

AREA 4 FORUM

Tuesday, 4 March 2008

6.30 p.m.

Civic Hall, Shildon

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 15th January 2008. (Pages 3 - 6)
4. **POLICE REPORT**
A representative of Shildon Police will attend the meeting to give a report of crime statistics and initiatives in the area.
5. **DOMESTIC ABUSE**
Arrangements have been made for Tracy Olley, Domestic Violence Co-ordinator to give a presentation on the above.
6. **SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - APPLICATION - REPLACEMENT BOWLS AND TENNIS PAVILION - TECHNICAL STUDY**
Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 7 - 10)
7. **SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - APPLICATION - FOX AND HOUNDS COMMUNITY INN**
Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 11 - 14)
8. **QUESTIONS**
The Chairman will take questions from the floor.
9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
22nd April 2008 at 6.30 p.m. at Shildon Civic Hall
10. **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 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
25th February 2008

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 4 FORUM

Civic Hall,
Shildon

Tuesday,
15 January 2008

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor B. Stephens (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

Councillor V. Chapman	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Ms. I. Jackson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
D. Saddler	–	County Durham PPI Forum
B. Carr	–	Community Safety Group
Sergeant Waite	–	Durham Constabulary
Councillor Mrs. D. Bowman	–	Durham County Council
C. A. Fletcher	–	Shildon Community Safety Group
B. Carr	–	Shildon Community Safety Group
C. Faye	–	Local Resident
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Apologies: Councillor H. Robinson - Eldon Parish Council
Councillor D.M. Hancock – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor G.M.R. Howe – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J.G. Huntington – Sedgefield Borough Council

AF(4)19/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members had no interests to declare.

AF(4)20/07 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(4)21/07 CRIME AND DISORDER LOCAL PRIORITIES
Allan Blakemore, Community Safety Manager, gave a presentation regarding the above.

It was explained that Sedgefield Community Safety Partnership was in the process of setting priorities for 2008/09 and was consulting residents on their local priorities.

It was explained that the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by the Police and Justice Act 2006 imposed a duty on the Council to share the personalised data for the purpose of reducing crime and disorder and replace the three year audit and strategy process with an Annual Strategic Assessment.

The presentation outlined the intelligence driven and national priorities, which were:

- Domestic Abuse
This was identified as a national priority. Two women die every week in Great Britain as a result of domestic violence. It was usual for a woman to be assaulted 35 times before the crime is reported. The Borough Council had three properties within the Borough available to house those made homeless as a result of domestic abuse.
- Domestic Burglary
Domestic burglary was very low in Sedgefield Borough, however residents did have a high degree of fear of being a victim of this particular crime. The Borough average was 8.3 burglaries per 1,000 households in 2006/07 compared to the national average of 13 burglaries per 1000 households.
- Substance misuse
Substance misuse related to Class A, B and C drugs, alcohol and smoking.
- Vehicle Crime
Vehicle crime relates to the organised stealing of vehicles for resale after changing identification, taking vehicles without owners' consent (better known as "joyriding"), theft from vehicles and vehicle interference. Specific reference was made to Operation Hawkeye which targeted those motorists who left goods on display in their car.
- Criminal Damage
Criminal damage was the highest recorded crime across Sedgefield Borough, usually accounting for 40% of total recorded crime. It was linked to night time economy and anti-social behaviour.
- Anti-Social Behaviour
The usual profile figures were follows:
 - Rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour - 73%
 - Nuisance neighbours - 10%
 - Vehicle nuisance/Inappropriate use - 9%
 - Noise - 3%
 - Street drinking - 2%
 - Animal related problems - 2%
 - Substance misuse - 1%

Questionnaires were then circulated at the meeting for completion. It was pointed out that by providing postcodes on the questionnaires, the Community Safety Partnership would be able to map localised priorities, whilst preserving anonymity. It was noted that the information would be shared with Durham Constabulary to assist in the setting of neighbourhood priorities for action.

It was pointed out that the Borough Council was a member of the Crime and Reduction Partnership and consequently needed to share data with other agencies.

With regard to CCTV coverage within the Borough, it was pointed out that the Council's Business Manager was trying to get more feedback from the Police on the use of CCTV footage in criminal prosecutions and the outcome of those prosecutions.

A number of members of the Forum reported that they were unaware of the agency/person to contact for help with regard to domestic abuse. It was agreed that a presentation would be given at the next meeting of the Forum by the Domestic Abuse Co-ordinator, Sedgfield/Wear and Tees Community Safety Partnerships to raise awareness of domestic abuse.

AF(4)22/07 POLICE REPORT

Sergeant Waite was present at the meeting to give details of crime statistics for the area.

The reported crime figures for November and December 2007 were as follows:

	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
Recorded crime	75	77
Violent crime	15	19
Robbery	1	0
Burglary (Dwelling)	4	2
Burglary (Other)	4	4
Vehicle crime	8	11
Theft of Vehicle	1	3
Shoplifting	2	5
Total Theft	21	22
Nuisance/Rowdy Behaviour	52	49

It was noted that total recorded crime was down 15% compared with the same period last year. It was also noted that vehicle crime had reduced by 30%.

It was noted that Police Officers were now working from the Shildon Police office.

Concern was expressed regarding speeding traffic on Dale Road, Shildon and the request was made for traffic calming measures to be introduced. It was agreed that the matter would be reported to Michael Straugheir, Traffic Management, Durham Constabulary.

AF(4)23/07

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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Item 6

AREA 4 FORUM

4TH March 2008

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Application - Replacement Bowls & Tennis Pavilion – Technical Study

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 4 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 4 Forum has been allocated £456,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009 subject to budget approval. A total of £152,000 has been allocated to the year 2007/08 of which £4,113 has been approved to date. A project was 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:** Replacement Bowls and Tennis Pavilion Technical Study
- **Name of Applicant:** Shildon Town Council
- **Brief Description of Project:**

This application is requesting funding to carry out a Technical Study with a view to designing a new pavilion to replace the existing tennis/bowls pavilion in Hackworth Park. It is proposed that the facility will provide a much-improved facility for existing and new users. The design will include baby-changing facilities, toilet facility, changing facility for both bowlers and tennis players, and communal area. The design will be based on the replacement pavilion occupying approximately the same footprint as the existing building.
- **Requested from LIP: £15,000 (87%)**
- **Total Estimated Project Cost: £17,250**
- **What will LIP be used for:**

The aim at this stage of the project is to consider the project and the costed options for the replacement of the existing facility. To develop plans/designs of the options to be considered, consulting with existing and potential new users, provide budget costs and an indicative timetable for the project.

- **Impact of the Project:**

The applicant has stated that the improvement in facilities linked to the refurbishment of the tennis courts will result in increased participation in tennis and possibly outdoor bowls. The addition of a baby changing/young persons' facility would result in extended visits to the adjacent play area(s). The pavilion will not be specifically targeted to any particular age group but will be able to support all ages. It is intended that the new design will include a communal area, which could be made available, on demand, as a meeting space for relevant sports clubs and community groups.

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

The applicant has stated that consultation was undertaken on the basis of a replacement pavilion rather than on ideas for projects because of the need to provide the facility to support the refurbished tennis courts, existing Bowling Green and play areas. The project is supported by the local community groups/organisations by letters of support. Community consultation has resulted in some signed statements of support from local residents. Consultation will be ongoing during the time of the technical study.

Subject to endorsement by the Area Forum at this stage, the Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant during the full appraisal process to explore a more detail predicted programme of use for the facility in order to maximise the overall impact of the project and consider the timescale for developing a full LIP application.

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

The total project cost for a Technical Study is £17,250, of which the applicant has applied for £15,000 (87%). Shildon Town Council will provide the remaining funding. Future revenue costs will be absorbed into the town council's precept. It is expected that a further application for funding through the Local Improvement Programme will be submitted following the results of the technical study.

Statutory Approvals:

- Planning permission will be applied for once plans are completed.

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 4 locality.

Subject to discussion and agreement by the Area Forum to progress the project, the Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant to clarify any additional points raised through the Area Forum process

Material considerations:

Other applications received from Area 4:

Applications under development:

Fox and Hounds Community Inn
Shildon Vintage Vehicles Ltd.

Projects endorsed by Area Forum and awaiting decision by SBC.

Pilgrim Club Technical Study requesting £9,000
Shildon Civic Hall Sound & Lighting £7,060

Projects Approved to date:

2006/07 Hackworth Tennis Courts	£34,999
2007/08 Shildon Scouts Memorial Field Technical Study	£4,113

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Project Background

- **Name of Project:** Fox and Hounds Community Inn Technical Study
- **Name of Applicant:** Seymour Trust
- **Brief Description of Project:**
This application is requesting funding to carry out a technical study to investigate the options and costs associated with bringing back into use a series of unused buildings to the rear of the Fox and Hounds Community Inn, Shildon. The technical study will cover an extension and refurbishment of the buildings to provide a meeting room and ancillary rooms.
- **Requested from LIP: £15,000 (82%)**
- **Total Estimated Project Cost: £18,189**
- **Impact of the Project:**

The applicant has stated that the project will create employment. The applicants are also aiming to reduce anti-social behaviour; the project aims to attract 17-21 year olds to an exciting and meaningful programme of activities. The applicant has also stated that the project will offer a thriving community facility.

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

The applicant has stated that before the derelict pub reopened a sample survey was conducted of 40 local residents. On the basis and support of this survey, the initial community inn was opened in September 2007. No further community consultation has been provided.

Subject to endorsement by the Area Forum at this stage, the Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant during the full appraisal process to establish the detail of the lease arrangements and explore the links with other local community facilities in Shildon. The detailed appraisal will also involve investigation into the predicted programme of use for the facility in order to maximise the overall impact of the project for the local community and to avoid duplication with other existing facilities.

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

The total project cost is £18,189, of which the applicant has applied for £15,000 (82%). The applicant will meet the additional costs.

- **Statutory Approvals:**

Planning permission will be applied for as part of the technical study.

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 4 locality.

Subject to discussion and agreement by the Area Forum to progress the project, the Strategy & Regeneration Division will work with the applicant to resolve the above issues, and clarify any additional points raised through the Area Forum process.

Material considerations:

Other applications received from Area 4:

To be discussed at Area Forum 4 March 2008

Hackworth Park Pavilion Technical Study	£15,000
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Under development

Vintage Vehicles Shildon Ltd. Technical Study £17,625

Projects endorsed by Area Forum and awaiting decision by SBC.

Pilgrim Club Technical Study requesting £9,000

Shildon Civic Hall Stage Sound and Lighting requesting £7,727

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