

**THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON
HELD ON THURSDAY 14th JULY, 2005**

Present: Councillor Mrs J Maitland (Chair)

Councillors D Bates, E Bell, S Bishop,
Mrs G Bleasdale, Burn, P J Campbell,
A Collinson, Mrs E M Connor, R Crute,
J Goodwin, J Haggan, H High, Mrs E Huntington,
B Joyce, T Longstaff, Mrs S Mason, D Myers,
A Napier, C Patching, W R Peardon, G Pinkney,
D Raine, P Stradling, R Taylor, R J Todd, C Walker
and P G Ward

PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS, A TWO MINUTE SILENCE WAS OBSERVED IN MEMORY OF THE VICTIMS OF THE LONDON BOMBING.

1. SEAHAM EXPENDITURE - FINANCIAL YEAR 2005/06

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration which advised Members of the proposed expenditure against the 2005/06 Seaham budget and sought approval to the works/actions referenced, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member

The Executive Member for Regeneration gave details of the projects that were to be undertaken during the financial years Seaham budget of £189,670. The projects included Robert Square Environmental Improvements, Forward Plan, Lifeboat Memorial, Marlborough car park, North dock improvements, Grant Aid for design fees at St. Johns Square. Details of the projects were outlined in the report.

RESOLVED that the expenditure outlined in the report and the actions described in order to continue the renaissance of Seaham be endorsed.

2. DEVELOPMENT OF THE STREET WARDEN SERVICE

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Environment and Transport which provided feedback on recent consultation regarding the Street Warden Services and proposed measures in response to those findings. In addition, the report sought approval to fully mainstream the Street Warden Service, within the existing budgetary framework. A copy of the report had been circulated to each Member.

At the meeting of the Executive on 13 January 2004, a decision had been made to extend the Street Warden Services throughout the district. Nine Street Warden posts were to be mainstreamed when external funding expired in April 2006.

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Appendix 1 to the report detailed the consultation feedback and proposed response and an outline action plan had been prepared and was attached at Appendix 2. The report gave details of the main findings and measures of the consultation.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Street Warden Service be fully mainstreamed
- (ii) the outline action plan for improvements which responded to the recent consultation be endorsed.

3. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 8 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM OF BUSINESS COUNCILLOR MRS E.M. CONNOR DECLARED A PERSONAL BUT NOT PREJUDICIAL INTEREST AND REMAINED IN THE MEETING

4. CONSULTANCY SUPPORT PROPOSALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF EASINGTON/EAST DURHAM HOMES

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Housing which sought endorsement of proposals to commission consultants to support both the Council and East Durham Homes in relation to achieving a 2* Housing Service within the required timescale, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that Housing Quality Network and TribalHCH be appointed to provide consultancy support to the Council and East Durham Homes.