

**SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CABINET**

Conference Room 1,  
Council Offices,  
Spennymoor

Thursday,  
1 February 2007

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 and R.A. Patchett

**In Attendance:** Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. B.A. Clare, A. Gray, B. Hall,  
D.M. Hancock, J.E. Higgin, J.G. Huntington, G. Morgan, Mrs. E.M. Paylor,  
A. Smith, Mrs. I. Jackson Smith, T. Ward and J. Wayman J.P

**Apologies:** Councillors W. Waters

**CAB.141/06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following Councillors indicated that they would be declaring a prejudicial interest in the following items:

Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong – Item No. 5 – Local Improvement Programme – Family/Community Support Area – Tudhoe Grange School – Governor of Tudhoe Grange School

Councillor A. Hodgson – Item No. 6 – Local Improvement Programme – Hackworth Park Tennis Courts Redevelopment – Board Member of Groundwork East Durham

Councillor K. Noble – Item No. 6 – Local Improvement Programme – Hackworth Park Tennis Courts Redevelopment – Board Member of Groundwork East Durham and Item No. 10 – NETPark – Proposed Land Disposal and Future Investment – Member of the Advisory Board of NETPark.

**CAB.142/06 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2007 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**CAB.143/06 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007/08 (KEY DECISION)**

The Lead Member for Leisure and Culture presented a report seeking approval to begin the procurement process to source and install variable speed drives to Leisure Centre plant and machinery, which had been assessed to achieve a reduction in energy consumption of specific plant by up to 49%. (For copy see file of Minutes)

The anticipated installation costs of 38 variable speed drives was in the region of £129,000.

It was explained that by agreeing to the project in advance of the capital programme spending plans for 2007/08 for the Leisure and Culture portfolio, full year cost savings were more likely to be made.

- RESOLVED :**
1. *That the procurement process to source and install variable speed drives begins immediately.*
  2. *That a report outlining the Capital Programme spending plans for the Leisure and Culture portfolio in the 2007/08 financial year be submitted to Cabinet as soon as possible.*

**CAB.144/06 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - FAMILY/ COMMUNITY SUPPORT AREA - TUDHOE GRANGE SCHOOL**

**N.B. In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong declared a prejudicial interest in the above item and left the meeting for the duration of discussion and voting on the item.**

The Lead Member for Social Regeneration and Partnership presented a report regarding a Local Improvement Programme application from Tudhoe Grange for funding to provide children and families with a venue specifically designed for their use where they could access appropriate services confidentially (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members noted that the application had been supported by Area 1 Forum at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

- RESOLVED :** *That the application for Local Improvement Programme funds based upon the information provided be approved.*

**CAB.145/06 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - HACKWORTH PARK TENNIS COURTS REDEVELOPMENT**

**N.B. In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor A. Hodgson declared a prejudicial interest in the above item and left the meeting for the duration of discussion and voting on the item.**

**N.B. In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Members' Code of Conduct, Councillor K. Noble declared a prejudicial interest in the above item and left the meeting.**

Consideration was given to a report regarding a Local Improvement Programme application from Shildon Town Council to redevelop the existing tennis courts and improve access to the courts at Hackworth Park, Shildon. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members noted that the application had been supported by Area 4 Forum.

*RESOLVED : That the application for Local Improvement Programme funds based upon the information provided be approved.*

**CAB.146/06 PROPOSED CREATION OF FOOD AND HEALTH CO-ORDINATION POST (FIXED TERM UPTO 31.3. 08)**

Consideration was given to a report regarding the proposed creation of a fixed term project based post, which was to be externally funded through the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was noted that the post would concentrate on partnership and project-based activity which would progress the twin agendas of Community Health Promotion and also link strongly with the Community Enterprise aspect of the Authority's and the Local Strategic Partnership's Prosperous ambitions.

*RESOLVED : That the creation of a fixed term project post to deliver the Food and Health Agenda be approved.*

**CAB.147/06 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007. (For copy see file of Minutes).

*RESOLVED : That the Committee's recommendations be noted and appropriate action be taken.*

**CAB.148/06 AREA FORUMS**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the following meetings:

Area 2 Forum	-	9 <sup>th</sup> January 2007
Area 3 Forum	-	10 <sup>th</sup> January 2007
Area 4 Forum	-	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2007

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*RESOLVED : That the reports 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 item of business on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12a of the Act.*

**CAB.149/06 NETPARK: PROPOSED LAND DISPOSAL AND FUTURE INVESTMENT (KEY DECISION)**

The Leader of the Council presented a report seeking approval for the Council to contribute resources towards a number of key projects at Netpark. (For copy see file of Minutes).

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

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