

Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET

Conference Room 1,
Council Offices,
Spennymoor

Thursday,
30 September 2004

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillor R.S. Fleming (Chairman) and

Councillors Mrs. A.M. Armstrong, Mrs. B. Graham, A. Hodgson,
M. Iveson, D.A. Newell, K. Noble, J. Robinson J.P and W. Waters

In

Attendance: Councillors Mrs. K. Conroy, Mrs. J. Croft, G.C. Gray, Mrs. J. Gray,
D.M. Hancock, J.E. Higgin, Mrs. L. Hovvels, Mrs. E.M. Paylor, A. Smith,
Mrs. I. Jackson Smith and Mrs. C. Sproat

CAB.61/04 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2004 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

CAB.62/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that Councillor R.S.Fleming would be declaring a prejudicial interest in Item 4 – Civic Twinning – Visit to Rheinhausen as he was named in the report.

CAB.63/04 CIVIC TWINNING - VISIT TO RHEINHAUSEN

NB: In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Member's Code of Conduct, Councillor R.S. Fleming declared a prejudicial interest in the above item and left the meeting for the duration of discussion and voting on the item.

Councillor K. Noble in the Chair.

Consideration was given to a report regarding the above. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was reported that Gunter Heiser, the Chairman of Rheinhausen Council, was retiring from political life and had invited the Leader, Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of Sedgefield Borough Council to celebrate his farewell on 31st October 2004 in Duisberg Town Hall.

Members noted that Herr Heiser had been very supportive of the twinning links that had developed between the people of Rheinhausen and Sedgefield.

RESOLVED : That the Council be represented on the above visit by Councillors R.S. Fleming, Ms. M. Predki and the Chief Executive Officer.

Councillor R.S. Fleming in the Chair.

CAB.64/04

PROMOTION OF THE REGENERATION OF THE BOROUGH - HOUSING LAND CAPITAL RECEIPTS STRATEGY (KEY DECISION)

Consideration was given to a report setting out a medium term strategy to govern the use of the Council's capital receipts from housing land disposals to support the sustainable promotion and well being of the Borough's communities, through an enhanced programme of capital investment, in line with the Council's key aims and outcomes. (For copy see file of Minutes)

The strategy indicated a number of key themes to be supported, which included:

- Support for Major Area Based/Neighbourhood Renewal Schemes that were being developed linked to the Borough's Local Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and other programmes, such as English Partnerships Durham Coalfields Housing Renewal Programme for Ferryhill and Chilton.
- Strategic Investments related to major programmes to assist in the delivery of community strategy outcomes and contribute to other national, regional and sub regional programmes.
- Enhancement of current capital programmes.
- Improvement of community assets to enhance the usability and access to buildings and land in local communities to support improved access to services and other activities, leading to an improvement in the quality of life for local communities.
- A Local Area Programme to be operated in consultation with the Area Forums.

The report outlined how the strategy would be implemented and the resource implications.

Members' attention was drawn to Appendix 2, which listed some indicative schemes that might be supported and Appendix 3, which gave an indicative expenditure profile.

RESOLVED : 1. That the Policy framework detailed in the report to govern the Council's use of available housing land capital receipts on expenditure that conforms with the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's definition of eligible expenditure on affordable housing and regeneration activities, be approved.

2. *That the planned arrangements for the delivery of the Housing Land Capital Receipts Programme be agreed.*
3. *That reports regarding the proposed schemes be submitted to Cabinet for approval.*

CAB.65/04 FOOD SERVICE PLAN 2004 - 2005 (KEY DECISION)

Consideration was given to a report in respect of the above Plan. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was explained that the Plan outlined the services provided by the Council's Food Safety Section, the means by which those services would be provided, the linkage with the Council's Best Value Performance Plan and the Section's Business Plan and how performance would be reviewed to address any variance in meeting the Plan's requirement. It was the third food service plan that had been compiled using the service planning guidance outlined in the Framework Agreement on Local Authority Food Law Enforcement.

RESOLVED : That the Plan be presented to Council for consideration.

CAB.66/04 AREA FORUMS

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the following:

Area 1 Forum	...	6 th September 2004
Area 2 Forum	...	7 th September 2004

(For copies see file of Minutes).

RESOLVED : That the reports be received.

CAB.67/04 LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Consideration was given to the Minutes of Sedgefield Borough Local Strategic Partnership Board Meeting held on 21st July 2004. (For copy see file of Minutes).

RESOLVED : That the report be received.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED : That in accordance with Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 7 and 9 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

CAB.68/04 ASSET MANAGEMENT - SALE OF PROPERTY - WILDLIFE GARDEN, THE PARK, BISHOP MIDDLEHAM

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval for the Council to sell its freehold interest in the Wildlife Garden, The Park, Bishop Middleham to Bishop Middleham Parish Council. (For copy see file of Minutes).

RESOLVED : That the recommendation detailed in the report be adopted.

CAB.69/04 PROPOSED PURCHASE OF FORMER METHODIST CHAPEL, DEAN BANK, FERRYHILL

The Lead Member for Regeneration presented a report seeking approval for the Council to make an approach to acquire the above building to support the wider regeneration of the area. (For copy see file of Minutes).

RESOLVED : That the recommendation detailed in the report be adopted.

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