

AREA 4 FORUM

Tuesday, 3 March 2009

6.30 p.m.

Shildon Civic Hall,

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 18th November 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. LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - OVERVIEW

Report of Assistant Chief Executive. (Pages 7 - 8)

6. QUESTIONS

The Chairman will take questions from the floor.

7. 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
23rd February 2009

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 4 FORUM

Shildon Civic Hall Tuesday,
 18 November 2008 Time: 6.30 p.m.

- Present:** Councillor V. Chapman (Vice- Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council
 Councillor D.M. Hancock – Sedgefield Borough Council
 Councillor J.G. Huntington – Sedgefield Borough Council
 Acting Sergeant S. Brown – Durham Constabulary
 J. Johnson – New Shildon Residents Association
 E. Carr – Shildon Community Safety Group
 C.A. Fletcher – Shildon Community Safety Group
 D. Saddler – Shildon Nifty Fifties
 A. Walker – Shildon Resident
- Apologies:** Councillor G.M.R. Howe – Sedgefield Borough Council
 Councillor Ms. I. Jackson – Sedgefield Borough Council
 Councillor B. Stephens – Sedgefield Borough Council
 Councillor H. Robinson – Eldon Parish Council

AF(4)15/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members had no interests to declare.

AF(4)16/08 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

AF(4)17/08 POLICE REPORT

Acting Sergeant Stephen Brown was present to provide details of crime statistics for the area.

The reported crime figures for September and October 2008 were as follows:

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Total Theft	20	36
Sexual Offences	1	2
Burglary Dwelling	9	5
Burglary Other	4	5
Theft of a Vehicle	4	2
Theft from a Vehicle	3	6
Fraud/Forgery	0	2
Violence Against Person	15	8
Robbery	0	0
Criminal Damage	29	23
Drug Offences	4	1
Youth related Anti-social Behaviour	35	35

It was reported that thefts of fuel had increased as had shoplifting. With regard to burglaries, it was noted that a number of empty houses had been broken into.

Members asked if information could be provided on whether the people committing offences in the Shildon area were living in private rented accommodation as it may be possible for the Selective Licensing Scheme currently operating in Area 2 to be rolled out to Area 4.

Specific reference was made to the Jubilee Public House which had been closed down as it was not complying with the conditions attached to its licence. It was noted that since the closure, the building had been subject to vandalism.

**AF(4)18/08 SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME -
UPDATE ON PROJECT ACTIVITY**

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which gave an update on project activity in relation to Sedgfield Local Improvement Programme (LIP). (For copy see file of Minutes).

The Forum was reminded that Area 4 had been over subscribed by £799,956 following the cut-off date of 31st July 2008 and consequently project activity had been prioritised within localities to ensure that funding was targeted at projects that would have clear community outcomes.

It was noted that Cabinet, at its meeting on 23rd October 2008 had approved the application to support Eldon Community Centre, which left £149,786 to be allocated to additional schemes within the Area 4 locality.

It was noted that further discussions were planned with applicants for the two identified reserve schemes - Hackworth Park Play Area and Shildon BR Sports Club improvements to establish opportunities to lever in Section 106 monies towards the play area proposal and firm up revised cost options for the Sports Club proposal. A further report would be taken to Cabinet in respect of the two projects in due course.

With regard to the non priority projects which had been rejected, it was noted that the Council's Capital Programme Team had expressed a wish to assist the applicants to further develop their project ideas should capacity exist under other external grant programmes.

With regard to the Section 106 monies, it was noted that the Capital Programme Manager would be meeting with the Head of Planning Services to discuss their proposed use.

AGREED : *That the information provided on the current position of the Local Improvement Programme within Area 4 be noted.*

AF(4)19/08 AREA ACTION PARTNERSHIP

Concern was expressed regarding the limited consultation that had been undertaken to seek opinion on whether Shildon should be included in the Bishop Auckland or Newton Aycliffe Area Action Partnership.

It was pointed out that a decision regarding the Partnership was scheduled to be made by the end of November 2008 and the County Council had not held a consultation event in Shildon, open to all residents.

The Forum was of the view that Shildon should have its own Area Action Partnership.

AGREED : That a letter be sent to the Chief Executive, Durham County Council expressing the Forum's concern regarding the consultation arrangements and its view that Shildon should have its own Area Action Partnership.

AF(4)20/08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13th January 2009 at 6.30 p.m.

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Item 5

AREA 4 FORUM

3rd March 2009

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive

Sedgefield Borough Local Improvement Programme

Overview

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 3 Forum has been allocated £456,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006 and 2009. The Area Forum may recall that Area 4 was oversubscribed by £799,956 following the cut off date of 31st July 2008. Cabinet has now considered all project applications received from the Area 4 Forum locality and have allocated funding accordingly. Projects are summarised below.

The Current Position with approved Area 4 Forum Projects:

LIP Approvals

Hackworth Tennis Courts	Complete
Shildon Scout Field Technical Study	Complete
Hackworth Park Pavilion Technical Study	Complete
Civic Hall Lighting and Stage	Complete
Jubilee Fields Community Centre	Complete
Shildon Peoples Centre	Work ongoing
Eldon Community Centre	Planning application approved. Work started on site
Hackworth Park Play Area	All funding confirmed, work expected to start soon
Shildon Railway Sports field	Planning application submitted

Update

Since the last Area Forum meeting two projects have been approved by Cabinet.

Shildon Railway Sports Club: This project aims to provide new changing facility to fulfil modern needs for all players, the present dressing rooms are too small and cannot handle present requirements regarding male, female junior and disabled sports people. The applicant has stated that the facility will attract more young people to take part in the offered sports. Improved facilities at the club would encourage increased membership and use of the facility thereby giving a longer lifespan to the club.

Hackworth Park Play Area: This project aims to provide an extension of the range of opportunities for play by incorporating traditional fixed play, natural play and inclusive fitness equipment in an area that can be used by all ages. The applicant has stated that the targeted beneficiaries of the project are primarily the people of Shildon of all ages, however it is also anticipated that the unique opportunities created by this project will attract users from the surrounding areas.

Next Steps

Although the application process for LIP is closed, work will continue supporting the groups who have received grants to assist with the implementation of the project. This will also include monitoring of the intended outcomes to ensure that targets outlined in the application for the residents within the locality are met.

In addition to this, it is clear that due to the budget pressure and the amount of schemes submitted against the funding available, not all projects have been successful. Officers from the Strategy & Regeneration Division will continue to work with these projects to assist in trying to secure additional external grant monies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Area Forum participants for their involvement in shaping the LIP programme over the past 3 years. The comments made through the Area Forum process have been valuable in helping to challenge project ideas and ensure we get quality schemes that benefit the local community.

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 4.