

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE

HELD ON TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2008

Present: Councillor A. Napier (Chair)
Councillors R Crute, D Myers, Mrs A Naylor,
G Patterson and R J Todd

Apologies: Councillor Mrs J Freak, Mrs E Huntington
F Shaw and P G Ward

1. **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on 22 July 2008 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

2. **CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2007/2008 – PROGRESS MONITORING - OUTTURN**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Resources which outlined progress made on delivering the 2007/2008 Capital Programme and gave details of the outturn position, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that the outturn position statement on the 2007/2008 Capital Programme be noted.

3. **ANNUAL TREASURY REPORT – 2007/2008**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Resources which outlined treasury management activity for the financial year ended 31 March 2008, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

4. **GENERAL FUND/HOUSING REVENUE – 2008/2009 MONITORING STATEMENT AND OTHER FINANCIAL ISSUES**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Resources which gave details of the financial position for the period 1 April to 30 June 2008, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

5. **COMMUNITY LOAN SCHEME**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration which advised that the Community Loan Scheme had been established to sustain the Voluntary and Community Sector and sought approval to release £200,000 from District of Easington reserves to increase the resources of the scheme as identified in the transitional plan, a copy of which had been circulated to each member.

RESOLVED that;

- (i) the establishment of the Community Loan Scheme be noted

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- (ii) approval be granted for a council contribution of £200,000 towards the Community Loan Scheme.

6. ADDITIONAL URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS

In accordance with the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, Section 100B(4)(b) the Chair, following consultation with the Proper Officer, agreed that one item of business, not shown on the Agenda, be considered as a matter of urgency. However, due to the exempt nature of the item it be considered following the exclusion of the press and public.

7. 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 they involved the disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 3, Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

8. NOVUS IT INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Regeneration which sought approval to upgrade the IT infrastructure within the Novus Business Centre, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that approval be granted for the upgrade of the IT infrastructure within the Novus Business Centre and the temporary virement of £76,000 to enable the Director of Regeneration and Development to utilise savings within the 2008/2009 budget.

9. PROPOSED SUB-LETTING OF NOVUS BUSINESS CENTRE TO EAST DURHAM DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (AOB)

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Resources which sought approval to sublet Novus Business Centre to East Durham Development Agency (EDDA) for a term of 10 years on Full Repairing and Insuring (FRI) terms at a peppercorn rent, subject to a Service Level/Management Agreement, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that approval be granted for a 10 year FRI Lease to EDDA of Novus at a peppercorn rent subject to a comprehensive management agreement and other required consents.