

Meeting of the **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** of the Teesdale District
Council held at Teesdale House, Galgate, Barnard Castle on
MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2008 at 2.00pm

PRESENT: Councillor EM Walton

CHAIR

COUNCILLORS:

DAR Forster

GK Robinson

JH Fergus

JM Salter

O Hedley

KW Stansfield

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor R Betton

Officers in Attendance:

N Stokell

Chief Executive

M Dennis

Chief Governance Officer

J Kellett

Chief Finance Officer

G Robinson

Democratic Services Officer

90 ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business

91 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest from members.

The Chief Finance Officer declared an interest in minute 94 – Long Service Awards.

92 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 6 October 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

93 FINANCIAL POSITION UPDATE

The Lead Member for Resources, Councillor GK Robinson, presented a report which updated members on the position of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) to 31 August 2008. The outturn position showed a projected overspend of £47,970 against the approved budget deficit of £465,331. Recent budget movements were outlined.

RESOLVED:

That the current position in respect of the Medium Term Financial Plan be noted.

94 LONG SERVICE AWARDS

The Lead Member for Improvement, Councillor JM Salter, presented a report which sought approval for giving one off long service awards to employees who will have worked for Teesdale District Council for at least 20 years by 31 March 2009, the date of the abolition of the authority due to local government reorganisation in County Durham. The Joint Consultative Committee, on 3 October 2008, had agreed details of the scheme which were now submitted for approval.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Joint Consultative Committee recommendations for long service awards, to take place in March 2009 be approved.
- (2) That the transfer of £1,000 from the contingency to fund the scheme, be approved.

95 COMMUNICATIONS QUARTERLY REPORT

The Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor EM Walton, reported on Community Engagement activity during the period July to September 2008. The Corporate PR and Consultation Manager would continue to keep members and officers informed on progress in this area.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted

96 STANTON GROVE INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

The Lead Member for Regeneration, Councillor JH Fergus, presented a report which sought approval for the early transfer of the management of Stainton Grove Industrial Estate and other miscellaneous sites to Durham County Council, in advance of local government reorganisation. The County Council would undertake a management and consultancy role for a fee of £4,500.

RESOLVED:

That the management role of Stainton Grove Industrial Estate and other miscellaneous sites be undertaken by Durham County Council.

97 FORWARD PLAN

The Committee considered the current forward plan

RESOLVED:

That the forward plan be noted.

98 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

'That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, minute 99 and 100 ,on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as detailed in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the said Act.'

99 HOUSING BENEFIT WRITE OFF

The Lead Member for Resources, Councillor GK Robinson, presented a report which detailed an amount of housing benefit overpayment that is not considered recoverable.

RESOLVED:

That the amount of housing benefit overpayment, as detailed in paragraph 5 of the report, be written off.

100 COUNCIL TAX WRITE OFF

The Lead Member for Resources, Councillor GK Robinson, presented a report which detailed an amount of council tax that is not considered recoverable.

RESOLVED:

That the amount of Council Tax, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be written off.

The Meeting closed at 2.15pm.

MD/GR

CHAIRMAN