

CABINET

Thursday,
19 March 2009
10.00 a.m.

Conference Room 1,
Council Offices,
Spennymoor

AGENDA and REPORTS



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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To notify the Chairman of any items that appear in the agenda in which you may have an interest.

3. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2009. (Pages 1 - 4)

SOCIAL REGENERATION AND PARTNERSHIP AND HOUSING PORTFOLIOS

4. REDEVELOPMENT OF 'THE ROWS', FERRYHILL STATION

Report of Director of Neighbourhood Services. (Pages 5 - 10)

MINUTES

5. AREA FORUMS

To consider the Minutes of the following:

(a) Area 2 Forum - 17th February 2009 (Pages 11 - 14)

(b) Area 3 Forum - 25th February 2009 (Pages 15 - 18)

N.B. Whilst the following item does not contain any 'exempt' information, it should be noted that if Members wish to raise any questions, it may be necessary to pass the appropriate resolution to exclude the press and public as any queries may involve the disclosure of 'exempt' information.

6. EMPLOYMENT ISSUES PANEL

Minutes of meeting held on 9th March 2009. (Pages 19 - 20)

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Lead Members are requested to inform the Chief Executive or the Cabinet Secretary of any items they might wish to raise under this heading by no later than 12 noon on the day preceding the meeting. This will enable the Officers in consultation with the Chairman to determine whether consideration of the matter by the Cabinet is appropriate.

B. Allen
Chief Executive

Councillor Mrs. A.M. Armstrong (Chairman)

Councillors Mrs. K. Conroy, V. Crosby, Mrs. B. Graham, A. Hodgson, Mrs. L. Hovvels,
J.M. Khan, D.A. Newell and W. Waters

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Item 3

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL CABINET

Conference Room 1,
Council Offices,
Spennymoor

Thursday,
19 February 2009

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillor V. Crosby (In the Chair) and

Councillors Mrs. K. Conroy, A. Hodgson, D.A. Newell and W. Waters

In Attendance: Councillors V. Chapman, G.C. Gray, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, J.E. Higgin, Mrs. H.J. Hutchinson, B. Lamb, Mrs. E.M. Paylor, A. Warburton and T. Ward

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. A.M. Armstrong Mrs. B. Graham, Mrs. L. Hovvells and J.M. Khan

CAB. 92/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Members had no interests to declare.

CAB. 93/08 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CAB. 94/08 REVENUE BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT - POSITION AT 31ST DECEMBER 2008 AND PROBABLE OUTTURN 2008/09
Consideration was given to a report which summarised the projected outturn position in respect of the Council's revenue activities (for copy see file of Minutes).

It was reported that the General Fund was expected to use balances of around £0.843m compared to a budgeted use of £0.790m – an increase of £0.053m., before the use of provisions.

The Housing Revenue Account was currently showing a balance budget position with income matching expenditure. A final account position for the training service which was transferred to Bishop Auckland during the year was currently being calculated.

Specific reference was made to paragraph 7 of the report which set out the significant balance sheet items in order to provide a wider perspective on the Council's financial standing.

RESOLVED : *That the position as at 31st December 2008 and the projections for the final year be noted.*

CAB. 95/08 CAPITAL PROGRAMME EXPENDITURE AND FINANCING POSITION TO 31ST DECEMBER 2008

Consideration was given to a report detailing the actual capital programme expenditure and financing position as at 31st December 2008, committed expenditure, probable outturn spend as at 31st March, 2009 commitments carried forward into 2009/2010 and estimated budget savings and pressures (for copy see file of Minutes).

Specific reference was made to table 2 which summarised the actual spend up to December 2008 across all portfolios.

Members noted that the gross spend in the first nine months to 31st December 2008 was £11.248m against the capital programme budget of £26.539m, which represented 42% of the total budget. In addition some £5.253m of spend was committed giving a total of £16.501m of actual and committed spend, or some 62% of the total budget.

It was anticipated that some £5.15m would be needed to be carried forward into 2009/10 to enable the agreed capital programme to be completed. Therefore the total revised estimated costs of the programme were £26.289m compared to a budget of £26.539m giving a saving of £0.250m.

RESOLVED : That the updated nine month spend position to 31st December 2008, the amendments to the Capital Programme, the probable outturn position and the commitments carried forward into 2009/10 be noted.

CAB. 96/08 HEALTHY BOROUGH WITH STRONG COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2009. (For copy see file of Minutes).

RESOLVED : That the Minutes be received.

CAB. 97/08 PROSPEROUS AND ATTRACTIVE BOROUGH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2009. (For copy see file of Minutes).

RESOLVED : That the Minutes be received.

CAB. 98/08 AREA FORUMS

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the following :-

- Area 3 Forum – 7th January 2009
- Area 1 Forum – 19th January 2009
- Area 5 Forum – 20th January 2009

(For copies see file of Minutes).

RESOLVED : That the Minutes be received.

CAB. 99/08 EMPLOYMENT ISSUES PANEL - 4TH FEBRUARY, 2009

Consideration was given to the meeting held on 4th February 2009. (For copy see file of Minutes).

RESOLVED : *That the Minutes be received.*

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Item 4

REPORT TO CABINET

19TH March 2009

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

Portfolio Regeneration and Housing

Redevelopment of 'The Rows', Ferryhill Station

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The former area of Chapel Row, Ferryhill Station was released for new housing development to Three Rivers Housing Group through a joint venture partnership agreement, see Cabinet approval on the 13th September 2007.
- 1.2 The development which is due for completion by the end of April 2009 consists of 30 mixed tenure units of accommodation comprising of 10 units for sub market rent, 10 for shared ownership and the remaining 10 units for sale. Due to the current market conditions there has been little interest shown in the units that are available for outright sale. The units could be marketed at lower value however such sales would undermine the overall financial viability of the development.
- 1.3 In order to provide a solution to the issues faced within the current economic climate and to prevent the unsold housing units remaining empty on the site Three Rivers Housing Group are requesting to move the 10 outright sale units into sub market rent. Therefore providing a total of 20 sub market rent units. To enable this an application has been made to the Homes and Communities Agency for further grant funding which has been successful.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To agree to the request of Three Rivers Housing Group to alter the tenure mix of properties.
- 2.2 To agree nominations of applicants who are being displaced through Phase 1 of the Masterplan and applicants from the Council's housing register.

3. Strategic Approach To The Redevelopment of 'The Rows', Ferryhill Station.

- 3.1 The development site is located within Ferryhill Station in an area know locally as 'The Rows' which is encompassed within Chilton Ward. Phase 1 and 2 of the site amounts to 0.40 ha (0.98 of an acre). Phase 3 amounts to 1.60 ha (3.96 acres) and is subject to future clearance of properties and relocation of residents (Appendix 1) . Ferryhill Station was strategically identified as an area requiring significant market renewal as demonstrated through the master plan for the area.
- 3.2 Following consultation with residents, a requirement to provide mixed tenure housing to assist those residents who currently occupy houses within Phase 3 to relocate to new properties in Phases 1 & 2 had been identified. With priority for the remaining social and affordable properties to be developed on the site being given to other residents affected by the master plans from Dean Bank and Chilton West.
- 3.3 A partnership based approach was undertaken through creation of a Joint Venture Agreement with Three Rivers Housing Group the Registered Social Landlord who have significant ownership of property within Phase 3 of the site. The agreement included the development of 30 dwellings on Phase 1 & 2 of the site comprising of 10 units for sub market rent, 10 for shared ownership and the remaining 10 units for sale. Construction of these units has included:-
- Eco homes very good standard
 - Design to Scheme Design Standards (SDS) and Secured By Design (SBD)
 - Housing unit sizes exceeding market levels
 - Investment in the external appearance and finishings
- 3.4 The disposal of Phases 1 & 2 to Three Rivers Housing Group has seen the development take place and has supported the wider strategic regeneration of the Durham Coalfields Housing Renewal Programme which has been set within the sub regional housing strategy. Due to current market conditions there has been little interest shown in the units that are available for outright sale. Three Rivers Housing Group have advised that the units could be marketed at lower value however such sales would undermine the overall financial viability of the development.
- 3.5 In order to provide a solution to the issues faced within the current economic climate and to prevent the unsold housing units remaining empty on the site Three Rivers Housing Group have been supported through further grant funding from the Homes and Communities Agency and are now requesting the Council to consider the proposal to move the 10 outright sale units into sub market rent.

- 3.6 Three Rivers Housing Group as part of the partnership will be able to assist further current applicants who are registered for rehousing with the Council. And where required those residents being displaced from Phase 1 of the Masterplan.

4. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no further source implications.

5. CONSULTATIONS

The redevelopment of 'The Rows' has included extensive consultation with local residents and stakeholders. This consultation has been maintained during the delivery phases to ensure effective community support.

6. OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Links to Corporate Ambitions/Values

The Community Strategy outcomes include a Borough with Strong Communities where residents can access a good choice of high quality housing. The Council's ambitions, which are linked, to the Community Strategy outcomes are articulated through the Corporate Plan and the Medium Term Financial Plan. The Borough Councils ambitions mirror the Community Strategy's outcomes and the development of 'The Rows' has made a direct contribution to this outcome through the provision of social, shared ownership and older persons accommodation.

6.2 Risk Management

The request put forward by Three Rivers Housing Group has been supported by the Homes and Communities Agency with the receipt of grant funding. This has assisted with maintaining the financial viability of the development.

6.3 Health and Safety

There are no additional implications over and above for existing staff of the Borough.

6.4 Equality & Diversity

Full account will be taken of the Borough Council's obligation to promote equality and diversity.

6.5 Sustainability

One of the objectives of the Masterplan proposals is to improve the housing choices available to meet current and future demand and to support economic growth by providing modern attractive homes in sustainable neighbourhoods, which has contributed to the delivery of sustainable communities throughout the Borough.

6.6 Crime & Disorder

The Council's duty under Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 has been taken into account considering the recommendations and should bring about sustainable change through improving the local environment.

6.7 Legal & Constitutional

Three Rivers Housing Group is requesting to alter the tenure mix of properties on the development which is a variation to the tenure mix set within the Joint Venture Agreement.

7 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no Overview and Scrutiny implications of this report.

8 LIST OF APPENDICES

8.1 Appendix 1 Location Plan 'The Rows' Ferryhill Station.

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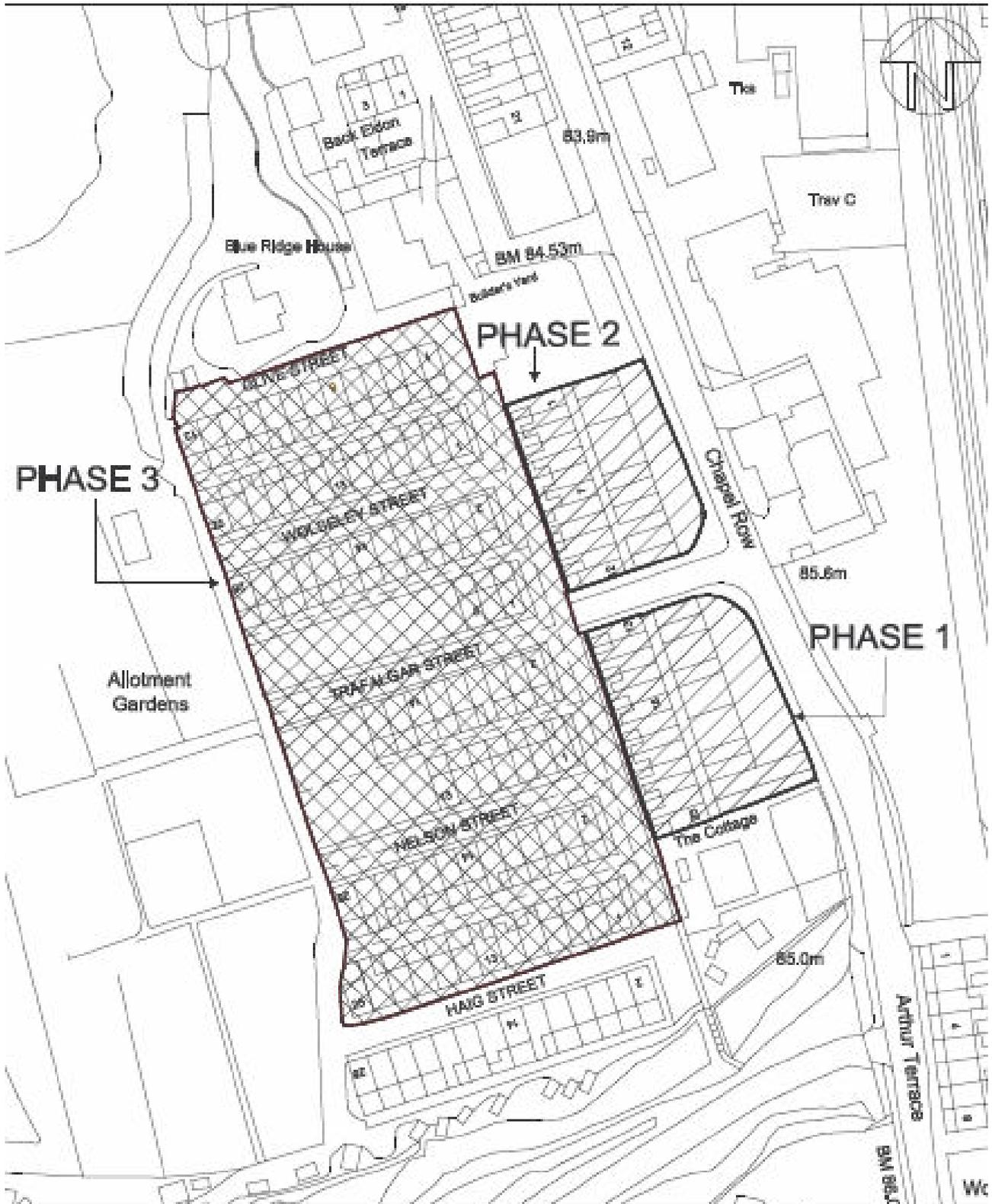
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Background Papers:

- Joint report of Director of Neighbourhood Services & Head of Strategy Regeneration Coalfield Housing Renewal – Master Planning provided to Cabinet 13th July 2006.
- Report to Cabinet Development Proposal of 'The Rows' Ferryhill Station 13th September 2007

Examination by Statutory Officers

	Yes	Not Applicable
1. The report has been examined by the Councils Head of the Paid Service or his representative	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. The report has been approved by Management Team	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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TITLE:

**Redevelopment Proposals
The Rows
Ferryhill Station**

REF

**SCALE
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**DATE
21/08/07**

Item 5a

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 2 FORUM

Dean Bank and Ferryhill
Literary Institute

Tuesday,
17 February 2009

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Mrs. C. Potts (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and

Councillor B. Avery J.P.	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs P. Crathorne	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor D. Farry	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor T. F. Forrest	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs Z. Roddam	–	Ferryhill Town Council
Councillor S. C Drew	–	West Cornforth Parish Council
A Rutherford	–	Chilton Partnership
L. Dixon	–	Chilton Partnership
M. Taylor	–	Chilton West Residents Association
M. Mitchell	–	Chilton West Residents Association
B. Sheppard	–	Dean Bank and Ferryhill Literary Institute
B. Gibson	–	Ferryhill Community Centre
J. Weston	–	Dean Bank Resident
K. Tracey	–	Chilton Resident
O. Tracey	–	Chilton Resident
P. Forrest	–	Resident
R Greenwell	–	Resident
K Dare	–	NHS County Durham

In

Attendance: N. Woodgate and J. Stubbs (Sedgefield Borough Council)

Apologies:

Councillor T. D Brimm	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs K. Conroy	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor J. E. Higgin	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor A. Hodgson	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor B. Lamb	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor D. A. Newell	–	Sedgefield Borough Council
C Heal	–	Chilton Partnership

AF(2)26/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

AF(2)27/08 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes)

AF(2)28/08 POLICE REPORT

There was no representative from the Police available to attend the meeting. This was a result of an emergency situation involving the execution of a warrant.

AF(2)29/08 LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Chief Executive which provided an update on project activity as part of Sedgefield Borough Council's Local Improvement Programme. (For copy see file of Minutes)

With regard to the football facility at Dean Bank Park, in January 2009 Ferryhill Town Council had received clarification that a grant of £705,839 had been awarded from the Football Foundation. Combined with LIP funding this would result in a £1m proposal in Dean Bank Park. Subject to a tender exercise, it was hoped that work would start on the project in early summer.

The Number 66 Cornforth Partnership, Chilton Environmental Improvement Programme, Mainsforth Community Centre and Dean Bank Institute Gala Room projects were now complete. Work was ongoing with the West Cornforth Community Centre and Bishop Middleham Village Hall projects. Additional funding for the West Cornforth Community Centre project had been obtained, which would enable the whole project to go ahead as outlined in the application. £26,245 was contributed by Section 106 and £26,000 by Banks. A planning application had been submitted for the Pentlands Play Area project.

It was reported that the Regeneration Team would continue supporting the groups who had received grants in the implementation and monitoring of projects.

The Regeneration Officer thanked all of the Area Forum participants for their involvement in, and support for the LIP Programme over the past 3 years.

Members of the Forum also thanked the Regeneration Section for all of their hard work in making the Programme a success.

AGREED : That the report be noted.

AF(2)30/08 CHILTON HEALTH CENTRE

K. Dare from NHS County Durham was present at the meeting to give an update on the progress being made on Chilton Health Centre.

It was reported that the purchase of the land for the centre was in the hands of solicitors, however, could not be completed until the whole project was secure and costs finalised. Work was ongoing with the developer to negotiate costs. When this was complete the final business case, which was expected to be received in the next few weeks, would go through the approval process. The medical practice also had a possible alternative site in mind in the event that any issues developed.

Members were informed that maintenance and improvements would be made to the existing centre in order to meet Health and Safety and healthcare standards. This was necessary as it was expected to be 18 months until the new facility would be complete.

NHS County Durham would continue to liaise with County Councillors and Area Action Partnerships in order to keep residents informed of progress.

Parish Councils would also be kept informed and it was suggested that notices would be placed in the existing health centre.

AF(2)31/08 QUESTIONS

Area Action Partnerships

A query was raised regarding the final constitution of the Area Action Partnerships. It was reported that this had not been decided yet. However, there was a draft, which was out for consultation.

The importance of partnerships and residents associations meeting informally to discuss problems and issues to feed into the Area Action Partnerships for consideration was stressed.

AF(2)32/08 AREA 2 FORUM

As this would be the last Area 2 Forum to be held before Local Government Re-organisation, the Chairman thanked residents and Members for all of their support.

The Forum also thanked the Chairman for all of her hard work.

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Item 5b

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AREA 3 FORUM

Youth and Community
Centre,
Fishburn

Wednesday,
25 February 2009

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor T. Ward (Chairman) – Sedgefield Borough Council and
Councillor D.R. Brown – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor D. Chaytor – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor Mrs. L. Hovvells – Sedgefield Borough Council
Councillor P. Brookes – Durham County Council
Sergeant B. O'Connor – Sedgefield Police
Councillor Mrs. M. Brown – Sedgefield Town Council
Mrs. L. Swinbank – Sedgefield Town Clerk
Councillor Mrs. B. Thomson – Trimdon Parish Council
L. Oliver – Trimdon Parish Clerk
Mrs. G. Norton – Local Resident

In Attendance: Mrs. L. Walker and Mrs. N. Woodgate (Sedgefield Borough Council)

Apologies: Councillor J. Burton – Sedgefield Borough Council
J. Robinson J.P – Sedgefield Borough Council
J. Irvine – Fishburn Parish Council

AF(3)21/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
No declarations of interest were received.

AF(3)22/08 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January, 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. (For copy see file of Minutes).

AF(3)23/08 POLICE REPORT
Sergeant B. O'Connor was present at the meeting to give details of crime statistics in the area.

It was reported that crime statistics during the period 8th January, 2009 to 25th February, 2009 were as follows :-

<u>Type of Crime</u>	<u>Sedgefield</u>	<u>Fishburn</u>	<u>Trimdon Village</u>	<u>Trimdon Grange/ Station</u>
Burglary (Dwelling)	3	0	0	0
Burglary (Other)	1	1	2	0
Theft	3	0	1	1
Criminal Damage	5	3	2	2
Assault	4	0	0	
Vehicle Crime	10	5	5	4
Violence against a person	0	0	0	2
Total Incidents reported	240	101	75	44

Reference was made to the theft of vehicles. It was reported that as a result of improved vehicle security it was now common for car keys to be stolen in order to take the car.

Reference was made to motor cycles being ridden by youths in the open space behind Fishburn Industrial Estate. It was explained that the Police were aware of the problem and would make every effort to get the off-road motor cycle unit to target the area.

Discussion took place in relation to the Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings. It was pointed out that attendance at these meetings was beginning to increase.

Particular reference was made to the neighbourhood priority of littering at Skerne Avenue, Trimdon Village. It was pointed out that wardens had carried out a litter picking exercise and only a small amount of litter had been collected. The main problem was people disposing of litter in residents gardens.

It was highlighted that rats were also a problem around Skerne Avenue play area. This would be reported to Sedgefield Borough Council's Environmental Health Department the following day.

Concern was expressed regarding anti-social behaviour emanating from privately rented properties in Fishburn. It was suggested that the Selective Licensing Scheme be rolled out across the Borough.

As this was the last meeting of the Area 3 Forum, the Forum thanked the Police for their attendance at Area Forum meetings.

AF(3)24/08

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME - UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Chief Executive providing an update on project activity as part of the Sedgefield Borough Council's Local Improvement Programme. (For copy see file of Minutes).

It was explained that the purpose of the LIP programme was to improve community assets and support community engagement in the regeneration of local areas.

It was noted that Area 3 Forum had been allocated £532,000 of LIP capital resources between 2006/09. It was reported that Area 3 was over-subscribed by £116,501 following the cut-off date of 31st July, 2008. Cabinet had considered all project applications received from the Area 3 locality and had allocated funding accordingly. The current position with approved Area 3 Forum projects was set out in the report.

It was reported that the application process for LIP was closed, work would continue supporting the Groups who had received grants to assist with the implementation of the project. This would include monitoring of the

intended outcome to ensure that targets outlined in the applications for the residents within the locality were met.

The Regeneration Officer thanked all of the Area Forum participants for their involvement in and support for the Lip Programme over the past three years.

Members of the Forum also thanked the Regeneration Section for all of their hard work in making the Programme a success.

AF(3)25/08 LAST MEETING OF AREA 3 FORUM

As this would be the last Area 3 Forum to be held before Local Government Re-organisation the Chairman thanked residents, members and officers for all of their support.

The Forum also thanked the Chairman for his hard work.

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Item 6

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL EMPLOYMENT ISSUES PANEL

Conference Room 2,
Council Offices,
Spennymoor

Monday,
9 March 2009

Time: 11.30 a.m.

Present: Councillor A. Hodgson (Chairman) and
Councillors A. Gray, G.C. Gray, B. Haigh, D.M. Hancock and A. Smith

Apologies: Councillors Mrs. E. Maddison

EIP.21/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
No declarations of interest were received.

EIP.22/08 MINUTES
The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th February 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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 1 of Schedule 12a of the Act.

EIP.23/08 LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION - APPLICATIONS FOR EARLY RETIREMENT/VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY
Consideration was given to a report of Head of Organisational Development regarding three applications for early retirement/voluntary redundancy. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Specific reference was made to the Appendices attached to the report which showed how the capitalised costs were to be set against the ongoing savings to be accrued by the new unitary authority.

Members noted that the payback periods were all well within the requirements of the Council's Early Retirement/Voluntary Redundancy Policy.

RESOLVED : *That the applications for early retirement/voluntary redundancy be approved in accordance with the terms set out in the report.*

EIP.24/08

APPRECIATION

The Chairman thanked officers and Members for their support.

Appreciation was also expressed for the Chairman.

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