

**SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CABINET**

Conference Room 1,  
Council Offices,  
Spennymoor

Thursday,  
8 January 2009

Time: 10.00 a.m.

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

**In Attendance:** Councillors V. Chapman, Mrs. L. M.G. Cuthbertson, A. Gray, G.C. Gray,  
J.E. Higgin and A. Warburton

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs. L. Hovvells and D.A. Newell

**CAB. 80/08    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
Members had no interests to declare.

**CAB. 81/08    MINUTES**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**CAB. 82/08    LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - TUDHOE MOOR PLAY AREA**  
Consideration was given to a report regarding an application from Spennymoor Town Council to carry out physical improvements to the play park situated adjacent to Tudhoe Moor estate (For copy see file of Minutes)

Members noted that the applicant had originally requested £106,615 of LIP funding, which was 66% of the total capital project cost of £160,735 for the works. The remaining costs would be funded by Spennymoor Town Council and Durham County Council Urban and Rural Renaissance Initiative monies. In addition to the LIP request, Section 106 funding of £8,125 had been identified towards the project from a neighbouring development which would enable the LIP funding to be reduced to £98,490, 61% of the total project cost.

The project comprised of the removal and replacement of the play equipment and safety surfacing as well as the replacement of a small grass football pitch with a non floodlit multi-use games area. It met the Department for Communities and Local Government eligible 'Regeneration' definition and had been supported by Area 1 Forum.

**RESOLVED :**        *That the application for Local Improvement Programme funds be approved, based upon the information provided in the report and the use of Section 106 monies towards the proposal be acknowledged.*

**CAB. 83/08 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - NEW CHANGING ROOMS FACILITY, SHILDON RAILWAY SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB**

Consideration was given to a report regarding an application to provide Shildon Railway Sports and Social Club with a new two team and officials changing room facility (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members noted that the Sports Club had initially requested £209,220 of LIP funding for a four team changing facility, however, constraints in the LIP budget had resulted in a revised project that would meet the Club's requirements. Consequently, the amount of LIP funding requested had been reduced to £70,782, which was 96% of the total capital project costs of £73,782.

The project met the Department for Communities and Local Government eligible 'Regeneration' definition and had been supported by Area 4 Forum.

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

**CAB. 84/08 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - HACKWORTH PARK EXTENSION OF PLAY FACILITIES**

Consideration was given to a report regarding an application from Shildon Town Council to refurbish and extend the Hackworth Play Area by providing a range of traditional fixed play, natural play and inclusive fitness equipment which could be used by people of all ages. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Members noted that the applicant had initially requested £106,647 of LIP funding, which represented 82% of the total capital project costs of £130,647.

It was proposed that in order to balance the request against remaining available LIP funds for Area 4, the LIP offer should be reduced to £60,000 with an additional £27,955 of Section 106 monies being allocated to the project, giving a total contribution of £87,955.

The project met the Department for Communities and Local Government eligible 'Regeneration' definition and had also been supported by Area 4 Forum.

*RESOLVED : That the application for Local Improvement Programme funds be approved based upon the information provided in the report and the use of Section 106 monies towards the proposal be acknowledged.*

**CAB. 85/08 STATE OF THE BOROUGH REVIEW 2009**

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

It was explained that the State of the Borough Review had examined the quality of life issues linked to each of the Council's corporate ambitions, looked at the services provided by the Council and other agencies, highlighted the areas that were working well and areas for improvement and made a number of recommendations to the new Council.

Members were given details of the main findings and the recommendations for each of the four sections of the report.

- RESOLVED :*
1. *That the report be approved and the recommendations contained therein be supported.*
  2. *That the report be forwarded to Durham County Council for consideration of key issues and recommendations.*
  3. *That copies of the report be distributed to Durham County Councillors, Directors and Heads of Service and relevant partner agencies.*

**CAB. 86/08 PROSPEROUS AND ATTRACTIVE BOROUGH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008. (For copy see file of Minutes).

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

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**The Minutes contain no key decisions and will be implemented immediately.**

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