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Iain Phillips Chief Executive

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Dear Councillor,

I hereby give you Notice that a Meeting of the **REGENERATION COMMITTEE** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, CROOK** on **WEDNESDAY 6TH JUNE 2007** at **6.00 P.M.**

AGENDA

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1. Apologies for absence.	
2. To consider the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 7 th March 2007 and the Special Meeting of the Committee held on 2 nd April 2007 as a true record.	Copies previously circulated
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*It is likely that item 8 will be taken in the closed part of the meeting in accordance with paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Sct 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2006.

Yours faithfully



Chief Executive

Members of this Committee: Councillors Bailey, Buckham, Ferguson, Grogan, Mrs Hardaker, Hayton, Laurie, Mews, Mowbray, Murphy*, Miss Ord, Perkins, Mrs Seabury*, Stonehouse, David Wilson, Yorke and Zair.

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Chair: Councillor Mowbray

Deputy Chair: Councillor Yorke

TO: All other Members of the Council for information
Management Team

REGENERATION COMMITTEE

6 JUNE 2007

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Regeneration

4TH QUARTER MONITORING UPDATE

purpose of the report

1. To provide 4th quarter monitoring information and to update Members on progress against the Department Service Plan for 2006/07 during the period January to March 2007.

background

2. The Regeneration Committee endorsed the Service Plan on 24 May 2006. In order to inform Members a quarterly review has been undertaken on implementation of the plan in respect of the three main service areas of the department: development and building control; planning and environmental policy; and economic regeneration. Summarised in Annex 1 to this report are measures of our performance against key targets and indicators. The indicators show performance against target (where this can be measured) in the quarter and an indication of service improvement.
3. Attached in Annex 2 is a review of planning appeals and complaints received in the quarter.

development and building control

development control

4. All three key performance indicators have been exceeded in the 4th quarter (1 January-March 2007) of the Service Plan Period and for the whole of the Plan Period. Also they were exceeded in the 3rd quarter of the Planning Delivery Grant (DPG) period (1 July 2006-31 March 2007) and for the whole of the PDF period.
5. 195 applications were determined in the quarter. Over a 12 month period the average number of applications processed by one case officer is 167. The recommended workload is 150 applications per case officer. To keep the workload for individual case officers at an acceptable level we continue to employ agency staff to help with the processing of applications. The Service Plan requires me to prepare a staff recruitment/retention policy and the recent vacancies in the section have further highlighted the need for a policy. Proposals for Members consideration will be submitted in the near future.

6. The performance is as follows:-

	2006/07 Q1 %	Q2 %	Q3 %	Q4 %	Final Figure	Target (set nationally)	July 2006 – 31 March 2007 Delivery Grant Period
Major	92	67	73	86	82	60% in 13 weeks	78%
Minor	78	86	80	80	81	65% in 8 weeks	83%
Other	93	88	92	86	90	80% in 8 weeks	88%

7. The percentage of applications determined in Q4 through delegation to officers was 83%.

8. A triennial customer satisfaction survey was carried out for the period 1 April 2006 – 31 December 2006. 10% of all applicants/agents were sent a questionnaire. 83% of those who returned a questionnaire were very satisfied or fairly satisfied with the development control service (target 75%). 234 questionnaires were returned (57% response rate).

appeals

9. During Q4, 3 appeal decisions were received (see Annex 2). 2 appeals were allowed and 1 was dismissed.

enforcement

10. During the quarter a total of 77 complaints were received. 54 complaints received in the quarter were resolved (70%). The number of complaints received in 2006 was 402. 324 of these were resolved (80.6%). 100% of all complaints were responded to within 15 working days.

complaints

11. Six Stage 1 complaints were received in the quarter. None of these went on to Stage 2. These are detailed in Annex 2.

ombudsman cases

12. In Q4 five Ombudsman decisions were received. These are detailed in Annex 2. In three cases the Ombudsman found “No or insufficient evidence of maladministration”. One was a premature complaint and the other was outside the Ombudsman’s jurisdiction.

building control

13. In Q4 the building control team determined 78 full applications.

14. 58.9% of full plans applications were vetted and approved within 5 weeks (target 75%).

15. The percentage of inspections undertaken in one working day was 100% (target 100%).

economic development

16. The key areas of action were:-

- (a) Wear Valley Economic Strategy: The Wear Valley Economic Strategy has been finalised and will now be circulated to key stakeholder organisations. The strategy has been built upon wide consultation which has involved a number of workshops involving the Forum for Business.
- (b) Wear Valley Employability Working Group (WVEWG): The project group continues to meet on a regular basis to co-ordinate the NRF projects that have an impact upon worklessness under the 'Choices' Programme.
- (c) LEGI: Overall the programme is on target, with the majority of target deadlines programmed for the end of the financial year. A separate report on the LEGI programme is part of this agenda.
- (d) Wolves' Lair: Year 10 pupils from Wear Valley's secondary schools were invited to take part in the second Wolves' Lair event, held at Auckland Castle on 29 March. The Forum for Business worked with Wear Valley District Council, Connexions and The Enterprise Agency to organise the competition, which gives students the opportunity to develop a business idea and present this to a panel of local business people. Despite fierce competition, pupils from St John's School were victorious with Parkside School in Willington coming a close second.

brownfield land

19. During this quarter 260 houses were completed. 74.62% of these were built on previously developed land (target 65%). This has resulted in an end of year performance figure of 61.9%, though still slightly below the national target of 65%, a marked improvement to performance in the preceding two years.

conservation areas

20. Further to the approval of an application for funding by English Heritage an Environment and Conservation Manager has been appointed and is scheduled to commence duties on 9th July 2007. A draft brief to guide consultants and AONB Partnership Heritage Officers as to the scope and structure of forthcoming Conservation Area Appraisals which are to be commissioned shortly.

financial implications

21. Achievement of PDG targets is likely to lead to receipt of additional planning delivery grant.

RECOMMENDED

1 Members note the progress towards meeting the BVPI's.

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REGENERATION COMMITTEE

6 JUNE 2007

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Regeneration

LOCAL ENTERPRISE GROWTH INITIATIVE (LEGI) – ‘ENTERPRISING COMMUNITIES – TRANSFORMING THE LOCAL ECONOMY OF EAST AND WEST DURHAM’

purpose of the report

1. To inform members of progress made with the LEGI programme.

background

2. Confirmation was received on 23rd February 2006 that of the 88 local authority areas eligible to submit bids, the Wear Valley, Sedgefield, Easington and Derwentside joint bid had been successful and was amongst the first 10 areas to receive LEGI funding.
3. The entirety of the bid was for a 10-year programme, amounting to circa £31m. Approval has only been initially been granted for £10.2m for the first 3 years of the programme running from 2006/7 to 2008/9 as per the submission made.
4. The approved submission proposed 9 inter-linked programmes (workstreams) to address the most acute symptoms of deprivation and tackle the underlying causes of deprivation by:-
 - creating / safeguarding employment
 - reducing worklessness
 - reducing poverty
 - raising aspirations for work and learning.
5. The 9 inter-linked programmes (workstreams) have been incorporated into the 3 themes of activity LEGI is designed to focus upon:-

Theme 1 - increasing total entrepreneurial activity in deprived areas implemented through the following 3 workstreams:-

1. Start-up network
2. Enhancing enterprise education
3. Improving access to workspace / incubator accommodation.

Theme 2 - supporting sustainable growth and reducing the failure rate of locally owned businesses in deprived areas, implemented through the following 5 workstreams:-

4. Developing local clusters
5. The 50 fastest
6. Enterprising Centres
7. Worklessness and skills
8. Improving access to opportunity.

Theme 3 - attracting appropriate inward investment and franchising into deprived areas, implemented through the following workstream:-.

9. Franchising pilot.
6. Workstreams 10, 11 and 12 deal with evaluation, management and communications.
 7. The agreed key high level targets is by March 2009 to:-
 - create an additional 1,000 self-employed people in the target communities
 - support an extra 200 businesses to start per year
 - increase the net stock of VAT registered businesses by 140
 - encourage a further 1,750 young people to consider starting a business or self-employment.
 8. The structures and governance arrangements for the programme have been established during year 1. The Management Board, with key partner representation from both public and private sector organisations have taken key decisions about programme direction. The Programme Executive is now in place and is based at Enterprise Place, Tanfield and is administering the implementation and monitoring programme performance. Programme baselines and targets have been set, PACEC were commissioned to develop this work and to undertake the ongoing evaluation of the programme.
 9. The key activities in the year in each workstream is as follows:-
workstream 1
 - Hard to Reach Study – The draft recommendations have been received and reviewed by the programme executive. A project management group meeting has been held with Hall Aitken to discuss initial recommendations. A key proposal is to establish 15 enterprise centres working in the LEGI target areas to encourage individual entrepreneurial activity.
 - New Entrepreneurship Scholarship – As planned 13 scholars have been engaged. It is proposed, that as NES is already available to the residents within LEGI area and as the programme will be offering additional propositions and financial support to promote and help people to start up in business that the programme does not continue to fund NES beyond 2006/07, with the exception of those clients already engaged.

- Emerge – Original target for 2006/07 was to achieve 10 business starts, however due to delays in recruiting the Emerge team and the time taken to work with partners only 6 starts have been achieved. Several businesses have been engaged, but will be starting in 2007/08. As a result an underspend and action plan has been agreed. A direct marketing plan is being implemented to promote the programme.

workstream 2

- Enterprise in Education Strategy Group – The direction of the group was discussed with key partners on 9th March to review its structure and potential role within the County Durham Economic Partnership. Agreed that Chris Carling, the Enterprise Advocate will propose a revised structure, with the group as an advisory group to 4/5 school led groups across the County who will drive forward activity within their respective localities. An Enterprise Advocate would be required to co-ordinate and champion this in the short term. Funding for this post would be considered.
- 'Transforming Enterprise Culture' identifies that early years education helps promote long-term cultural change, raise aspirations and promotes the legitimacy of setting up business enterprises. Research was commissioned to assess enterprise education in primary schools and develop business start-ups. In Crook Primary School 2 companies have been established - Crook Crunchies producing oat bars, and Jambo Jewels who imported jewellery from a sister school in Tanzania who were responsible for production. At the outset of the project 8 pupils said they thought that owning a business was a possibility, by the end all but one of the 16 pupils involved said they saw themselves as future entrepreneurs.
- Enterprise Plus was a pilot project delivered through Bishop Auckland College that focussed upon the promotion of enterprise awareness with students in vocational areas such as motor vehicles, plumbing, catering and beauty. Following the 12 week course 8 students with a firm business idea were appointed a business mentor from The Enterprise Agency who will work with them on developing a business plan. The college are now planning to develop an accredited programme in Enterprise and Business Start-Up.
- Enterprising Centres - B-Supplied have been commissioned to work with 15 businesses in Bishop Auckland as the first phase of a pilot project to support the retail sector in the 4 key towns in the LEGI area. This has been integrated with the work of the existing town centre manager and also the support from the Wear Valley Development Agency. These businesses are benefiting from hands-on practical business support to help them grow and expand.

workstream 3

- Capital Programme Works – An overspend and additional outputs have been identified and agreed with the Management Board since the last Board meeting. Additional funds are being requested from the National LEGI Fund.

workstream 5

- Fastest 50 – Development work has recognised the need for an incremental approach to this workstream which will delay the presentation of a project specification to the Board. It is proposed that existing businesses with an interest in supporting Be Enterprising programme beneficiaries be recruited to form a cohort of '50 Fastest Business Mentors'. This will enable the programme to engage with existing businesses within and without the BE area. Post recruitment these businesses will be supported to provide assistance to start-up and early stage entrepreneurs within the BE area. The assisted entrepreneurs are then expected to be recognised through membership of the '50 Fastest Club' receiving recognition and rewards linked to commitment to become a mentor to other entrepreneurs. Proposal anticipated for June meeting.

workstream 11

- Programme Executive Team recruitment almost complete. The Programme Manager will review workload, roles, responsibilities and structure in light of Board decisions around routes and mechanisms for the 2007 – 2009 Delivery Plan.

workstream 12

- Communication Strategy and Implementation Plan – a communications strategy has been delivered and a draft implementation plan has been received from Robson Brown. The final implementation plan awaits confirmation of the BE offer. It is proposed that the launch of the Be Enterprising programme will take place in June 2007 once the programme of activity has been determined and research recommendations have been actioned.

10. A summary of higher level achievements of the programme, against the 3 programme themes is attached at Annex 3.

policy context

11. LEGI provides an important opportunity to deliver the enterprise agenda within our most disadvantaged communities encouraging widespread participation and tackling the barriers faced by people.

financial implications

12. None directly although Wear Valley will benefit from the LEGI funding from projects operating within the district.

legal /human resource implications

13. None.

consultations

14. The LEGI bid was originally based upon a wide consultation. The Management Board is accountable to all four Local Strategic Partnerships to ensure wider engagement from key local partners. In Wear Valley there is regular feedback to the Forum for Business the Economic Theme Group of the LSP.

conclusion

15. The intention of the Programme is to create a radical increase in levels of enterprise across the four districts and to transform the economic prospects of these communities. Within the first 12 months there has been a need to establish the structures and governance arrangements and undertake key research to direct future actions. However much has been achieved as set out in Annex 3. 2007/09 will see a focus upon the key delivery phase during year 2 and 3 of the programme, rolling out and enhancing the achievements from Year 1 of the programme.

RECOMMENDED 1 The committee note the report and the progress made with the LEGI programme.

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REGENERATION COMMITTEE

6 JUNE 2007

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Regeneration

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2006/7 AND 2007/8

purpose of the report

1. To update Members of the progress made in the delivery of the 2006/7 Capital Programme briefly outline the Capital Programme for 2007/8 and seek agreement to some amendments to the 2007/8 programme.

2006/7 capital programme achievement

2. Below is a brief summary of the progress made on each scheme during 2006/7. For each of the projects the original and revised budgets are shown, whether external funding resources were secured for the project and the total spend for the year.

C001 / C002 – Renovation Grants

Richard Roddam

2006/7 Budget Total	£200,000	2006/7 Revised Budget	£192,000
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£192,000	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£192,000
Partly externally funded	N	2006/7 Total Spend	£197,018

3. This money is used for meeting the decent homes standard in the private sector. The money is spent through a partnership with Durham Dales HIA. In 2006/7 there has been a substantial demand on this resource again with a lengthy waiting list for grant assistance which will be considered in 2007/8.

C003 – Disabled Facilities Grants

Richard Roddam

2006/7 Budget Total	£204,000	2006/7 Revised Budget	£225,000
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£82,000	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£90,000
Partly externally funded	Y	2006/7 Total Spend	£97,138

4. In 2006/07 Wear Valley District Council spent a total of £232,138 on carrying out essential adaptations to the homes of our disabled customers. This was offset by £135,000 of external funding.
5. This has ensured our customers can live comfortably in their home without the need to be relocated. The demand for DFG's is ever increasing and more pressure for 2007/08 will be evident. This can be met in part from additional Government funding.

C014 – Eldon Lane Renewal Area**Richard Roddam**

2006/7 Budget Total	£430,000	2006/7 Revised Budget	£430,000
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£430,000	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£430,000
Partly externally funded	N	2006/7 Total Spend	£430,385

6. Another successful year on the Eldon Lane renewal scheme. Properties in Spencer Street have had major capital investment to bring the properties up to an improved standard. The focus over the past few years has been to improve the existing stock, however for the following year a review will be carried out and monies spent on targeting decent homes, crime and social issues.

C059 – Contaminated Land**Ian Bloomfield**

2006/7 Budget Total	£96,000	2006/7 Revised Budget	£40,000
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£96,000	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£40,000
Partly externally funded	N	2006/7 Total Spend	£13,464

7. This fund is spent on remediation measures to those potentially contaminated land sites relative to Part IIA of the Environment Protection Act 1990. The current spend relates to site investigation works in this area and will increase upon the prioritisation of all potentially contaminated sites within the district.
8. The increased level of building development within the district has prompted an increased number of requests to research potentially contaminated sites on behalf of a third party. The information now required being more detailed than before. At present, no charge is made for this service and the opportunity exists to 'claw back' a searchers fee for this request to 'bolster' the fund.

C065 – Wolsingham Business Park**Sue Dawson**

2006/7 Budget Total	£1,100,000	2006/7 Revised Budget	£0
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£50,000	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£0
Partly externally funded	Y	2006/7 Total Spend	£0

9. The opportunity to create a Business Park at Wolsingham, to enable Weardale businesses to grow and expand, is dependent upon the granting of planning permission for a mixed-use housing and industrial development. Two planning applications have been submitted but there have been issues with both which remain unresolved and therefore have not yet been determined by the planning authority. Until these issues are resolved it has not proved viable to progress any development work on this scheme.
10. The issues in relation to this project were highlighted at the end of quarter 3 and agreement was reached to carry the 2006/7 WVDC contribution into 2007/8 to enable further development time on this project and the outstanding issues to be resolved through the planning process.

C066 – Bracks Farm**Sue Dawson**

2006/7 Budget Total	£145,000	2006/7 Revised Budget	£145,000
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£145,000	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£145,000
Partly externally funded	N	2006/7 Total Spend	£0

11. The Bracks Farm Office Park development located in Bishop Auckland is the most prestigious business park in Wear Valley with huge potential to be a major employment location. A separate report on this development is presented on this agenda as item 6.

C077 – Car Park Improvement Programme

Peter Dunn

2006/7 Budget Total	£92,000	2006/7 Revised Budget	£92,000
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£92,000	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£92,000
Partly externally funded	N	2006/7 Total Spend	£88,662

12. This money has been used to resurface and refurbish the long-stay car parks at New Road and West Road in Crook to bring them up to adequate standard. This work has included the provision of street lighting to increase the safety and security of the car parks.
13. This work was an essential requirement to enable the upgrade of alternative provision to enable the implementation of the Crook car parking strategy.

C082 – Innovation House Extension

Alan Weston

2006/7 Budget Total	£0	2006/7 Revised Budget	£547,238
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£0	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£58,006
Partly externally funded	Y	2006/7 Total Spend	£58,006

14. There have been substantial delays to this project during 2006/7 due to the main contractor, MMP, going into liquidation. This situation is somewhat unusual and caused substantial delays to the project complicated by ensuring that the procedures of the external funding bodies were adhered to in procuring the subsequent completion work.
15. This has had serious knock-on effects in achieving the necessary statutory permissions and completing the building to the required standard to enable the space to be let. This has been the source of much frustration although the issues have now been resolved and the building is soon to be completed with some minor external works to finalise.
16. This project enhanced the quantity and quality of business workspace available in Wear Valley by creating another 26 let-able office units ranging in size from 20sq.m. to 56sq.m. providing in total almost 1,500sq.m. of new workspace for businesses. There are already a number of expressions of interest from businesses wishing to locate in the new facility

C109 – Eastgate Stage 2

Sue Dawson

2006/7 Budget Total	£0	2006/7 Revised Budget	£300,000
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£0	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£48,000
Partly externally funded	Y	2006/7 Total Spend	£50,629

17. Substantial progress has been made in relation to the Eastgate redevelopment during the year. The Eastgate Stage 2 project, which started in 2005/6, was completed in 2006/7 which enabled the masterplan for the redevelopment of the site to be completed, public consultation to continue and all the necessary feasibility work be finalised.

18. Latterly in the year, additional resources were also secured from ONE NorthEast Single Programme to enable the commencement of Eastgate Stage 3. This is the final piece of enabling work for the development and has seen the appointment of a number of consultants to carry out the detailed work required to submit a planning application for the redevelopment proposal in summer / autumn 2007/8.

C087 – Crook Commercial Renaissance		Alan Weston	
2006/7 Budget Total	£530,000	2006/7 Revised Budget	£204,613
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£50,000	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£100,000
Partly externally funded	Y	2006/7 Total Spend	£100,000

19. This phase of public realm and environmental improvement work in Crook has been running since late 2004/5. This scheme has seen substantial improvement works being carried out to the North Terrace / Crook Green part of the town. This work was completed early in 2006/7.
20. As part of this scheme a number of properties have benefited from grants to bring about environmental improvements and accordingly a number of new businesses have opened within the town over the 3 years of this scheme.
21. This scheme has contributed towards delivering the Civic Trust's vision for Crook, which was produced a number of years ago and has led to substantial improvements. However, changes to external funding make it very difficult to secure additional money to implement any further stages of improvements to achieve the overall vision.

C088 – Low Willington Business Park		Alan Weston	
2006/7 Budget Total	£0	2006/7 Revised Budget	£420,441
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£0	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£101,615
Partly externally funded	Y	2006/7 Total Spend	£100,783

22. The scheme is a joint scheme between Wear Valley and Durham County Council to provide a courtyard of 14 office units of varying sizes from 63sq.m. to 138sq.m.
23. Like Innovation House, this scheme has also suffered from substantial delays during the year due to the main contractor, MMP going into liquidation. However, the requirements of the external funding bodies necessitated a completely new tender process for the construction contract causing both substantial time delays and also a cost increase.
24. This increase in the cost of the construction has been covered by increased contributions from all the funding partners to the scheme. Construction finally restarted on the scheme in February and is due for completion in September.

C089 – South West Crook Industrial Extension		Sue Dawson	
2006/7 Budget Total	£0	2006/7 Revised Budget	£45,000
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£0	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£0
Partly externally funded	Y	2006/7 Total Spend	£0

25. This project proposes to provide additional industrial land for development on a site in the south west of the town. This project is contingent upon the housing redevelopment taking place to provide the access and infrastructure and has been subject to some lengthy section 106 discussions during the year which have delayed the project.
26. Consultants have been working on a masterplan for the site and are due to report shortly. This will then form the basis of further development work to establish site infrastructure and site servicing needs.
27. In parallel, work is on-going to carry out all the necessary work to acquire the site. This is an on-going process and a previous request to carry forward the resources allocated to this project into 2007/8 has been agreed.

C092 – Bishop Auckland Tourism Renaissance		Alan Weston	
2006/7 Budget Total	£1,187,000	2006/7 Revised Budget	£12,000
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£12,000	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£12,000
Partly externally funded	Y	2006/7 Total Spend	£10,432

28. The Bishop Auckland Tourism Renaissance project is an integral part of the regeneration strategy for Bishop Auckland town and seeks to restore and regenerate Auckland Castle Park as a major tourism and community asset.
29. Substantial work has been carried out during 2006/7 to finalise the outline proposal of the project culminating in the submission of a funding application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) on the 31st March 2007. In total the project has been estimated at £5.0m with £3.75m being sought from HLF and the balance from other funding partners.
30. Officer time and development work is continuing in 2007/8 on this project and the outcome of the funding request will be known by September 2007. If successful, the project will then be subject to a lengthy detailed development phase and require a secondary approval from HLF before delivery can commence in late 2008 or early 2009.

C093 – West Auckland Improvement Scheme		Carole Dillon	
2006/7 Budget Total	£300,000	2006/7 Revised Budget	£30,000
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£40,000	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£30,000
Partly externally funded	Y	2006/7 Total Spend	£0

31. This project is a partnership scheme between Wear Valley and Durham County Council. A substantial amount of officer development time has been spent on this project during 2006/7 but delivery has not yet commenced.
32. Wear Valley's contribution to this project is an important part of the package and is helping to secure addition resources from other funding partners. This scheme has highlighted previously as being one unlikely to spend in 2006/7 and agreement was reached to carry over the money into 2007/8.

C124 – Fieldon Bridge Development – Phase 1		Sue Dawson	
2006/7 Budget Total	£20,000	2006/7 Revised Budget	£0
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£20,000	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£0
Partly externally funded	N	2006/7 Total Spend	£0

33. Given the issues with the Low Willington scheme highlighted above it was agreed at a previous committee to withdraw this scheme and reallocate the resources in 2006/7 to cover the cost increases.

C125 – Wear Valley Building Enhancement Scheme		Sue Dawson	
2006/7 Budget Total	£298,000	2006/7 Revised Budget	£180,000
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£48,000	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£10,000
Partly externally funded	Y	2006/7 Total Spend	£10,000

34. This project is designed to encourage small-scale business space developments by offering small grants to the private sector. This scheme has worked well and commitment has been given to a number of schemes in the form of issuing grant offers and contracts which should see these being honoured in 2007/8.

C126 – Positional Accuracy Tool		Carole Dillon	
2006/7 Budget Total	£20,000	2006/7 Revised Budget	£20,000
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£20,000	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£20,000
Partly externally funded	N	2006/7 Total Spend	£2,140

35. This project is an essential upgrade to our mapping based system GGP due to changes made by Ordnance Survey. A pilot test was conducted during 2006/7 to ensure that the approach being taken was compatible and this proved successful. The full upgrade of the system will now take place in 2007/8 and therefore a request is made to carryover the underspent resource from 2006/7 into 2007/8 to enable this essential system upgrade to take place.

C127 – Economic Development Fund		Bob Hope	
2006/7 Budget Total	£30,000	2006/7 Revised Budget	£0
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£30,000	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£0
Partly externally funded	N	2006/7 Total Spend	£0

36. Given the issues with the Low Willington scheme highlighted above it was agreed at a previous committee to reallocate the resources in 2006/7 to cover the cost increases.

C128 – Bishop Auckland Town Centre Management		Alan Weston	
2006/7 Budget Total	£100,000	2006/7 Revised Budget	£0
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£100,000	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£0
Partly externally funded	Y	2006/7 Total Spend	£0

37. Significant progress has been made during 2006/7 in relation to the regeneration of Bishop Auckland. The master plan strategy has been completed and this has formed the basis of discussions with ONE North East to secure the resources to implement the project.

38. The scale of the investment required and being requested from ONE North East is requiring substantial time and effort but progress is being made. Additional capacity and expertise have been identified as a key priority for delivering this scheme efficiently and effectively and achieving this together with the detailed design and costing work is the first phase of the project.

39. This is now a major capital project for 2007/08.

C527 – Public Sector Adaptations

2006/7 Budget Total	£189,000	2006/7 Revised Budget	£191,550
2006/7 Budget WVDC	£174,000	2006/7 Revised WVDC	£176,350
Partly externally funded	Y	2006/7 Total Spend	£181,879

Richard Roddam

40. In 2006/07 the Council has spent £197,079 on adaptations to the Public sector stock, offset by £15,200 of external funding. Again this ensures our customers with a disability are more comfortable in their home, essential adaptations have been a great success in public sector properties over the financial year. The service has been transferred to the Durham Dales HIA and they will effectively take the scheme forward over the coming financial year.

2007/8 outline programme

41. Attached in annex 4 is an outline of 2007/8 capital programme for the Environment and Regeneration Department, highlighted in bold are requested changes to the programme agreed in previous committee reports or requested in the above report. These amendments will enable the department to continue the delivery of a number of existing schemes and honour existing commitments.

conclusion

42. 2006/7 has been a busy year for the Regeneration department and significant progress has been made on a number the key capital schemes over the year. Due to circumstances beyond our control a number of schemes have been subject to slippage but measures are in place to continue work on these schemes and try to ensure they're delivered in 2007/8 and amendments to the capital programme are requested to enable this to happen.

RECOMMENDED

1. That Members note the report and continue to receive an update report each quarter on further progress towards delivering the 2007/8 capital programme.
2. That Members agree the request to transfer the £17,860 contribution towards the Positional Accuracy Tool project into 2007/8 to allow full implementation following the successful pilot.

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REGENERATION COMMITTEE

6 JUNE 2007

Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Regeneration

BRACKS FARM CAPITAL PROJECT

purpose of the report

1. To outline the current position in relation to the Bracks Farm capital project and seek agreement to retain £130,000 capital budget for use in 2007/08.

background

2. Bracks Farm Business Park is a proposal to develop a high-spec, high-tech business park on a greenfield site to the north of Bishop Auckland. The site is the most prestigious within Wear Valley and has an important role to play in the economic diversification of the District by providing larger office accommodation to ensure that the area has a pipeline of types and sizes of premises required by modern businesses. The development has significant potential to attract larger scale inward investors, provide growth space for existing businesses and perhaps capitalise upon some of the spin-offs from other nearby developments.
3. In total the site provides for 23 acres for immediate development with the potential to provide office accommodation ranging between 1,500 and 200,000 sq. ft. The first phase of speculative units is to be built by Priority Sites, a joint venture between English Partnerships and the Royal Bank of Scotland, and provide units between 1,500 and 2,500 sq. ft. leading to the creation of circa 50 jobs. The lack of similar premises within the Bishop Auckland area and the number of multi-unit occupiers within Wear Valley Business Centre – Innovation House confirms the demand for this type of premises.
4. There have been on-going delays in the development of the site following the extremely protracted negotiations between the developer and Church Commissioners who are the landowners. This has meant that the £145k Council capital budget allocated to the project for 2006/07 has not been spent. A point has now been reached where a legal agreement to provide £130k to Priority Sites to deliver the project has been signed by both parties, but not yet exchanged. The exchange of contracts is subject to Priority Sites and the Church Commissioners agreeing the sale of the land. This has not yet been achieved, but it is expected that outstanding issues will be resolved and the project start on site by the second quarter this year.

conclusion

5. Because of unforeseen delays it has not been possible to deliver the project during 2006/07 as planned. However the project remains a key project for Wear Valley and one that we should continue to fund.

RECOMMENDED 1 That members agree to retain £130,000 capital funding allocated to Bracks Farm for the future development of the site in 2007/08.

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Report of the Strategic Director for Environment and Regeneration

WEST DURHAM RURAL PATHFINDER

purpose of the report

1. To update Members of the progress made with the West Durham Rural Pathfinder and endorse the proposed actions to September 2007.

background

2. The West Durham Rural Pathfinder, (covering the districts of Teesdale and Wear Valley), is one of eight national pathfinder projects set up by Department for Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) to trial and test:
 - Ways of achieving a simpler and more effective rural service delivery
 - Greater flexibility in rural delivery funding and reporting
 - Development of cross-cutting targets
 - Strengthened local influence on policy and spending by key agencies
 - Ways for local communities to gain a stronger “voice” to influence strategy at all levels
3. It is process-orientated, i.e. looking at how ways of working can be improved and work is focused around 4 themes:
 - Community capability building and strengthening social enterprise
 - Skill and enterprise development in support of sustainable tourism
 - Health and quality of life of our young people
 - Development of the “knowledge economy” in ways appropriate to West Durham.
4. The WDRP follows a partnership approach that includes Wear Valley District Council, The Enterprise Agency (TEA) for Wear Valley and Teesdale, Business Link, Durham Rural Community Council Government Office North East, One NorthEast, DEFRA and the County Durham Economic Partnership.
5. The Programme was originally due to end 31 March 2007, but the Steering Group for the WDRP and DEFRA have agreed that an extra 6 months is needed to allow all activities to achieve their objectives and to capture and promote key messages, and develop an appropriate legacy.

6. Key Pathfinder activity impacting upon Wear Valley includes:-

- Broadband

A need was identified through a Teesdale and Wear Valley WDRP Workshop and anecdotal evidence. ADIT were commissioned to identify and map gaps in Broadband provision in West Durham. The findings confirm the anecdotal evidence and can be used to influence BT to take action within the priority areas in Stanhope, Wolsingham, Newfield and South Church. To meet BT's business case requirements details are being collected from businesses and households from the priority areas that would like broadband. BT will then confirm whether they will or will not plug gaps. If this approach to BT is not successful alternative avenues will be explored

- In-migrant research

The Pathfinder "Knowledge Economy" Task Group identified a need for research around in-migration and how knowledge intensive businesses, or people intending to start up businesses, could be encouraged to move into West Durham. One NorthEast commissioned Shared Intelligence to undertake research around this, and included West Durham as a Case Study. The Pathfinder will help ensure findings from this report are considered and acted upon by the relevant organisations.

- Eastgate case study led by WVDC and TEA

The case study focuses upon joined up business support to raise awareness of the Eastgate proposal and help local businesses explore potential opportunities. A special issue of Wear Valley Matters has been devoted to Eastgate and the study is looking to raise awareness of climate change and energy efficiency opportunities for businesses (supported by Natural England financially).

A Skills & Employment Working Group made up of WVDC, LSC, Jobcentreplus, Durham County Council/DfES, Durham University, Education & Business Link Partnership and Wolsingham Comprehensive School has been established and is in the process of developing an employment action plan that will help create sustainable employment for local residents. The skills programme will include care/visitor hospitality, environment/science, tourism, sustainable employment and opportunities for 14-19 yr olds.

- Durham Dales branding

The Durham Dales branding was originally suggested by the Pathfinder's "Skills and Enterprise Development in Support of Sustainable Tourism" Task Group. WVDC led on developing and piloting the brand and to date feedback received has been very positive. The pilot will be evaluated and the lessons fed into the Area Tourism Partnership, which now has responsibility for tourism marketing.

- Rural proofing

Rural proofing is about making sure rural issues and needs are considered in policy and strategy. An issue Pathfinder has recently been asked to explore relates to the Post 16 Transport to Education change in policy, and concerns that it might not have been rural proofed.

- Giving communities a stronger voice

An Asset Mapping Case Study has been undertaken in Stanhope (and Middleton in Teesdale) where members of the community came together to discuss what they believed were the communities' assets. The Young People's Transport Case Study gave the young people an opportunity to be heard and influence transport provision and policy.

policy context

7. DEFRA has agreed to extend the programme to September 2007 to:-
 - complete the 2 year programme of activities,
 - Maximise the outcomes and impacts of the different strands of activity
 - Capture and take forward the lessons learnt and identify good practice
 - Identify and work with the organisations and partnerships best placed to adopt and implement the lessons and good practise.

financial implications

8. None directly although Wear Valley will benefit from the work of the Programme.

legal implications

9. None.

human resource implications

10. None.

consultations

11. The programme is being delivered through a wide partnership who have been involved in the development and delivery.

conclusion

12. To capitalise the benefit of Pathfinder activity in Wear Valley, and to ensure completion of any outstanding activities beyond September 2007, we have asked the Wear Valley Local Strategic Partnership Economic Theme Group, the Forum for Business, to oversee future work.
13. One of the areas where further progress is possible is in providing "a stronger local voice", one of the key aims of the Pathfinder. There is scope for a more

co-ordinated and effective involvement of Regional and Sub Regional agencies with the Local Strategic Partnership. To help foster this Mary Hall the LSP manager has been nominated for the WDRP Management Advisory Group.

- RECOMMENDED** 1 The committee note the progress made with the West Durham Rural Pathfinder and endorse the proposed actions to September 2007.

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PERFORMANCE AGAINST BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE AND LOCAL INDICATORS

Development and Building Control

Indicator	Description	Target 06/07	Performance		Achievement 2006/07				Variance from target/comment	
			2004/5	2005/6	Q-1	Q-2	Q-3	Q-4		
BV109(a)	Major applications determined within 13 weeks	60	64.71	60.71	92.30	66.67	72.72	86.6		☺
BV109(b)	Minor applications determined within 8 weeks	70	57	72.42	78.13	86.42	80.33	80.4		☺
BV109(c)	All other applications determined within 8 weeks	80	73	88.35	92.64	88.19	92.31	86.5		☺
BV111	Percentage of applicants/agents satisfied with the service received	75	No survey undertaken	66	No survey undertaken	No survey	83	No survey		☺
BV204	Percentage of appeals allowed against the authority's decision to refuse planning applications	25	43	44.44	0	57.14	33.33	66.67	Target not achieved. Small number of appeals.	☹
BV205	Quality of service check list	88	83	88	88	88	88	88		☺
LP-R5	Percentage of householder applications determined within 8 weeks	85	77	90.67	93.80	91.13	96.47	90.54		☺
LP-R8	Percentage of industrial/economic applications determined within 8 weeks	80	65	77.78	78.57	77.78	72.72	76.47	Target not achieved due to complexity of applications	☹
LPI 6	Percentage of applications vetted and approved within 5 weeks	75	56	59		53.5	50.4	58.9	Staff vacancies causing problem.	☹
LPI 7	Percentage of inspections undertaken in 1 working day	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		☺
LP-R12	Percentage of alleged breaches responded to within 15 working days	100	69	83.47	100	100	100	100		☺

Economic Regeneration

Indicator	Description	Target 06/07	Performance		Achievement 2006/07				Variance from target/comment	
			2004/5	2005/6	Q-1	Q-2	Q-3	Q-4		
BV-EC2	Proportion of the working population who are unemployed and claiming benefit	2.8%	3.1%	3.3%	-	-	-	-	Reviewed Annually	3.3%
BV-EC17(a)	Total number of investment enquiries dealt with per annum	120	107	158	27	36	23	45		☺
BV-EC17(b)	Number of re-locations and re-investments annually as a result of "inward investment"	10	8	8	1	1	1	4	Target not on course.	
BV-EC17(c)	Number of jobs created and safeguarded from firms moving to or re-locating within the area following "inward investment" enquiries	60	37	78.5	4	14	3	62	Target not on course.	
BV-EC19	Number of new business start-ups assisted/receiving financial assistance	16	8	20	3	1	8	14		☺
LPI 1	Responded to workspace enquiries within 3 working days	100%	90%	100%	100%	98%	95	95		☺
LPI 2	Process grant applications within 8 weeks	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		☺
LPI 3	Jobs created through business grants and other assistance	60	217	110.5	44	2	37	33		☹
LPI 4	Occupancy rates of WVDC (or jointly owned) factory units & workshops	90%	85%	85%	85%	85%	80%	85		☹
LPI 5	Issue at least 10 press releases	18	16	23	11	4	12	2		☺

Planning and Environmental Policy

Indicator	Description	Target 06/07	Performance		Achievement 2006/07				Variance from target/comment	
			2004/5	2005/6	Q-1	Q-2	Q-3	Q-4		
BV106	Percentage of new homes built on previously developed land.	65%	48.5%	55%	42.94 %	62.38 %	67.65%	74.62%	61.91%	☺
BV200(a)	Has a development plan been adopted in last 5 years or proposals on deposit to adopt in next 3 years?	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	See reports on LDF	
BV200(b)	If 200(a) is "no" are there proposals on deposit for an alteration or replacement, with a published timetable for adopting those alterations or the replacement plan within three years?	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	See reports on LDF	
BV200(c)	Did the local planning authority publish an annual monitoring report by December of the last year?	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	New indicator 2006/07	
BV216(a)	Number of 'sites of potential concern' within the local authority area, with respect to land contamination.	534					534	519	New indicator 2006/07	
BV216(b)	Number of sites for which sufficient detailed information is available to decide whether remediation of the land is necessary, as a percentage of all 'sites of potential concern'.	0					0%	0%	New indicator 2006/07.	
BV219(a)	Total number of conservation areas in the local authority area.			20	20	20	20	20	New indicator 2006/07.	
BV219(b)	Percentage of conservation areas in district with an up-to-date character appraisal.			0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	New indicator 2006/07.	
BV219(c)	Percentage of conservation areas with published management proposals.			0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	New indicator 2006/07.	

QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE MONITORING

APPEALS

Appeal	Decision	Reason
3/2005/0295 Site at West Park Farm, Helme Park, Tow Law	Allowed	The appeal was made against the refusal of planning permission for an implement and lambing shed. The Inspector considered the main issues were the effect of the proposal on the character and appearance of the countryside, and the safety of users of the A68. He concluded the proposal would not have an adverse effect on the character and appearance of the countryside. Also he did not consider the proposal would have an unacceptable effect on the safety of users of the A68.
3/2006/0455 Land at rear of 54-57 Front Street, Sunnyside	Dismissed	The appeal was made against the refusal of planning permission for the erection of 2 dwellings. The Inspector considered the main issues were the effect of the proposal on the character and appearance of the countryside, and whether the proposal would assist in the creation of sustainable patterns of growth in the local area. He concluded the development would constitute an undesirable visual intrusion into open countryside. Also he concluded the proposal would not contribute positively to sustainable patterns of growth in the local area.
3/2006/0067 Site at 56 Heather Lane, Crook	Allowed	The appeal was made against the refusal of planning permission for a gable end extension together with an entrance lobby. The Inspector considered the main issue was the effect of the proposed extension on the living conditions of occupiers of the adjacent property, in relation to visual dominance and loss of light. He concluded the proposal would not result in material harm to the living conditions of occupiers of nearby property.

COMPLAINTS

Origin of Complaint	Allegation	Response
1. Stage 1 Applicant	Breach of confidentiality. Application discussed with a member of staff who does not work in the Environment and Regeneration Department.	Explained by the member of staff was consulted. Assured the complainant that the two staff names in the complaint would not be dealing with the planning application when it is received.
2. Stage 1 Neighbour	Failure of a member of staff to respond to correspondence.	An apology was made. The officer concerned had corresponded with other neighbours on the same issue and it was an oversight on his behalf. The complainant was updated on the current situation.
3. Stage 1 Neighbour	Complaint about the condition of a property. Request for action to be taken to improve the building.	The complainant was informed that enquiries would be made with Land Registry to find out the name and address of the owner, and once known an enforcement letter would be sent.
4. Stage 1 Neighbour	A repeat complaint about the condition of a site. Residents were concerned about the length of time this problem had been allowed to go on.	The complainant was informed that an enforcement officer has visited the site on several occasions during the period of construction. The development is now completed. The Highways Officer at Durham County Council was contacted and asked to use the bond to complete the road, footpaths and street lighting.
5. Stage 1 Applicant	Failure to respond to request for information/advice.	An apology was sent to the complainant. Unfortunately the request had been sent by e-mail to a member of staff who no longer works for the Council. It was not possible to access these e-mails. The complainant was invited to submit the request to the Head of Development and Building Control.
6. Stage 1 Neighbour	The complainant was dissatisfied that a development at the adjacent property had been allowed without due regard to safeguarding her privacy.	The enforcement officer visited the site and after his visit he discussed the matter with the Head of Development and Building Control, who concluded that the complainant's privacy was materially affected. The enforcement officer has been negotiating with the complainant and the applicant to overcome the problem. This is on-going.

OMBUDSMAN COMPLAINTS

<p>1. Castle Close, Crook</p>	<p>The complaint was in two parts:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The complainants alleged they were unable to find out information about the status of the land around their property, in particular about how they might get it “de-allocated”. 2. The complainants were concerned officers of the Council had behaved preferentially toward their neighbour. <p>The Ombudsman found “No or insufficient evidence of maladministration”.</p> <p>The Ombudsman found he could not criticise the Council on Complaint 1. On Complaint 2 the Ombudsman found no maladministration.</p>
<p>2. Langley Grove, Bishop Auckland</p>	<p>The complainant alleged the Council had not properly considered an application for planning permission for a garage, and disregarded its own policies on the construction of a domestic garage.</p> <p>The Ombudsman found “No or insufficient evidence of maladministration”.</p> <p>The Ombudsman found that the Council had correctly followed its procedures and took the complainant’s objection seriously before deciding to grant planning permission.</p>
<p>3. Rochester Close, Bishop Auckland</p>	<p>The complainants complained that the Council failed to properly consider an application for planning permission for a conservatory and failed to ensure that the development complied with the approved plans.</p> <p>The Ombudsman concluded “No or insufficient evidence of maladministration”.</p> <p>The Ombudsman found that the Council took the complainant’s complaint seriously and checked that the development had been carried out correctly. The extension approved is in line with the Council’s policy on rear extensions.</p>
<p>4. Fir Tree, Crook</p>	<p>The complainants complained that the Council refused an application for planning permission for a new dwelling and garage, and that they were put to time and trouble and expense in mounting an appeal.</p> <p>The Ombudsman concluded “No jurisdiction to investigate”.</p>
<p>5. Whitfield Brow, Bollihope</p>	<p>The complainants complained about a decision to grant planning permission for a development at the neighbouring property. They alleged that the development has not been implemented in accordance with the originally approved plans. They alleged that the development has not been implemented in accordance with the originally approved plans. They complained that changes were agreed without appropriate paperwork and the development has an adverse effect on their amenities.</p> <p>The Ombudsman would not investigate the complaint because the Council has not had an opportunity to investigate and respond. The Council has now received a complaint.</p>

Programme Themes	Workstreams	2006/07 Achievements
<p>1 - Increasing Total Entrepreneurial Activity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced Start up Activity • Improving Access to Workspace • Enhancing Enterprise Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rolled out Emerge and NES across the LEGI communities • Commissioned a Hard to Reach study – investigating how to establish enhanced start up activity • Invested in the North East Enterprise Bond • Piloted and researched entrepreneurship support programmes with 16 -19 year olds • Piloted and researched entrepreneurship simulation packages • Primary Entrepreneurs - developed a model for business development within primary schools and piloted the approach. • Developed, piloted and established a web based virtual office business support facility • Implemented capital improvements and pilots in key workspaces within the districts • Researched business support, property demand and investment potential within the communities.
<p>2 - Supporting Sustainable Growth And Reducing the Failure Rate of Locally Owned Businesses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing Local Clusters • Enterprising Centres • 'Fastest 50' Companies • Employability and Skills • Access to Opportunity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established South West Durham Engineering Forum • A Clusters study assessed and provided recommendations to develop clusters. • Researched Fastest 50 offer • Commissioned BSupplied to implemented hands-on retail business support and research the sector within 4 town centres.
<p>3 - Attracting Appropriate Inward Investment and Franchising.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Franchising 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioned Franchising research and established offer to implement within year 2 of the programme.

ANNEX 4

Cost Centre / Project Title	Budget Holder	2007/8 Budget Total	2007/8 Budget WVDC	2007/8 Revised Budget	2007/8 Revised WVDC	Partly externally funded	External funding secured
C059 Contaminated Land	Ian Bloomfield	£100,000	£100,000	n/a	n/a	N	n/a
C065 Wolsingham Business Park	Sue Dawson	£0	£0	£50,000	£50,000	tbc	n/a
C066 Bracks Farm	Sue Dawson	£0	£0	£145,000	£145,000	N	n/a
C089 SW Crook Industrial Ext.	Sue Dawson	£0	£0	£249,406	£249,406	tbc	n/a
C093 West Auckland Improvement Scheme	Carole Dillon	£23,000	£23,000	£53,000	£53,000	N	n/a
C109 Eastgate	Sue Dawson	£917,000	£96,000	n/a	n/a	Y	Y
C125 Wear Valley Building Enhancement	Sue Dawson	£286,000	£86,000	n/a	n/a	Y	Y
C126 Positional Accuracy Tool	Carole Dillon	£0	£0	£17,860	£17,860	N	N
C127 Economic Development Fund	Bob Hope	£30,000	£30,000	n/a	n/a	N	n/a
C128 Bishop Auckland Town Centre	Alan Weston	£300,000	£300,000	n/a	n/a	Y	N
C149 Alt. Energy Systems Public Buildings	Ian Bloomfield	£60,000	£60,000	n/a	n/a	N	N
C150 Renewable Energy – Innovation House	Alan Weston	£45,000	£22,500	n/a	n/a	Y	N
C151 Alternative Energy Grants	Ian Bloomfield	£30,000	£30,000	n/a	n/a	N	n/a