the delay in the development of a Health Centre in Chilton. Dr. Learmonth explained that an option appraisal was underway and that the aim was to push ahead to be considered for the next financial year.

It was explained that the delay had occurred because the scheme had to be considered along with schemes from other PCTs and as a relatively small PCT there had been difficulty in getting the project on the agenda. The scheme was, however, the No. 1 priority of Sedgefield Primary Care Trust.

Concerns were raised regarding the ability of the PCT to deliver the project and it was considered that Cabinet's attention should be drawn to those concerns.

Dr. Learmonth referred to the Local Delivery Plan and explained that it had been difficult to prepare as it started with a projected deficit of £3.8m.

In respect of the reconfiguration of the PCTs it was explained that a decision from the Department of Health was anticipated in mid-May. Timescales had been elongated and practical changes would take place around October time.

It was also reported that the Health Care Commission had visited in relation to two standards one of which was Child Protection and CIB checks. A query was raised regarding the reduction of staff in Acute Hospitals. It was explained that this would be done in a way which would not reduce service. It was anticipated that there would be more care in the community and intervention and management of longterm illnesses. It would be a question of where resources were allocated.

Referring to the Health Centre at Chilton it was :-

*AGREED : That the Forum's concerns be forwarded to Cabinet.*

**AF(2)40/05**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting would be agreed at the Annual Meeting of Council on 19<sup>th</sup> May.



# Item 6

**AREA 2 FORUM**

**20<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

**Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration**

**Sedgefield Borough Local Area Improvement Programme**

**Application Report**

## **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 2 Forum for their consideration and comments which will be used to formulate a report and recommendation to the Sedgefield Borough Council Cabinet.

The Area 2 Forum has been allocated £836,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009, £64,400 of which has been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £771,600. £214,300 of the remaining resource has been allocated to 2006/07.

## **Project Background**

- **Name of Project:** Chilton Environmental Improvements Programme
- **Name of Applicant:** Groundwork East Durham
- **Legal Status:** Environmental Registered Charity.
- **Date of Application:** 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006
- **Landlord:** Chilton Welfare Park- Chilton Town Council. Other elements -Sedgefield Borough Council & Durham County Council
- **Brief Description of Project:** The Chilton Environmental Improvement programme is a package aimed at improving the physical landscape, and the quality and number of facilities available for use by the local community.
- **Requested from LIP:** £102,785 (45%)
- **Total Project Cost:** £226,785 (Capital)
- **What will the LIP be used for:** The Chilton Environmental Improvement programme will redevelop the tennis courts, install a multi-use games area and two youth shelters as well as a number of litterbins, dog bins and seats at Chilton Welfare Park and adjacent land. CCTV to ensure that the users feel safe and secure, will also

cover the area. A number of pathways will additionally be laid linking the park to the rest of the town.

### LIP Criteria

- **ODPM Definition:** **Yes**  
The land is under used at present - this project will bring the area back into effective use.
  
- **Community Strategy Objectives:** **High**

Healthy	The project will address four of the five key priorities.
Prosperous	The project will address one of the four key priorities.
Attractive	The project will address three of the six key priorities.
Strong	The project will address one of the four key priorities.
  
- **Evidence of need and community support:** **High**  
The Chilton and Windlestone Community Appraisal (January 2002) highlighted the issues of litter, dog excrement, planters and flowers, increased use of current community facilities for sports and leisure and lighting. Chilton Community Partnership's three-year action plan 2005 / 08 – An Attractive Chilton highlighted flowers, tubs and planters and litter (provision of more bins) as high priority issues. A Healthy Chilton highlighted the need for a multi-sports facility. The Chilton appraisal highlighted that dog dirt, litter, flowers / planters, sports provision, provision for young people and lighting were all high priority issues for the community of Chilton. The community have been involved in a number of consultation exercises regarding the regeneration of the town and the facilities of the Welfare Park - the project is the result of those consultations.
  
- **Value for money and Revenue implications:** **High**  
As highlighted previously, the applicants are applying for 45% of the overall capital costs and have secured the £115,000 of the remaining costs with only £9,000 awaiting confirmation from Awards for All and the Police. There are no revenue implications for the project – maintenance will be absorbed into the Town Council's maintenance programme. The Town Council will pay lighting costs. The applicant has not yet supplied three quotes; the project will be subject to a full tendering process to select a contractor. A full breakdown of approximate costs has been provided.
  
- **Legal Issues:** **All satisfactory**
  
- **Statutory Approvals:** **All in place**

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

That the Area Forum considers the following key issues:

- Area 2 has been allocated £278,700 in 2006/07 of which £64,400 has been committed to a West Cornforth project. This project is requesting £102,785, which would leave a balance of £111,515 for 2006/07.
- Included in the match funding for this project is £12,500 from the mainstream capital budget. The LIP funding would therefore be matching Borough Council monies with the like.
- The applicant, Groundwork East Durham is working on behalf of their client, Chilton Town Council who are not contributing to the monetary cost although they will be responsible for the maintenance of items on their land.

Subject to being satisfied with the above points that the Area Forum support the progress of this application.

### **Material considerations:**

#### **Other applications received from Area 2:**

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.

- Duncombe Cemetery Development, £112,752 LIP Grant requested, Total project cost £285,752
- West Cornforth Community Centre £215,000 LIP, Total cost of £350,000.

We have not currently received any other expressions of interest from Area 2 Forum locality.





## AREA 2 FORUM

20<sup>th</sup> June 2006

### Report of the Head of Strategy and Regeneration

### Sedgefield Borough Local Area Improvement Programme

### Application Report

#### Introduction

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The Area 2 Forum has been allocated £836,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009, £64,400 of which has been allocated to date, leaving a balance of £771,600. £214,300 of the remaining resource has been allocated to 2006/07.

#### Project Background

- **Name of Project:** Duncombe Cemetery Development
- **Name of Applicant:** Ferryhill Town Council
- **Legal Status:** Town Council
- **Date of Application:** 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006
- **Landlord:** Ferryhill Town Council / Dean and Chapter
- **Brief Description of Project:** The project aims to provide a footpath link from the Cemetery to the Carrs Nature Reserve as well as providing an adequate car parking facility and toilet block (for use by both able-bodied and disabled) with storage unit for the five resources, which are currently being developed at Duncombe Cemetery.
- **Requested from LIP:** £112,752 (39.5%)
- **Total Project Cost:** £285,601 (Capital)
- **What will the LIP be used for:** The LIP will be used to provide a number of items to complement the planned refurbishment of the derelict chapel into a heritage centre. This will include a footpath link from the Cemetery to the Carrs Nature Reserve, adequate car parking, a toilet block (for use by both able-bodied and disabled), storage units,

drainage work including installation of a pumping station and tidying up of the area and the removal of an old fence which is dangerous in places and levelling out of land. It is also hoped to install a public notice board.

## LIP Criteria

- **ODPM Definition:** **Yes**  
 The land is under used at the moment - this project will bring the area back into effective use.
- **Community Strategy Objectives:** **Medium**

Healthy	The project will address three of the five key priorities.
Prosperous	The project will address none of the four key priorities.
Attractive	The project will address three of the six key priorities.
Strong	The project will address none of the four key priorities.
- **Evidence of need and community support:** **High**  
 Members of the Community first identified through the 2001 Community Appraisal and then more recently through Community Partnership Meetings that one of the main requests were that a Museum or Heritage Centre should be developed in Ferryhill. Members of the community attending Partnership meetings discussed at length the essential requirements of the Duncombe Cemetery development including the need for a Heritage Centre with toilet facility, car park and also improved access to the Carrs Nature Reserve from the Cemetery and development of a memorial and ashes garden. While it has been 5 years since the Community Appraisal for Ferryhill was published, recent monthly meetings with members of Ferryhill's Community Partnership, which comprises representatives of members of the public, local businesses and schools and colleges, has identified this project as still being an essential development which residents of Ferryhill want to see go ahead.
- **Value for money and Revenue Implications:** **Medium**  
 As highlighted previously the applicants are applying for 39.5% of the overall capital costs and have fully secured the £172,849 of the remaining costs. However, of this figure £150,000 is an In-kind contribution from the Town Council for the use of the old chapel for the Heritage Centre. This would mean that of the cash costs only 17% is actual match funding.  
 There are no revenue implications for the project – Should the car park need repairing in the future then Ferryhill Town Council will take responsibility for these repairs. The maintenance of the footpath link will also be the responsibility of Ferryhill Town Council as will be the ongoing maintenance of the toilet facility, storage unit and public notice

board as well as the memorial and ashes gardens. The History Society will be responsible for the upkeep of the Heritage Centre. Three quotes and a full breakdown of approximate costs have been provided.

- **Legal Issues:** **All satisfactory**
- **Statutory Approvals:** **All in place**

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

That the Area Forum considers the following key issues:

- Area 2 has been allocated £278,700 in 2006/07 of which £64,400 has been allocated to a West Cornforth project. This project is requesting £112,752, which would leave a balance of £101,548 for 2006/07.
- The terms and conditions of LIP state that where the applicant is a Town or Parish Council that they should contribute at least 33% of the funding to the project. In this case, Ferryhill Town Council are contributing £150,000 of In kind match funding but no actual cash funding, meaning that of the cash funding, the LIP would be contributing 83%. The remaining cash match funding is from CDENT (£18,000) and Awards for All (£4,849).

Subject to being satisfied with the above points that the Area Forum support the progress of this application.

**Material considerations:**

**Other applications received from Area 2:**

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.

- Chilton Environmental Improvements £102,784 LIP, Total cost of £226,785
- West Cornforth Community Centre £215,000 LIP, Total cost of £350,000.

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