

AREA 5 FORUM

Tuesday,

25 November 2008

7.00 p.m.

Town Council Offices,
School Aycliffe Lane,
Newton Aycliffe

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 30th September 2008. (Pages 1 - 4)

4. POLICE REPORT

A representative from the Police Force will be present at the meeting to give an update in relation to crime figures etc.

5. NHS COUNTY DURHAM

A representative from NHS County Durham (formerly County Durham PCT) will be present at the meeting to discuss issues with regard to health provision.

6. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE

To consider the attached report. (Pages 5 - 8)

7. NAMING OF ACCESS ROAD SOUTH OF MILLENIUM WAY AYCLIFFE BUSINESS PARK

To consider the attached report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services. (Pages 9 - 10)

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled to be held on 20th January 2009

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 Officer 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.

B. Allen
Chief Executive

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 5 FORUM

Town Council Offices,
Newton Aycliffe

Tuesday,
30 September 2008

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs. D. Bowman (Chairman)

Councillor W.M. Blenkinsopp	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor V. Crosby	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. L. Cuthbertson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor P. Gittins J.P.	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. J. Gray	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
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Councillor A. Warburton	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. B.A. Clare	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor B. Hall	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. V. Raw	–	Great Aycliffe Town Council
Councillor Mrs. A. Clarke	–	Middridge Parish Council
Acting Sergeant J. Turnbull	–	Durham Police
J. D. Clare	–	Greenfield School
R. Mitchie	–	Agnew Community Association
D. Dodds	–	Navy Club
G.E. Young	–	Navy Club
J. Crofthill	–	Navy Club
G. Archbold	–	St. Josephs RC Primary School
M. Iveson	–	Member of the Public
M. Robson	–	Member of the Public

APOLOGIES:

Councillors G.C.Gray, Mrs S Haigh, Mrs H Hutchinson, and Mrs E M Paylor (Sedgefield Borough Council)

AF(5)8/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor V. Crosby indicated that he would be declaring a prejudicial and personal interest in item 6 Local Improvement Programme – as Member of Sedgefield Borough Council's Cabinet and would be leaving the meeting.

AF(5)9/08 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd July, 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(5)10/08 POLICE REPORT

Acting Sergeant J. Turnbull outlined the crime figures for the area for July and August, 2008 which were as follows :-

<u>Type of Crime :</u>	<u>July, 2008 :</u>	<u>August, 2008</u>
Violence against a person	22	20
Robbery	Nil	Nil
Burglary	12	18
Criminal Damage	36	38
Theft of Vehicles	3	2
Theft from Vehicles	4	5

Reference was made to Operation Summer Nights which targeted anti-social behaviour and youths drinking alcohol. It was explained that Operation Red Lion 2008, which had been undertaken during the summer months, involved the use of plain clothes patrols. Details were given of the number of drugs warrants which had been executed during the period 21st July to 21st August, 2008, the amount of alcohol seized, the number of youths signed up to Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, Anti-Social Behaviour Orders obtained, stop forms submitted, arrests for breach of Anti-Social Behaviour Orders and other offences. It was noted that an update report was awaited on the street safe initiative.

The Forum was given details of Operation Linton 2008 and the number of traffic forms issued, and bikes seized during the period.

Members were then given an update of actions taken in respect of the Neighbourhood Priority Areas identified at the last meeting of the Forum.

Town Centre

It was explained that extensive patrols – both uniformed and plain clothes patrols had been conducted in line with Operation Red Lion 2008.

Malham Crescent

It was explained that this had been included as part of the street safe operation.

Schools and Churches

The Forum was informed that a leaflet drop had been made to local residents and uniformed and plain clothes patrols had been conducted in line with Operation Red Lion 2008.

Nature Area

The Local Beat Officer had liaised with Sedgefield Borough Wildlife Warden in relation to the reserve area. There had been various drug paraphernalia found in the area but no major issues to report. The area had also been patrolled by uniform and plain clothes patrol in line with Operation Red Lion 2008.

The Forum was circulated with a form to highlight areas where there were issues to be agreed as area priorities for the next period.

Members of the Forum were also circulated with a bar chart identifying the number and types of calls dealt with during July and August.

Clarification was sought regarding the use of sirens/blue lights on emergency vehicles. It was explained that sirens were used, irrespective of place, traffic etc, to protect the safety of both the public and the emergency services.

AF(5)11/08 COUNTY DURHAM PCT

Disappointment was expressed that no representative from the PCT was able to attend the meeting. Reference was made to the need for public engagement and a stronger voice for local people. Attendance at Area Forums was an important means of gauging public opinion. Reference was made to a research project into County Durham PCT's approach to public engagement and a meeting which was to be held on 16th October 2008 at Durham University Science Park which all service users and carers were welcome to attend to discuss feedback from the project.

It was suggested that a representative from the PCT be invited to attend the next meeting.

AF(5)12/08 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - PROGRESS

Consideration was given to a report providing the Forum with an update on project activity as part of Sedgefield Borough Council's Local Improvement Programme (for copy see file of Minutes).

It was explained that the Area 5 Forum had been allocated £1,140,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. The Forum was reminded of Local Improvement Programme approvals to date which totalled £741,608 with £398,392 remaining.

A number of LIP applications had, however, been received and were to be considered which, if all approved, would leave the programme oversubscribed. It was the situation across all other area forums.

NB : In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act and the Member's Code of Conduct Councillor V. Crosby declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item and left the meeting for the duration of the discussion and voting thereon.

Consideration was then given to the following project applications:-

Agnew Community Centre

Ron Mitchie from the Agnew Community Association was present at the Forum to outline the project. He explained that the project aimed to replace the existing temporary wood building within a new purpose-built community centre. This would be a multi-usage facility able to provide a variety of activities for the local community in particular activities for young people of the area which would expect to see a reduction in anti-social behaviour. The application was for £264,375 which was 100% of the total capital costs.

The Forum recognised that the project was beneficial to the community and could assist in reducing anti-social behaviour by providing activities for young people. However, some reservations were expressed regarding the

proximity to Woodham Community Centre and the long term viability of the project.

AGREED : That the project be supported.

NASSA Community Project – Newton Aycliffe Scouts Supporters Association

It was explained that the project aimed to provide a community facility by extending the existing scout hall. The project had been split into three phases of development and the first stage for which funding had been supplied would provide the central core of the project. This phase would provide a production kitchen to provide meals for functions a dining room/function hall a recording studio and digital photography facilities. The application was for £100,000 which was 18% of phase 1 total capital cost.

The Forum expressed its concern regarding the proximity of the project to the navy club which provided many of the facilities outlined in this project. Representatives from the navy club were present at the meeting to outline their concerns.

It was noted that the purpose of the building was to provide accommodation to the scout association and that the proposals did not seem to be in line with that purpose.

AGREED : That the application be not supported.

St. Josephs School Garden Project – St. Joseph’s Primary School

Mrs. G. Archbold headteacher of the St. Joseph’s school was present at the meeting to outline the project. It was explained that the project aimed to create an area suitable for community and school use designed to inspire play activities nature area growing area fixed play equipment within a safe environment. Local residents groups were interested in participating in partnership of the project.

The Forum considered that the project would be of benefit to the community in the area. It was a hands-on project to create the love of nature in young people and a sense of responsibility. Some reservations were expressed that the project was on land not in the ownership of Sedgfield Borough Council.

AGREED : That the application be supported.

Consideration was also given to two projects which had already been discussed at the Area Forum namely Aycliffe Village Hall and St. Oswalds Park. An update was given on those projects.

AF(5)13/08

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on 25th November, 2008.

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Item 6

AREA 5 FORUM

25th November 2008

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Update on Project Activity

This report provides the Area Forum with an update on project activity as part of Sedgefield Borough Council's Local Improvement Programme (LIP).

The purpose of the LIP Programme is to improve community assets and support community engagement in the regeneration of local areas. As part of this, Local Communities can propose projects against set criteria agreed by Sedgefield Borough Council. Through this Programme resources will be released to improve sites and improve the usability of community facilities and buildings across the Borough.

The Area 5 Forum has been allocated £1,140,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. The Area Forum may recall that Area 5 was oversubscribed by £208,065 following the cut off date of 31st July 2008. Cabinet has now considered the project applications received from the Area 5 Forum locality and details of their decisions is outlined in this report.

PRIORITISATION PROCESS

In 2005 Cabinet agreed a Housing Land Capital Receipts strategy that outlined a range of project proposals and established the Local Improvement Programme. To be eligible for consideration under this strategy all projects need to meet the Government 'regeneration' definition as outlined below.

Regeneration –

*“any project for the carrying out of works or activities on any land where –
(a) the land, or a building on the land, is vacant, unused, under-used, ineffectively used, contaminated or derelict; and
(b) the works or activities are carried out in order to secure that the land or the building will be brought into effective use.”*

This definition is the starting point for consideration of all LIP projects. Projects that don't meet this definition have been discouraged from applying.

Criteria

When assessing LIP project requests the following criteria has formed the basis to the project appraisal.

Project Criteria

- Social Impact and additional outcomes against priorities in the community strategy
- Clear identified need
- Clear consultation

- Links to other regeneration activity
- Deliverability of the scheme within LIP timeframe
- Value for Money
- Leverage of match funding where possible
- Achievable match funding strategy has been identified
- Principal of fair-share across communities within Area Forums
- Opportunity to phase the project to reduce the funding needed to implement the scheme without affecting the outcomes
- Strategic fit with Council plans, strategies and aspirations

Given the budget pressure and the need to ensure that LIP money is targeted at projects that will have clear community outcomes, there has been the need to sort projects into 3 main categories;

- Priority Projects
- Reserve Projects
- Non-Priority Projects for Rejection

It is recognised that some of the projects identified for approval still need confirmation of some technical issues such as match funding confirmation or planning permission considerations.

One Area Forum suggested a standardised reduction of grant based on the percentage of the oversubscription of all bids. This has been considered by the Capital Programme Team, however, it is recognised that some projects have already scaled back their ambitions to meet a reduced financial allocation. With other projects a reduction in grant allocation would lead to an increased risk of failing to deliver within the timeframe available. All projects have therefore been assessed on an individual basis.

Reserve Projects

Where an excess of eligible project requests have been received within an Area Forum locality it is proposed that a reserve list of projects be considered.

The identification of reserve projects is strongly linked to the risk analysis and contingency planning that has been carried out through project appraisal.

Non-Priority Projects

A number of projects have been submitted that whilst meeting the core LIP 'regeneration' definition as detailed above; and whilst hitting some of the key LIP criteria, haven't demonstrated or evidenced significant outcomes or impact when assessed against other project opportunities.

This list also includes projects where the timescale for project delivery is unclear or where timescales clearly exceeds the ability for Sedgefield Borough Council to progress the individual project request within its lifespan. Other considerations have included the respective 'buy in' to the project from the local community, support for the project from the respective management committee and also the match funding strategy identified linked to successful

project delivery. The Capital Programme Team have committed to work with these projects to develop bids for other funding where appropriate.

RESOURCES

The LIP budget was allocated on an Area Forum basis based on the number of households within each Forum area. The budget for LIP is fixed and can not be increased to meet the oversubscription of schemes.

Match Funding – The ability of projects to lever in additional match funding is a central consideration for all LIP projects. However, match funding decisions are outside Sedgfield Borough Council control and can therefore skew project timescales. Given the need to make progress within a tight timescale prior to Local Government Reorganisation, a deadline of the turn of the year has been set to receive clarification from projects that are dependent on external match funding decisions. The programme will be reviewed at this stage to assess progress and any risks to project delivery.

The Capital Programme Team considers that we should make every effort to give projects the time to secure match funding but we also recognise that if the funding isn't secured in time, or decisions result in no match funding being allocated to these projects then we will have to re-look at the priority project list and consider additional reserve schemes where appropriate.

The Current Position Within Area 5 Forum:

LIP Approvals

Great Aycliffe Way	£162,991
Middridge Village Hall	£76,485
Woodham Community Centre	£25,200
Neville Parade Community Centre	£44,353
Neville Parade Methodist Church	£18,475
Simpasture Park Refurbishment	£89,245
Moore Lane Refurbishment	£25,089
Newton Aycliffe Sporting Club	£299,770
St Oswalds Park	£134,017
Total	£875,625

Approvals 23rd October 2008

Agnew Community Centre	£264,375
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Non-Priority Projects for Rejection

St. Joseph's Primary School	£63,527
Aycliffe Village Hall	£44,815
Newton Aycliffe Scouts Supporters Association	£100,000

Recommendation from the Strategy and Regeneration Section:

That the Area Forum notes the information provided on the current position of the Local Improvement programme within Area 5.

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ITEM No.

REPORT TO AREA 5 FORUM

25 NOVEMBER 2008

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

NAMING AND NUMBERING

NAMING OF ACCESS ROAD SOUTH OF MILLENNIUM WAY, AYCLIFFE BUSINESS PARK

A request has been received by Lidl UK GmbH to officially name the new access road serving their warehouse and distribution facility with ancillary offices situated on land to the south of Millennium Way on Aycliffe Business Park. The access road will also serve the proposed ecological mitigation area included in the original planning consent situated to the west of the new access road and any future development of the northern part of the site.

The owners of the site have requested to name the road **Moordale Road** which they feel is in keeping with the proposed ecological mitigation area to be served by the access road and after consultation with Aycliffe Town Council and the appropriate ward councillors, the Town Council responded with the suggestion of **Riseburn Way**.

Unless the members of the Forum would wish to suggest an alternative name, it is felt appropriate that one of the above names be recommended.

Background Papers

TOWN IMPROVEMENT CLAUSES ACT 1847
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT Circular 3/93

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