

**SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET**

Conference Room 1,
Council Offices,
Spennymoor

Thursday,
30 November 2006

Time: 10.00 a.m.

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

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

In Attendance: Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. B.A. Clare, Mrs. K. Conroy,
Mrs. J. Croft, Mrs. A.M. Fleming, A. Gray, G.C. Gray, B. Hall, J.E. Higgin,
B. Meek, J.P. Moran, G. Morgan, Mrs. E.M. Paylor, A. Smith, T. Ward and
J. Wayman J.P

Apologies: Councillors M. Iveson and R.A. Patchett

CAB.112/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members had no interests to declare.

CAB.113/06 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2006 were confirmed
as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**CAB.114/06 CALL OUT SERVICE FOR EMERGENCY HOUSING REPAIRS (KEY
DECISION)**

The Lead Member for Housing presented a report regarding the above
(For copy see file of Minutes).

Members were reminded that Cabinet at its meeting on 29th June 2006
had agreed that the future provision of the call out service for emergency
housing repairs be subject to market testing and that in assembling an in
house bid, the need to secure continuous provision of the service
throughout the year had to be recognised and consideration given to
negotiating a contractual agreement with the relevant Trade Unions.

It was reported that the tendering exercise had been completed, however,
it was not possible to award the contract within existing budgets. It was
therefore necessary to re-tender the service with a revised specification,
reflecting existing service standards whilst maintaining the requirement for
the service to be delivered within a contracted agreement.

RESOLVED : *That the call-out service be re-tendered with a revised
specification, reflecting current service standards
whilst maintaining the requirement for the service to
be delivered within a contracted agreement.*

CAB.115/06 IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGES TO THE RIGHT TO BUY LEGISLATION

The Lead Member for Housing presented a report regarding the Council's option to exercise the first right of refusal to buy back a property purchased under Right to Buy provisions after 15th August 2005 and the waiving of the claw back of Right to Buy discount in certain circumstances. (For copy see file of Minutes)

- RESOLVED :*
1. *That the Director of Housing, in consultation with the Director of Neighbourhood Services, be authorised to agree the repurchase properties sold in accordance with the Right to Buy requirements after 15th August 2005, subject to the requirements set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report.*
 2. *That the Director of Housing be authorised to agree the waiving of the claw back of the Right to Buy discount subject to the requirements set out in Paragraph 4.2. of the report.*

CAB.116/06 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW GROUP REPORT - REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER INFORM

Consideration was given to a schedule detailing the Cabinet's response and action plan to the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Review Group regarding the Council's Community Newspaper Inform. (For copy see file of Minutes)

RESOLVED : *That the schedule be agreed.*

CAB.117/06 AREA FORUMS

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the following meetings:

Area 2 Forum	-	31 st October 2006
Area 1 Forum	-	6 th November 2006
Area 3 Forum	-	8 th November 2006
Area 4 Forum	-	14 th November 2006

(For copies see file of Minutes).

RESOLVED : *That the reports be received.*

CAB.118/06 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2006. (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 3 and 4 Schedule 12a of the Act.

CAB.119/06 FUTURE OF GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2 AND LINKS TO POTENTIAL FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD DELIVERY OF STREET SCENE SERVICES (KEY DECISION)

The Lead Member for Environment presented a report regarding the options available upon termination of Grounds Maintenance Contract 2 to unlock the potential for neighbourhood working and deliver services locally. (For copy see file of Minutes).

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

CAB.120/06 PROCUREMENT OF HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE 2007 - 2012 (KEY DECISION)

The Lead Member for Housing presented a report detailing the critical activities and key matters for consideration in the procurement of the housing capital programme and repairs and maintenance service for the period 2007 to 2012. (For copy see file of Minutes).

The Leader of the Council thanked officers for preparing a comprehensive and detailed report.

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

CAB.121/06 ASSET MANAGEMENT - INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY SALE OF INDUSTRIAL UNIT 1702C WHINFIELD DRIVE, AYCLIFFE INDUSTRIAL PARK (KEY DECISION)

The Leader of the Council presented a report regarding an offer received to purchase the above industrial unit. (For copy see file of Minutes).

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

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