

**SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CABINET**

Conference Room 1,  
Council Offices,  
Spennymoor

Thursday,  
11 September 2008

Time: 10.00 a.m.

**Present:** Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong (Chairman) and  
  
Councillors Mrs. K. Conroy, Mrs. B. Graham, A. Hodgson, J.M. Khan,  
D.A. Newell and W. Waters

**In Attendance:** Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp, Mrs. P. Crathorne,  
Mrs. L. M.G. Cuthbertson, G.C. Gray, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, T. Hogan,  
B. Lamb, A. Warburton and T. Ward

**Apologies:** Councillors V. Crosby and Mrs. L. Hovvels

**CAB.31/08      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Members had no interests to declare.

**CAB.32/08      MINUTES**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**CAB.33/08      GROWTH POINT (KEY DECISION)**  
Consideration was given to a report detailing the progress made in relation to the Durham New Growth Point Bid. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was explained that the Durham New Growth Point Bid, which was linked to the Coalfield Housing Market Renewal Programme and the recognised priority areas, aimed to create 14,500 net additional homes before 2016 in the districts of Easington, Sedgefield and Wear Valley. The bid focused on following two growth corridors:

- The A19 corridor encompassing the towns of Peterlee and Seaham.
- The Bishop Auckland to Darlington corridor, encompassing the towns of Bishop Auckland, Newton Aycliffe, Shildon and Spennymoor including Chilton and Ferryhill.

The new housing would be linked to town centre regeneration and new job creation via the accelerated development of nine employment and mixed use development sites, including Durham Gate, Spennymoor. The programme would improve the environmental, economic and social sustainability of the above settlements. It would also link with the ongoing materplanning exercises in Spennymoor, Newton Aycliffe, Peterlee and

Bishop Auckland town centres and would lead to transport, healthcare and education improvements in the two corridors.

Members noted that in July 2008 the Department for Communities and Local Government had announced that the Durham Bid was one of the twenty successful second round bids eligible to share £100m through the Growth Fund.

Members' attention was drawn to Section 4 of the report which outlined the next steps to be taken.

- RESOLVED :*
- 1. That the content of the report be noted.*
  - 2. That in the light of the timescales prescribed by the Department of Communities and Local Government, authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Lead Members for Planning and Development and Social Regeneration and Partnership, to approve the submissions of the Community Infrastructure Pro-Forma and the Programme of Delivery as identified in Section 4 of the report.*

**CAB.34/08 AREA 5 FORUM**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2008. (For copy see file of Minutes).

*RESOLVED :* *That the Minutes be received.*

**Published on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2008.**

**Any key decision contained in these Minutes will be implemented on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2008 unless they are called in by three Members of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the call in procedure rules.**

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