

SEDGEFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

PROSPEROUS AND ATTRACTIVE BOROUGH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Council Chamber,
Council Offices
Spennymoor

Tuesday,
9 December 2008

Time: 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillor G.C. Gray (Chairman) and

Councillors Mrs. L. M.G. Cuthbertson, P. Gittins J.P., D.M. Hancock,
Mrs. I. Hewitson, Mrs. E. Maddison and A. Smith

In

Attendance: Councillor A. Gray

**Observers
with the
Chairman's
Consent:**

Councillors V. Crosby, A. Hodgson and W. Waters

Apologies: Councillors G.M.R. Howe, Mrs. S. J. Iveson, B. Lamb, Mrs. E.M. Paylor
and B. Stephens

P&A.16/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

P&A.17/08 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P&A.18/08 "STATE OF THE BOROUGH" - PROSPEROUS BOROUGH REVIEW GROUP REPORT

Consideration was given to the State of the Borough (Prosperous Borough) Review Group report (for copy see file of Minutes).

It was explained that the report covered :-

- Background to the review
- Objectives of the review
- The process and methodology of the review

The following quality of life topics had been examined during the process of the review :-

- Employment and economic activity
- Regeneration of town centres
- Local Improvement Programme
- Learning and Skills

Relevant key statistics had been identified together with interventions which were in place to address issues, progress being made in relation to those interventions and issues which still needed to be addressed.

The Review Group had reached a number of conclusions and recommendations which were set out in the report.

Cabinet Members then left the meeting to allow the Committee to deliberate.

AGREED : *That the State of the Borough Review (Prosperous Borough) be approved and submitted to Cabinet for consideration with other State of the Borough Reviews.*

P&A.19/08 "STATE OF THE BOROUGH" - ATTRACTIVE BOROUGH REVIEW GROUP REPORT

Consideration was given to the State of the Borough (Attractive Borough) Review Group report (for copy see file of Minutes).

It was explained that the report covered :-

- Background to the review
- Objectives of the review
- The process and methodology of the review

The following quality of life topics had been examined during the process of the review :-

- Street cleanliness and waste
- Open space
- Transport

Relevant key statistics had been identified together with interventions which were in place to address issues, progress being made in relation to those interventions and issues which still needed to be addressed.

The Review Group had reached a number of conclusions and recommendations which were set out in the report.

Cabinet Members then left the meeting to allow the Committee to deliberate.

AGREED : *That the State of the Borough Review (Attractive Borough) be approved and submitted to Cabinet for consideration with other State of the Borough Reviews.*

P&A.20/08 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the Work Programme for the Prosperous and Attractive Borough Overview and Scrutiny Committee (for copy see file of Minutes).

AGREED : That the Work Programme be approved.

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