

# **AREA 4 FORUM**

Tuesday, 20 November 2007

6.30 p.m.

Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre

## **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 25<sup>th</sup> September 2007. (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. COUNTY DURHAM PCT**

Arrangements have been made for Carol Bean, County Durham PCT to attend the meeting to address concerns regarding access to GP appointments in Shildon in relation to telephone charges and access.

**6. SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - APPLICATION - STAGE, SOUND AND LIGHTING SYSTEM, SHILDON CIVIC HALL**

Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 7 - 10)

**7. QUESTIONS**

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2008 at 6.30 p.m. at Shildon Sunnydale Leisure Centre

**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 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> November 2007

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# Item 3

## SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 4 FORUM

Shildon Sunnydale Leisure  
Centre

Tuesday,  
25 September 2007

Time: 6.30 p.m.

- Present:** Councillor B. Stephens (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and
- Councillor V. Chapman – Sedgefield Borough Council
  - Councillor D.M. Hancock – Sedgefield Borough Council
  - Councillor Ms. I. Jackson – Sedgefield Borough Council
  - K. Vasey – County Durham Primary Care Trust
  - Sergeant S. Rogers – Durham Constabulary
  - D. Sadler – County Durham PPI Forum
  - J. Johnson – New Shildon Residents Association
  - C. Fletcher – Shildon Community Safety Group
  - B. Carr – Shildon Community Safety Group
  - L. Rowley – Shildon Scout Memorial Field
  - C. Hind – Local Resident
- Apologies:** Councillor G.M. R. Howe. - Sedgefield Borough Council
- Councillor J.G. Huntington – Sedgefield Borough Council
  - Councillor H. Robinson – Eldon Parish Council

**AF(4)7/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Members had no interests to declare.

**AF(4)8/07 MINUTES**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**AF(4)9/07 POLICE REPORT**  
Sergeant S. Rogers was present at the meeting to give the crime statistics for the area.

The reported crime figures for July and August, 2007 were as follows :-

	<u>July :</u>	<u>August :</u>
Total recorded crime	80	114
Violent crime	15	28
Robbery	0	0
Burglary (Dwelling)	9	9
Burglary (Other)	5	6
Vehicle Crime	5	8
Theft of Vehicle	3	2
Shoplifting	3	2
Total Theft	17	28
Nuisance	65	70

Discussion was held regarding the considerable increase in theft of scrap metal. It was explained that scrap metal had a high value and the theft of items such as copper piping, cables etc., had increased. Police were monitoring the situation and attempting to deal with the problem.

It was explained that there was a meeting of the New Shildon Residents Association, the second Thursday of each month in the Salvation Army building to which the police were invited to attend to discuss crime statistics and associated issues.

Discussion was held regarding the vacancy at the Shildon Police Office. It was noted that the post would be filled as soon as possible.

The problems of anti-social behaviour particularly in relation to drivers of motorbikes was discussed. The Police requested that in respect of anti-social behaviour incidents from drivers of motorbikes, registration numbers be forwarded to the Police if possible.

**AF(4)10/07**

**COUNTY DURHAM PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

K. Vasey, County Durham Primary Care Trust attended the meeting to answer any questions from the Forum relating to local health matters.

Reference was made to discussions held at previous meetings regarding doctors surgeries using premium rate telephone numbers. It was explained that calls were charged at 5p per minute and not at premium rate.

**AF(4)11/07**

**SEDFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - APPLICATION - SHILDON SCOUTS MEMORIAL FIELD BUILDING - TECHNICAL STUDY**

Consideration was given to a report detailing an application submitted to be appraised by the Regeneration Section for funding from the Local Improvement Programme. (For copy see file of Minutes).

The report detailed information for Area 4 Forum for their consideration and comment which would be used to formulate a report and recommendations which would be submitted to Sedgfield Borough Council's Cabinet.

It was explained that funding was still available to be used within the Area 4 Forum area and any prospective project would be welcomed. The criteria for projects had been set by Government and related mainly to bringing derelict land/buildings back into effective use and bring wider community use to buildings and land.

L. Rowley from Shildon Scout Memorial Field was present at the meeting to provide details of the proposed project – involving undertaking a technical study. The study would consider a number of issues regarding the development of the project.



Details of proposed use/activities etc., if the project were developed were outlined.

The Area Forum supported the study at a cost of £4,113.

*AGREED : That Cabinet be recommended to support a technical report for Shildon Scout Memorial Field Building Technical Study.*

**AF(4)12/07**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

20<sup>th</sup> November 2007 at Shildon Sunnydale Leisure.

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# Item 6

AREA 4 FORUM

20<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Report of Assistant Chief Executive

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

## Application - Stage Sound and Lighting System, Shildon Civic Hall

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. 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:** Stage Sounds And Lighting System, Shildon Civic Hall
- **Name of Applicant:** Shildon Town Council
- **Brief Description of Project:**  
The project will replace the fixed sound and lighting equipment, encouraging groups to use the stage area and attracting new users to the civic hall. The sound and lighting currently available is obsolete and a barrier to the usage of the building for many users.
- **Requested from LIP: £7,060 (66%)**
- **Total Estimated Project Cost: £10,591**
- **Impact of the Project:**

The applicant has indicated that the provision of up to date sound and lighting will increase the usage of the building and safeguard the current users. The existing sound and lighting is archaic and the majority of it is unusable. The applicant feels that updated equipment would attract further events and ensure that the current users do not seek alternative venues. This is the start of a larger project for the civic hall. The town council will be looking at a feasibility study of the whole

building. This project has been brought forward to address an urgent need whilst the larger project is being developed.

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

The applicant has stated that the range and scope of events and performances which the Civic Hall can currently accommodate is limited because of the inadequacy of the stage sound and lighting system. Letters of support have been received from current users of the building confirming this. No further community consultation has occurred.

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 the links with other facilities, and also look at a more detail predicted programme of use for the facility in order to maximise the overall impact of the project.

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

The total project cost is £10,591, of which the applicant has applied for £7060 (66%). The remaining funding will be applied for from the Arts Council. If this is unsuccessful, Shildon Town Council will contribute this amount. Future revenue costs will be absorbed into the town council's precept.

**Statutory Approvals:**

- No planning permission will be required.

**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:**

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

Pilgrim Club Technical Study requesting £9,000

**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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