

## Council

### 24 July 2008

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#### Queen's Birthday Honours List 2008

The Council congratulated Ann Ruddick and Robert Boustead who have been awarded MBE's in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2008.

#### 4PS Awards for Excellence 2008 – South Tyneside and Gateshead BSF Project

The Mayor announced that the Council along with South Tyneside Council has been recognised for its joint working arrangements on the Building Schools for the Future project.

#### Equality Mark Awards

The Council received the silver award at Level 3 of the Equality Standard, recognising achievement in its policies and practice to promote fairness.



#### The Gateshead Summer Flower Show

#### Blooming Good Entertainment



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## **Appointments**

Nominations were received in relation to a number of vacancies. It was agreed:

- That Councillor B Osborne be appointed as Vice Chair of the Healthier Communities OSC
- That Councillor I Patterson be appointed to Special Appointments Committee
- That Councillor M Ord be appointed to the Personnel Appeals Committee.

## **Presentation by Melanie Laws, Association of North East Council**

Melanie Laws gave a presentation to the Council on the work that ANEC are currently involved in across the region.

## **Questions from Members of the Public**

A question was asked and answered in relation to the review of Local Authority Managed Children's Centre Nurseries.

## **Petitions**

Petitions were received as follows:

Councillors P Dillon – Petition asking for a multi games area at the drop-in for use by the community and young people of Dunston.

Councillor M McNestry - Petition against the closure of Treetops Children's Nursery.

Councillor D Boyes - Petition objecting to the closure of Felling Neighbourhood Nursery.

Councillor I Rippeth - Petition against double parking in Ryton.

The petitions were received and will be dealt with according to Council procedure.

## **Gateshead Children and Young People's Plan Review and Annual Performance**

Consideration was given to the Children and Young People's Plan Review and Annual Performance prior to submission to Ofsted.

## **Implementation of the Borough-Wide Control of Street Trading**

Consideration was given to the implementation of a borough wide control of Street Trading.

## **Capital Monitoring and Prudential Indicators**

The Council considered and agreed the Capital Monitoring and Prudential Indicators for 2008/09.

## **Annual Review of Performance**

Consideration was given the annual review of performance. The content of the Annual Review of Performance for 2007/08 was approved

## **Local Authority Managed Children's Centre Nurseries**

Consideration has been given to the proposals for the future management of the local authority managed Children's Centre Nurseries. It was agreed that the Council approve the preferred option, arising from the review, for the future management of local authority managed Children's Centre Nurseries; including the addition made by Cabinet, that a further report be submitted to Cabinet and Council as appropriate on implementation of the proposals.

## **Provisional Work Programmes – OSCS**

Consideration was given to the provisional work programmes for Overview and Scrutiny Committees for 2008/09.

## **Report of the Cabinet**

The Leader of the Council reported on a number of key issues currently affecting the Council.

## **Notice of Motion**

A notice of motion was passed supporting the campaigns to keep open post offices in Allerdene, Blackhall Mill, Crook Hill, Sheriff Hill, Sunderland Road and Winlaton Mill

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## **Honorary Aldermen**

It was resolved that the title of Honorary Alderman would be conferred upon Joe Hattam (1974 - 1978 and 1982 - 2008) and David Lynn (1998 – 2008) for their services as former members of the Council.

## **Next Generation Local Area Agreement**

The Council approved the final LAA as outlined in the report for submission to Government Office North East.

## **Corporate Plan Refresh**

The Council approved the refresh of the Corporate Plan. The Corporate Plan helps to focus resources and is a means by which the Council's action can be measured and reviewed.

## **Fees for Local Land Charges Services and Other Local Authority Searches**

The Council approved an increase in fees to be charged for the provision of local land charges services and other official searches of information held by the Council. These were increased in line with inflation to match the Council's annual review of fees and charges.

## **Terms of Reference and Independent Members on the Standards Committee**

The Council approved an amendment to the constitution to allow the appointment of an additional person, who is not a Councillor, to the Standards Committee and to amend the terms of reference of the Committee. It became necessary to review the Standards Committee's terms of reference and membership to accord with the provisions of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, and to take account of the guidance issued by the Standards Board for England.

## **Report Of The Cabinet**

The Leader reported on key issues for the period April – June 2008

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#### **Election of Mayor**

Councillor Maureen Chaplin was duly elected as Mayor for the forthcoming year.

#### **Election of Deputy Mayor**

Councillor Joe Mitchinson was duly elected as Deputy Mayor for the forthcoming year.

#### **Vote of Thanks to the Retiring Mayor, Mayoress, Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress**

The Council conveyed its appreciation to Councillor D Lynn, Mrs S Lynn, Councillor M Brain and Ms S Makin for their performance of the many duties expected of them as Mayor, Mayoress, Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress respectively

#### **Election of Councillors**

The Chief Executive reported the results of the Municipal Elections held on 1 May 2008.

#### **Appointment of Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet**

The Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council and members of the Cabinet for the ensuing municipal year were appointed.

#### **The Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council and Members of the Cabinet for the Ensuing Municipal Year Were Appointed.**

The Leader of the Council moved the nominations of the Gateshead Council Labour Group on a number of bodies

The Leader of the opposition group will move the nominations of the Liberal Democrat Group to a number of bodies: -

#### **Appointment of Chairs and Vice-Chairs**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 26.1, appointments were made as the chairs and vice-chairs of the bodies listed in Annex 1A to Part 3 of the constitution.

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#### **South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership Evaluation Methodology and PFI Update**

The principal procurement of residual waste treatment services for the South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Partnership (STWWMP) through the Private Finance Initiative is to commence.

#### **Local Transport Plan: Integrated Transport Capital Programme update**

Revisions to the integrated transport capital programme for 2008/09 and the indicative programme for 2009/10 have been endorsed.

## **Best Value Review of Leisure; Building an Active Future Programme Scheme and Estimate Report**

The schemes and estimated cost (£28.65m) for the priorities arising from this Best Value Review have been approved. The Group Director Development and Enterprise is authorised to enter into a Project Agreement with Willmott Dixon Construction to carry out the works which include:

- Secure modern and appropriate facilities in Blaydon to replace Blaydon Pool and the provision of upgraded facilities
- Replace Felling pool with modern accessible facilities
- Upgrade Dunston Pool
- Upgrade Gateshead Leisure Centre to provide better quality facilities
- Upgrade Birtley Pool

The preferred sites for the replacement facilities at Blaydon and Felling are the former Blaydon School site (site to be developed jointly with the PCT) and the High Lanes site adjacent to Heworth Grange School.

## **Tenders and Schemes and Estimates**

Contracts have been awarded and schemes and estimates approved as follows:

- Tender from NTL Telewest Business be accepted for the Contract for Network Technologies. The new contract will consolidate a number of existing contractual arrangements for the corporate network into a single service.
- Shared Intelligence be considered appointable consultants to develop

the Economic Masterplan for the NewcastleGateshead City Development Company (CDC) subject to the agreement of the appointed Chair of the CDC.

- Scheme and estimated construction cost of £2,163,478 (includes Big Lottery Fund grant of £1,994,670) inclusive of furniture, fittings & equipment for the transformation of the Central Library. Tenders will now be invited for the works.
- The following companies are to be included in the invitation to tender for the contract for the procurement, implementation and maintenance of an integrated education management information system:

CACI  
Capita Children's Services  
Tribal Consulting

## **Annual Review of Performance 2007/08**

The year-end annual review of performance is an integral part of the Council's performance management framework and demonstrates how far we have come to achieve our vision and outcomes. In June 2007, the Council agreed its first Corporate Plan, which set out priorities for the three-year period 2007 - 2010. The content of the 2007/08 annual review report has been endorsed.

## **Capital Programme and Prudential Indicators 2008/09 – First Quarter Review**

The position on the 2008/09 capital budget and prudential indicators at the end of the first quarter to 30 June 2008 has been considered and variations endorsed.

## **Special Educational Needs (SEN) Inclusion Review: Implementation Plan**

The SEN Review Implementation Plan has been endorsed and the implementation phase of the proposals will now commence.

## **Commissioning of Speech and Language Therapy Services for Children with Special Educational Needs**

The Council is to commission speech and language therapy services for children with special educational needs (SEN) from the PCT. The agreement will provide funding to employ a specialist Speech and Language Therapist for children with a hearing impairment and to joint fund two part time posts for Speech and Language Therapists working mainly with children in Gateshead's special schools. The services will be additional to those normally provided by the PCT in Gateshead's special schools and mainstream support bases.

This ensures that children with special educational needs who require speech and language therapy have their needs met within Gateshead as far as it is possible.

## **Blaydon West Primary School: Appointment of Shadow Governing Body**

Blaydon West Primary School was judged by Ofsted to require special measures following an inspection in October 2007. Governance of the school was judged to be inadequate and the Council decided to replace the Governing Body with an Interim Executive Board (IEB).

The school has made good progress since the appointment of the IEB. In accordance with a plan submitted to, and

approved by, the Secretary of State, a Shadow Governing Body is to be appointed to work alongside the IEB. This arrangement will last for at least six months. Following this, it is anticipated that the IEB will be dissolved, and responsibility for the school will be vested in a fully constituted governing body.

The constitution of the Governing Body has been endorsed and the Group Director, Learning and Children, following consultation with the Cabinet members for Children and Young People, has been authorised to appoint members of the Shadow Governing Body.

## **Opportunities for Social Housing Provision – Report of the Sustainable Communities Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

The findings and recommendations of the Sustainable Communities Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee's review of opportunities for social housing provision have been endorsed.

## **Consultations on Proposed Health Service Developments in Gateshead**

Responses have been submitted to the following NHS consultations:

- Gateshead NHS Primary Care Trust (PCT) on its proposals to provide a new GP led health centre in Blaydon and a new GP practice for the South of Gateshead
- Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust on its proposals to establish an interim outreach facility adjacent to the Metrocentre in order to provide greater access to outpatient services currently provided at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

## **Review of Health Inequalities in Gateshead**

Consideration has been given to the final report of the Service Improvement Review of Health Inequalities in Gateshead. The review has been carried out jointly by officers from the Council, the PCT and the Gateshead Community Network, led by Alyson Learmonth, Director of Public Health. The review has developed a total of 20 proposed actions to address the following priorities representing those that will have the biggest impact on inequalities, particularly in life expectancy, and those that will impact on the health of the population as a whole:

- Priority 1 – Health Impact Assessment
- Priority 2 - A community-based approach to tackling health inequalities
- Priority 3 – Financial inclusion
- Priority 4 - Smoke free Gateshead
- Priority 5 – Lifestyle
- Priority 6 - Minimise harm from alcohol
- Priority 7 – Mental Health
- Priority 8 – Health Equity Audit

An implementation plan is to proceed.

## **Active and Healthy Gateshead**

An action Plan is being implemented to ensure there is a step change in activity to deliver the aspirations for an Active and Healthy Gateshead, as set out in Vision 2030. It will form the basis of further work to review and develop the milestones required over the next five years.

## **Gateshead Multi Agency Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Partnership Annual Report 2007 / 08**

The annual report has been endorsed. It sets out achievements over the past year, a summary of the key objectives for 2008 / 09 and describes the broader context of Safeguarding Adults work.

## **Dunston – Achieving the Neighbourhood Vision**

Work is continuing on the plan to develop a neighbourhood vision for the Ravensworth Road area of Dunston. To enable the Council to consider potential opportunities and financial options, current and future voids in Cheviot Green, Tower Court and Cleveland Mews are to be held and removed from debit, subject to the possibility of offering short-term assured tenancies being investigated.

## **Playbuilder Status Agreement for Gateshead**

The following proposals of the Gateshead Play Partnership for the allocation of the Playbuilder grant have been endorsed subject to further consultation:

- **Woodgate Park, Bill Quay - £70,000**

This is to renew and develop natural play areas for children and young people within Woodgate Park by contributing to phase one of the projects.

- **Lea Field Playing Field, Birtley - £50,000**

The project will develop a much-needed resource for the young people within the community. Through consultation a Multi-Use Sports Area (MUSA) has been identified as the best play

equipment to put in to the area to meet the young people's interests, likes and gender.

- **Beggars Wood Park, Lobley Hill - £50,000**

The new area will provide a BMX park for the local young people, which will be fun and challenging to meet their needs.

- **Engine Lane Play Park, Low Fell - £50,000**

This is to renew and revitalise Engine Lane Park by contributing to phase two of the project for pre school and primary school children. Phase three of the development will be developing the teenage area.

- **Central Ward, Gateshead - £20,000**

The project will develop a natural play area and interesting environment for children and young people. The location will be identified, subject to further consultation.

- **Ferndean Park, Ryton - £50,000**

This will provide a new and enriching play area with natural resources for children.

### **Local Transport Plan Major Transport Schemes**

The continued preparation of major scheme business cases for the two proposed schemes - Tyne & Wear Bus Corridor Improvements and Blaydon Newburn Pedestrian/Cycle Bridge has been endorsed. A programme entry bid has been agreed for Phase 1 relating to the corridor improvements and includes:

- Follingsby Park & Ride
- Felling Bypass/Lingey Lane Slip Road
- Sunderland Road Link
- Access to Team Valley (North)
- Lobley Hill Park & Ride

A further report is to be submitted confirming the resolution of the outstanding cost and risk issues.

### **Post Office Network Change Programme**

The Group Director, Development & Enterprise has been authorised following consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Economy, Housing and Transport to coordinate a response to the Post Office Network Change Programme proposals to meet the deadline of 11 August 2008.

There are currently 39 post offices in Gateshead and an undertaking from the Post Office to provide another Post Office in Gateshead Town Centre. The Post Office proposes to close 6 of these Post Offices. They are:

- Blackhall Mill
- Crookhill
- Winlaton Mill
- Allerdene
- Sheriff Hill
- Sunderland Road

There are no proposals for any form of outreach service within either the rural or urban parts of Gateshead.

(NB: Council subsequently referred this issue to a special meeting of the Sustainable Communities People OSC)

## **Approval of estimates and tenders and property transactions during the summer recess**

The Group Director and the Head of Property Services, Development and Enterprise, in consultation with the Strategic Directors, Finance and ICT and Legal and Corporate Services have been authorised to approve schemes and estimates, consent to the invitation of tenders and approve the acceptance of tenders and transactions in respect of land and property, during the summer recess.

## **Cabinet Portfolio Work Programmes 2008/09**

Cabinet Portfolio Work Programmes for 2008/09 have been agreed. The programmes are an important element in focusing the activity of the Council on its priorities. They also provide the opportunity to support the Council's approach to area working, by setting out clear priorities for areas, and enabling these to be seen in the context of emerging thematic priorities.

## **Response to Consultation**

A response is being submitted to the Government's Draft Legislative Programme 2008/09.

## **South Tyneside & Gateshead Local Education Partnership Governance Arrangements**

The Cabinet member for Children & Young People and the two Cabinet members supporting the Children & Young People portfolio are to be appointed to the Strategic Partnering Board to be established under the strategic partnering and shareholders' agreements made between South

Tyneside and Gateshead Councils and InspiredSpaces dated 21 December 2007.

The Chief Executive has been authorised to appoint such officers to the Strategic Partnering Board as he believes appropriate, in consideration of the nature of the business to be transacted by the SPB from time to time.

The Strategic Director, Finance & ICT has been nominated as the Council's director to the board of the South Tyneside & Gateshead Local Education Partnership.

## **Petitions Schedule**

There was an update on petitions received and actions taken on them.

## **Land Disposal: Land At Askew Road West, Teams, Gateshead**

The freehold disposal of land at Askew Road West, Teams to T E Beteiligungs GmbH (Lidl) for retail development and associated car parking has been agreed.

## **Local Authority Managed Children's Centre Nurseries**

Consideration has been given to the proposals for the future management of the local authority managed Children's Centre Nurseries. The Council is being recommended to approve the preferred option, arising from the review, including the addition made by Cabinet, that a further report be submitted to Cabinet and Council as appropriate on implementation of the proposals.

## **Sale of Site and Buildings at Leaffield House, Birtley**

Cabinet approved the sale of the site and building of Leaffield House to Meadowcroft Homes Ltd at its meeting on

29 January 2008 on the condition that the building be retained as an example of the history of Birtley. Meadowcroft Homes Ltd have since requested revised terms of sale which are unacceptable. Terms of sale have therefore been agreed with the next highest bidder, Spring Oak Developments Ltd.

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#### **Tyne and Wear City Region Multi Area Agreement (MAA)**

The submission of the Tyne and Wear MAA to Government Office North East has been endorsed. It seeks to bring together a range of key partners, operating on the basis of flexible arrangements, to tackle the strategic issues that are best addressed at the economic geography of the city region.

The area incorporated by the Tyne and Wear MAA has been agreed as the five Tyne and Wear local authority areas along with the current district areas of Castle Morpeth, Blyth Valley, Tynedale, Wansbeck, Derwentside, City of Durham, Chester le Street and Easington.

The MAA supports the achievement of the two fundamental city region outcomes:

- a competitive city region – competitive industries and world class talent resulting in improved GVA (economic output)
- an economically inclusive city region – ensuring economic opportunity and access for all.

#### **Procurement Proposals for the delivery of the Housing Market Renewal programme**

To support the implementation and delivery of the Housing Market Renewal Programme the Council is to procure a Joint Venture Limited Liability Partner to work along side it with the overall remit to manage and deliver housing regeneration across the borough. The appointment of consultants GVA Grimley will continue to assist with the necessary procurement arrangements.

#### **Highway Maintenance Back Lanes Revenue Programme 2008/09**

A programme of back lane highway maintenance schemes in 2008/09 is to go ahead. Road condition survey information and the lists of outstanding schemes have been used to prepare the programme. The proposals seek to ensure that roads are maintained to a good standard in compliance with the statutory duty (Highways Act 1980) to maintain adopted highway.

#### **Gateshead Children and Young People's Plan Review and Annual Performance Assessment**

In April 2006, Gateshead Children and Young People's Partnership published a three year Children and Young People's Plan in response to the requirements of the Children Act 2004. The plan provides the over-arching strategic framework for children's services and covers all services for children and young people in Gateshead aged 0-19, young people aged 20 and over leaving care, and young people up to the age of 25 with learning difficulties. The Plan has been reviewed and a self-assessment of performance against priorities in the Plan carried out as required by regulations. For 2008, the preliminary view is that the

Council is “outstanding” in all areas. The documents are to be submitted to Ofsted.

### **Implementation of the borough- wide control of Street Trading**

The Council is to introduce a policy on the borough-wide control of street trading. It has been the subject of statutory consultation. The policy is made under the provisions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, which enables Local Authorities to regulate street trading activities by:

- (a) designating certain streets as ‘prohibited streets’, in which street trading is not permitted; and
- (b) designating certain streets as ‘consent streets’, in which street trading is permitted where the proposed traders have obtained appropriate consents.

The policy sets out how the Council will implement this regime at a local level. A schedule of fees will accompany the policy.

### **Review of Community Participation in Sport & Leisure**

The recommendations from the Sustainable Communities People Overview and Scrutiny Committee’s review of Community Participation in Sport and Leisure have been endorsed. In view of the OSC’s finding that transport is a barrier to participation, the Corporate Vitality OSC is to be asked to review use of Council and Partners’ fleet vehicles to identify if they could be utilized for this purpose outside normal working hours.

### **Review of Early Years Services provided through Children’s Centres**

The recommendations from the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee’s review of Early Years

Services provided through Children’s Centres have been endorsed.

### **Capital Programme and Prudential Indicators 2007/08 – Year End Outturn**

The financing of the 2007/08 capital programme has been agreed. None of the prudential indicators were breached.

### **Revenue Outturn 2007/08**

The final position on the General Reserve and appropriations to Strategic Reserves consistent with previous decisions and the principles set out in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) have been endorsed.

### **Housing Income Management Policy - The Gateshead Housing Company**

A Housing Income Management policy statement has been adopted. The policy is in three sections. The first sets out the overall ‘firm but fair’ approach with an emphasis on arrears prevention, advice and assistance. The second section describes the types of housing debt and their relative priority and the third covers the framework for writing off or setting aside unrecoverable debt. The Gateshead Housing Company has been authorised to consult with tenants, leaseholders and stakeholders as it develops an income management strategy to fit within the policy framework.

### **Demolition of Garages at Kirkwood Gardens, Wardley**

16 garages at Kirkwood Gardens, which have fallen in to a state of disrepair are to be demolished.

## **Supporting People Five Year Plan Update**

The views of the Healthier Communities Advisory Group are being sought on the Supporting People Five Year Plan Update covering the provision of housing related support to vulnerable people in Gateshead.

## **Legislative changes affecting Disabled Facilities Grants**

A package of legislative changes to modernise the programme for the delivery of Disabled Facilities Grants are to be implemented as part of the Private Sector Housing Renewal Financial Assistance Policy. The changes were announced by the Government as part of Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods – a National Strategy for Housing in an Ageing Society.

## **Private Sector Housing Renewal Financial Assistance Policy revisions**

Additional funding options are being introduced, to complement the range of financial assistance products currently offered through the Council's Private Sector Housing Renewal Financial Assistance Policy (PSHR FAP). This limited but important change is being introduced in advance of the planned review of the whole financial policy later this year, in order to assist people who are not eligible under the present financial assistance policy.

## **Proposed Electrical Rewires: Furrowfield School, Marley Hill Primary School & Parkhead Primary School**

Tenders are to be negotiated with Local Environmental Services for the above works.

## **Responses to Consultations**

Responses are being made to the following consultations:

- Children's Trusts: Statutory Guidance on inter-agency cooperation to improve well-being of children, young people and their families" - The Department for Children, Schools and Families
- National review of Fair Access to Care criteria - The Commission for Social Care Inspection

## **Disposal of site and premises - Former Joicey Road School, Joicey Road, Gateshead**

The former Joicey Road school site and premises is being sold to Drummond Central Ltd. This company propose to repair and refurbish the property for use as a creative arts, design, marketing and urban gallery centre and provision of workspace for local creative businesses.

## **Land Disposals: Former Petrol Filling Station Sites at, Durham Road, Shipcote, Park Road, Felling, and Split Crow Road, Felling**

The freehold disposal has been agreed for three former Petrol Filling Station sites located at:

- Durham Road, Shipcote - New Forest Construction Ltd for the development of 9 eco-friendly family homes.
- Park Road, Felling - Power Wholesale Limited for the development of five commercial units; and
- Split Crow Road, Felling - Gladedale (Sunderland) Limited for the development of 16 family homes.

# Cabinet

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## **Culture<sup>10</sup> 2008/09 Budget & Indicative Programme of Events**

The Council is supporting the 2008/09 Culture<sup>10</sup> programme of events under the theme of 'East08'. An allocation of £600,000 is being made available which will ensure that Gateshead continues to develop its annual cultural events programme for local people and for visitors to Gateshead.

## **Contract for the provision of Transport and Engineering Consultancy Services**

The tenders from Atkins Ltd, Newcastle upon Tyne, Faber Maunsell Ltd, Newcastle upon Tyne and Mouchel, Darlington have been accepted for the contract for transport and engineering consultancy services.

## **Primary Capital Programme – “Strategy for Change”**

The Primary Capital Programme is the government's ambitious scheme for rebuilding, remodelling or refurbishing about half of the country's primary schools. It is a 14-year programme, starting in Gateshead next year with capital funding of £3.125m in 2009-10 and £5.505m in 2010-11. Indicative figures for subsequent years suggest around £3m per year. The Council's Primary Strategy for Change, which must be prepared to access the capital funding, has been endorsed for submission to Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF).

The Council's initial investment priorities include the rebuild of Barley Mow Primary School and Front Street Primary School

and the refurbishment/remodelling of Emmaville Primary, Eslington Primary, St. Agnes RC Primary, Ravensworth Primary, Crookhill Primary, Birtley East Primary, Greenside Primary and Swalwell Primary.

## **School Term Dates 2009/10**

School term dates have been set for the borough's schools for 2009/10.

## **Gateshead Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Issues and Options**

Formal consultation is to commence on the Local Development Framework Core Strategy. This is the most important part of the new system of development plans. It sets an overall vision of where the borough needs to be in the future and will help deliver the Council's Sustainable Community Strategy – Vision 2030 and Local Area Agreements. It is a spatial representation of Vision 2030 that will set out how Gateshead will develop in the future, enable community buy-in to that vision and direct activities of all those promoting development and regeneration within the borough. It will also provide the opportunity to respond to the Neighbourhood Planning Agenda that was a key feature of the recent Local Government White Paper.

## **Local Authority Carbon Management Programme**

The Council is to participate in the Carbon Trust's Local Authority Carbon Management Programme. The programme provides technical and change management support to help local authorities realise carbon emissions savings from the operation of buildings and vehicle fleets. The Programme provides free technical advice and support in the development of an action

plan, which should result in significant fuel savings; reductions in carbon emissions and identified cost savings. Councillor Michael McNestry, Cabinet Spokesperson for the Environment will be the Council's energy sponsor for the programme.

### **International Activity Review and Refresh**

The Council's current International Strategy is to be reviewed, with a view to developing a new, more partnership oriented document for 2009 onwards.

### **Response to Consultation**

The Council has responded to the following consultation:

Raising Expectations: enabling the system to deliver - The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) and the Department for Innovation, Skills and Universities.

### **Appointments to Advisory Groups, Other Bodies of the Council, Joint Committees and Outside Bodies**

The Cabinet has made appointments to advisory groups, other bodies of the council, joint committees and outside bodies.

### **Baltic Business Quarter: Update Report**

The Council has confirmed its commitment to the project by providing the site on which the proposed building for The Design Centre of the North is to stand at nominal cost. Baltic Business Quarter's reputation will be built as a regionally significant site and with a focus for design related activities and businesses.

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### **Delivery of Housing Market Renewal (HMR) Residential Property Improvement Scheme Programme**

Revisions are being made to the second phase of previously approved private, residential property 'Block Improvement Schemes' for 2008/09 that forms part of the Bensham and Saltwell Neighbourhood Plan. The revisions include extending and re-phasing areas covered. The extent of phase 3 of improvement schemes will be decided following consultation with the relevant Cabinet Members and Ward Councillors. Tenders will then be invited from the existing partner contractors for the extended phase 2 and phase 3 block improvement works. The existing service delivery arrangements to provide professional design services will be extended for phase 3 works.

### **Highways Maintenance Capital Programme 2008/09**

A programme of works is to commence for the structural maintenance of roads and bridges in 2008/09. The Council's Sustainable Communities Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to review systems currently operating to coordinate works with utility companies.

### **Waste Management Partnership Arrangements**

The method of procurement to be adopted and the nature of the contracts to be let for all of the various aspects of waste services essential to meet the overall objectives of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy and to ensure Landfill Allowance Trading

Scheme (LATS) compliance has been agreed. The term of any contract for the provision of treatment facilities to mitigate LATS liabilities will cover at the very least a three year period from April 2009. Thereafter the contract will offer three optional single year extensions to provide for contingency in the event of any delay in the commissioning of the new treatment facility. Tenders will now be invited.

### **Next Generation Local Area Agreement**

The final version of Gateshead's Local Area Agreement titled 'The Gateshead Agreement' has been endorsed for submission to Government Office North East. The Chief Executive has been authorised following consultation with the Leader of the Council to make any final necessary amendments to the Agreement following its consideration by the Gateshead Strategic Partnership Steering Group and Government Office North East.

### **Fees for Local Land Charges Services and other Local Authority Searches**

Fees have been increased in line with inflation.

### **Independent Members on the Standards Committee**

The Council's Constitution is being amended to allow the appointment of an additional person who is not a councillor to the Standards Committee and to amend the Committee's terms of reference. This is to meet legislative requirements and a recommendation of the Standards Board of England.

### **Appointment of Local Authority School Governors**

The following local authority school governors have been appointed:

<b>School</b>	<b>Appointment</b>	<b>Date from</b>
Mr Geoffrey Brown	St Josephs, Gateshead	20.05.08
Cllr Maureen Goldsworthy	Hilltop Primary School	20.05.08

### **Local Lettings Plan – Regent Court**

A local lettings plan incorporating the following is being introduced for Regent Court:

- properties being actively marketed and let to new tenants aged 40 or over;
- existing tenants within Regent Court aged less than 40 having the opportunity to respond to HomeChoice adverts and transfer within the block subject to compliance with their existing tenancy;
- properties in the block that have had the benefit of disabled adaptations being advertised to applicants with medical need and not being subject to an age restriction.

It is intended that this will reduce anti-social behaviour and criminal damage, sustain demand for properties, provide dedicated town centre properties for people aged 40 plus and enable new tenants to access the Councils Care Line Service.

The Sustainable Communities Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee will review the operation of local lettings plans in 12 months time and if necessary make recommendations to Cabinet.

### **Gateshead's Self Assessment for Adult Social Care Services**

The self assessment will be considered by the Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) prior to a final report being submitted to Cabinet and the assessment then being submitted to the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI).

### **Trading Standards, Health & Safety at Work and Food Control Service Plans 2008/09**

The views of the Healthier Communities Advisory Group are being sought on the Draft Service Plans 2008/09, with respect to performance during 2007/08 and the priorities proposed for 2008/09.

### **Gateshead Private Sector Housing Stock Condition Survey 2007**

The results of the Stock Condition Survey and Stock Projection Model, are to be used to inform a range of Council Strategies, including the Gateshead Housing Strategy, a review of the Private Sector Housing Renewal Strategy and Financial Assistance Policy, and the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy.

### **Review of the Implementation of the Corporate Procurement Strategy**

The recommendations arising from the Corporate Vitality Overview and Scrutiny Committee's (OSC) review of the implementation of the Corporate Procurement Strategy have been endorsed. This will ensure that the

Strategy is effectively implemented across all services of the Council and value for money is achieved.

### **Responses to Consultations**

Responses have been submitted to the following consultations:

- Cohesion guidance for funders: Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG)
- Sustainable Communities Act 2007: Draft Regulations and Statutory Guidance – CLG

### **ICT Infrastructure for Baltic Business Quarter**

Alcatel-Lucent has been appointed as the Council's preferred partner to progress this project, which will provide all occupiers of Baltic Business Quarter with a managed infrastructure comprising a high-speed state of the art fibre optic cable network. This will give Baltic Business Quarter a unique selling point with which to attract modern businesses that will create high quality jobs. This will also provide a possible future platform for expanding telecommunications services to other surrounding areas of Gateshead, including the provision of high quality networks for residents, visitors and businesses.

Officers will work with the Alcatel-Lucent to develop a suitable business model and formal agreement for a joint venture trading company.

### **Petitions Schedule**

There was an update on petitions received and actions taken on them.

## Waste Management Partnership Arrangements

The method of procurement to be adopted and the nature of the contracts to be let for all of the various aspects of waste services essential to meet the overall objectives of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy(JMWMS) and to ensure Landfill Allowance Trading Scheme (LATS) compliance has been endorsed.

## Rent Review – Land at Prince Consort Road

The rent has been reviewed of land used as a football and cricket pitch.

## Planning and Development Committee

### 23 July 2008

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Contact: Anne Jennings ext 2141

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## Planning Applications

The Committee determined the applications as follows:-

- Granted – 7
- Refused – 2
- Site Visits – 5
- Deferred – 2

## Enforcement Action

The Committee received an update on the progress of enforcement action, which had been previously authorised.

## Planning Appeals

One new appeal has been received since the last Committee.

- DC/08/00134/FUL. 40 Briarsyde Close, Whickham, Newcastle upon Tyne, Tyne And Wear NE16 5UH. Erection of part two-storey/part single-storey extension and conservatory on south and west sides of dwelling house and new garage on north side

## Planning Obligations

One new obligation has been received as follows:

- Site: Land Between, 14 And 15 Holburn Lane, Ryton, Tyne And Wear NE40 3DF
- Obligation: Planning obligation by the applicant to pay the Council £748.98 toward laying out an equipped off site childrens play area and any amenity space on land in the ownership of the Council. Such monies to be paid at the commencement of the scheme and returned if not spent within 7 years (signed 2 July 2008)

## Planning and Development Committee

### 2 July 2008

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Contact: Anne Jennings ext 2141

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## Planning Applications

The Committee determined the applications as follows:-

- Granted – 5
- Refused – 4
- Site Visits – 1
- Deferred – 2

## Enforcement Action

The Committee received an update on the progress of enforcement action, which had been previously authorised.

## Planning Appeals

Three new appeals have been received since the last Committee.

- DC/08/00283/ADV: Long Rigg, Marconi Way, Swalwell, Whickham  
Display of 18m high internally illuminated free-standing display tower incorporating 2 panels each @ size 5m x 7.5m.
- DC/07/01878/TDPA: Land adjacent to Lobley Hill Branch Library, Lobley Hill  
Installation of replacement 12.5m high telecommunications column with 3 additional antennae
- DC/08/00163/FUL: Ravenscroft, West View, Wrekenton  
Erection of single storey extension at rear of residential home

## Planning Obligations

Three new obligations have been received as follows:

Site: 9 California, Winlaton, Blaydon on Tyne, Tyne & Wear, NE21 6NG

Obligation: Planning obligation by the applicant to discharge planning conditions 15 and 16 and to pay the Council £3,800.29 toward laying out

an equipped off site childrens play area and any appropriate amenity area on land in the ownership of the Council. Such monies to be returned if not spent within 7 years (signed 4 June 2008)

Site: 170 Whitehall Road, Gateshead, Tyne & Wear, NE21 6NG

Obligation: Planning obligation by the applicant to pay the Council £1,470.95 toward laying out an equipped off site childrens play area and any amenity space on land in the ownership of the Council. Such monies to be returned if not spent within 7 years (signed 2 June 2008). Money received.

Site: Dene Cottage, Selbourne Avenue, Low Fell

Obligation: Planning obligation by the applicant to pay the Council £6,800 toward laying out an equipped off site childrens play area and any amenity space on land in the ownership of the Council. Such monies to be paid on the date of sale of the properties returned if not spent within 7 years (signed 4 April 2008).

## Planning and Development Committee

### 11 June 2008

Contact: Anne Jennings ext 2141

## Planning Applications

The Committee determined the applications as follows:-

- Granted – 6
- Refused – 4

- Site Visits – 4
- Deferred – 0

### **Enforcement Action**

The Committee received an update on the progress of enforcement action, which had been previously authorised.

### **Planning Appeals**

Two new appeals had been received:

- DC/08/00113ADV: Swallow Service Station  
Old Durham Road - Display of 1x2505mm high internally illuminated 6 sheet double sided freestanding unit on grassed area south west of service station.
- DC/07/01456: Axwell Hall - Internal alterations on basement, ground and second floors to rationalise rooms and thereby reduce number of units.

### **Planning Obligations**

One new obligation has been received as follows:

- Stanley House, Front Street High Spen : Unilateral planning obligation to pay the Council £2,108 toward off site toddler and teenage play provision.

## **Regulatory Committee**

### **1 July 2008**

Contact: Anne Jennings ext 2141

### **Appeals and Prosecutions**

Details of Appeals and Prosecutions were reported.

### **Licences, Permits and Registrations Issued**

Details of Licences, Permits and Registrations issued between 1 and 31 May 2008 were reported.

### **Application for Approved Premises Licence**

Applications on behalf of Hilton NewcastleGateshead and Lancastrian Suite and The Sage Gateshead as venues for the solemnization of civil marriages and registration of civic partnerships were approved.

### **Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Issues**

The Committee considered details of ten licence holders at the morning meeting. The Committee agreed that the applications by WF, RJW, JWD, WD and GE be extended for one further year. That the application by QRK be adjourned to the next meeting of the Committee; that the application by MIM for a Dual Driver Licence not be granted; that RGR and SWP be allowed to keep their Dual Driver licences with a written warning regarding their future conduct.

At the afternoon meeting the Committee considered details of seven licence holders. The Committee agreed that QI be granted a Hackney Carriage Driver Licence; that LC be allowed to keep his

Private Hire Vehicle Driver licence with a severe written warning; that NJC be allowed to keep his Private Hire Vehicle Driver licence with a written warning; that GE be allowed to keep his Private Hire Driver Licence and be required to undertake a Driver Correction Course at his own expense; that CJF be allowed to keep his Private Hire Driver licence and be required to undertake a Driver Correction Course at his own expense; that NS be allowed to keep his Private Hire Driver licence and that consideration of the application by RAD be adjourned to the next Committee.

## **Regulatory Committee**

### **20 May 2008**

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Contact: Anne Jennings ext 2141

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#### **Constitution**

The Constitution for the municipal year 2008-09 was noted.

#### **Appeals and Prosecutions**

Details of Appeals and Prosecutions were reported.

#### **Licences, Permits and Registrations issued**

Details of Licences, Permits and Registrations issued between 1 and 30 April 2008 were reported.

#### **Vehicle Age Policy - Proposed Scheme of Delegation of Decision making**

The Committee agreed a report regarding proposed amendments to the scheme of delegation of decision making in relation to the granting of exceptions to the upper age limit for Hackney Carriages and

Private Hire Vehicles licensed by the Council.

For the sake of administrative efficiency, and in order to ensure that licence renewals are dealt with as quickly as possible to avoid prejudice to licensees, it was proposed that the Council's Constitution be amended so that -

- (i) the Head of Regulatory Services is delegated the authority to approve licences being renewed where the criteria (a) – (d) set out above are met, and may require the licensee to have the vehicle tested three times during the twelve month period of the licence where appropriate
- (ii) the Head of Regulatory Services is delegated the authority to refuse to renew a licence where the vehicle falls outside the age policy and any of the criteria (a) – (d) set out above are not met

If these delegated powers are exercised by the Head of Regulatory Services, a report will be made to a future Regulatory Committee meeting advising the Committee that this has happened.

It was proposed that these amendments by factored into the review of the Council's Constitution and must be approved by full Council, in the meantime these matters still need to be brought before the Regulatory Committee.

#### **Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Issues**

The Committee considered details of five licence holders. The Committee agreed that the applications for LB, DSG, MR, EKW for an extension of one further year be granted. That the application by QRK be adjourned.

## **Accounts Committee**

**30 June 2008**

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Contact: Mike Aynsley ext: 2128

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### **Statement of Accounts 2007/08**

The Council's Statement of Accounts 2007/08 have been approved. The Council's accounts will be open to formal inspection by the public from 7 July 2008 until 1 August 2008 as required by regulations. The Audit Commission will be available to receive any questions on the accounts from members of the public from 4 August 2008 in accordance with regulations. The accounts will be subject to audit and any issues arising from the audit requiring changes to the Statement of Accounts will be reported to the next meeting of the Accounts Committee.

## **Audit Committee**

**24 June 2008**

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Contact: Mike Aynsley ext: 2128

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### **Members' Assurance Statements**

The Audit Committee agreed on 28 January 2008 an assurance framework which would provide evidence for the completion of the Annual Governance Statement. Assurances from Members of Cabinet on the effectiveness of the Council's governance arrangements were fundamental within the framework. Assurance statements have now been provided.

### **Managers' Assurance Statements**

Similar to the above item Heads of Service were asked to build on the work carried out in previous years and state whether they agreed or disagreed that the processes they had in place were effective and provided an adequate level of assurance. Based on the evidence arising from the self-assessments, managers agreed that controls and effective governance arrangements are in place to allow them to achieve their service objectives and therefore the objectives of the Council.

### **Review of Effectiveness of the System of Internal Audit**

The Chief Internal Auditor has undertaken a review and based on a self-assessment of compliance against the Code of Practice for Internal Audit in Local Government 2006 and the Use of Resources work by the Audit Commission, the Council's System of Internal Audit was found to be operating effectively.

### **Corporate Risk Management Annual Report 2007/08**

The Corporate Risk Management Annual Report 2007/2008 concludes that the Council's risk management arrangements are sound.

### **Partnerships**

In considering the Council's approach to partnership working, work undertaken by the Audit Commission and CIPFA in developing a definition of partnership working in Gateshead has been drawn upon. A partnership can be described as "an agreement between two or more

independent bodies to work collectively to achieve an objective”.

Based on evidence arising from the risk assessments for 2007/08 and the assurance from Heads of Service, effective governance arrangements are in place for the Council's significant partnerships.

Risk assessments will be carried out during 2008/09 for the remaining partnerships with which the Council has involvement.

### **Internal Audit Plan Annual Report**

The report gives an overall assessment of the adequacy of the Council's internal control systems and governance arrangements to feed into the Annual Governance Statement and provides a summary of the main audit findings.

Based on the evidence arising from the planned internal audit activity during 2007/2008, the Council's internal control systems and governance arrangements are considered to be satisfactory. In this period 178 audits were carried out.

### **Annual Governance Statement**

The Council is required to produce an Annual Governance Statement, incorporating the Statement on internal Control and an assessment of Governance arrangements and their effectiveness.

The Committee has agreed that the assurance framework which would provide evidence for the completion of the Annual Governance Statement. Assurances were required from the following:

- Governance Arrangements
- Members
- Managers
- The work of the Internal Audit Service
- Risk Management Strategy and Policy Statement
- Performance Management and Data Quality
- Views of the Audit Commission and other external inspectorates.
- The Legal and Regulatory Framework
- Financial Controls
- Partnerships

The Council's system of internal control and governance framework is satisfactory and effective. The Annual Governance Statement therefore reflects this opinion and gives details of the evidence obtained to achieve it.

### **Statement of Accounts 2007/08**

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2006 require local authorities to have their Statement of Accounts for 2007/08 approved by 30 June 2008. The Accounts Committee has been delegated powers by the Council to approve the Statement of Accounts.

This Committee has made comments on the Statement of Accounts and referred them to the Accounts Committee.

# Corporate Vitality Overview and Scrutiny Committee

9 June 2008

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Contact: Iain Burns ext 3993

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## Constitution

The Constitution of the Committee and appointment of Chair and Vice-Chairs, as approved by the Council for the current municipal year, was reported.

## Annual Work Programme

The Committee received a report detailing proposals for improving the development of the work programme for 2008/09.

It was agreed that promoting volunteering would be a review topic for the forthcoming year. It was also agreed that case studies would be undertaken on the customer service strategy and Gateshead's Approach to Learning and Development.

## Local Area Agreement and Corporate Plan – Delivery and Performance

The Committee considered a report, which gave a year-end annual assessment for those priorities in the corporate plan that, are appropriate to the Corporate Vitality area.

Overall, progress against the achievement of outcomes and priorities relevant to this Committee is positive. Members were pleased that the Council had exceeded its target in uncovering actual fraudulent claims. It was suggested that positive publicity is

necessary to ensure that members of the public are aware of such successes.

## 2007/08 Backward Look Annual Efficiency Statement

The Committee received a report providing details of the proposed backward Looking Annual Efficiency Statement 2007/08, which provides details of the Council's delivery of the Government's efficiency target for 2007/08.

## Freedom of Information – Annual Report

The Committee received a report providing details on the Freedom of Information – Annual Report. The report detailed the number of requests for information received by the Council under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 from 1 January to 31 December 2007.

## Monitoring Report - Review of Absence in the Council

The Committee received a report that updated members on actions taken since the Committee's review of absence in the Council and the impact that changes are having within the organisation.

It was noted that the Council's sickness absence figure for the year to March 2008 is 12.41 days. This represents a reduction of 0.72 days on the previous year.

# Looked After Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee

7 July 2008

Contact: Rosalyn White ext 2088

## The Role of the Independent Reviewing Officers in Care Planning and Improving Outcomes for Looked After Children

The Committee were updated on the role of the Independent Reviewing

Officer. The Review process looks at the following components:-

- Comprehensive assessment of needs
- The child's wishes and identity
- Intended outcomes and Permanence Plan
- Placement type
- Family contact
- Education
- Health

The IRO must ensure the Local Authority is working towards the outcomes agreed in the care plan. A personal education plan is created for each looked after child which is reviewed on an annual basis. A looked after health assessment is also undergone on an annual basis. A care order ends when the child reaches 18 but Reviews will continue.

To strengthen the role of the IRO the following proposals have been made:-

- Allocated case loads – where each child is appointed a named IRO.
- Individual contact with child/young person prior to a looked after meeting
- Changes to the care plan

- The Independent Reviewing Officer and CAFCASS – the role of CAFCASS is to change and will therefore no longer be seen as a last resort.

## Missing from Care – Annual Report

The Committee received an update report on how the service deals with missing children.

In 2007-08 there were only 9 occasions where young people went missing for over 24 hours. The improvement supports the fact that looked after children are in the right placements and are receiving the correct support.

Each child has a risk assessment and from this it is established at what point they would be classed as missing.

## Corporate Parenting – Setting the Scene

The Committee received an update on the progress of 'Looking After Us', Gateshead's commitment to corporate parenting.

Corporate parenting relates to the commitment and ownership by elected Members to improve the outcomes for looked after children.

The 'Care Pledge' is a working document which sets out minimum expectations for the care of looked after children. Children and young people have been clear on the elements they want to see:-

- To have their say
- To be listened to
- To understand the decisions made about them
- To trust their social workers and for them not to be changed

Another meeting has been agreed to bring together managers, social workers and IRO to discuss how improvements can be made to the care pledge.

A recent review of social work services has resulted in a dedicated looked after children team committed to young people in permanent care which will provide consistency and improve communication and stability.

## **Looked After Children Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**28 April 2008**

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Contact: Rosalyn White ext 2088

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### **Adoption Service – Work of the Adoption Panel**

The Committee were presented with the outcomes achieved from 2007/08:-

- made recommendations on the suitability of 49 children for adoption;
- recommended adoption matches for 23 children; and
- recommended the approval of 13 adoptive families

The Ofsted inspection of the Adoption Service took place in November 2007 where the inspectors found that the Panel is governed by appropriately constructed policies and procedures, it is suitably constituted, sits regularly, always meets as a quorum and operates within standards and regulations. The administrative arrangements are efficiently organised and managed. They concluded that decisions are made in a

timely way with all information being available.

### **Contact Plans for Looked After Children and Young People**

The Committee were advised on the contact plans for looked after children and the two kinds of contact that exist namely direct and indirect. The Committee was provided with a case study on adoption, which highlighted the problems that can arise due to changes in contact arrangements.

The outcome of the Annual Fostering Inspection questionnaires was, overall, very positive.

## **Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**10 June 2008**

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Contact: Rosalyn White ext 2088

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### **SEN Inclusion Review**

The Committee was presented with the interim report on the review of the consultation process for the SEN Inclusion Review.

It was agreed that Stakeholders had been adequately informed about the reasons for the Review and that the majority of them had the opportunity to influence it. The issue of re-provision of the Cedars School and management of the residential unit at Furrowfield School will be addressed at the next stage of consultation. The Committee agreed the interim report as the basis for a Final report.

## **Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**22 May 2008**

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Contact: Rosalyn White ext 2088

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### **SEN Inclusion Review**

The Committee underwent an evidence gathering session to consider the effectiveness of the consultation process with regards to the Special Education Needs (SEN) Inclusion Review.

The Committee heard directly from stakeholders who responded to the questionnaires and a presentation was also given on the results of the consultation process undertaken in April/May.

## **Sustainable Communities Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**16 June 2008**

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Contact: Deborah Haswell ext 2137

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### **Work Programme 2008/09**

The Committee received a report detailing proposals for improving the development of the work programme for 2008/09. To identify issues in the work programme elected members have been consulted on potential issues for scrutiny reviews along with consideration of Vision 2030, the Corporate Plan, and the Local Area Agreement.

### **2007/08 Annual Review of Performance**

Overall significant progress has been made and performance against targets has been strong. With regards to Building Stronger Communities there have been 60 environmental improvement schemes and 80.84% of residents were satisfied with the appearance of their estate. Improving accessibility has also made progress with Gateshead College Baltic Campus opening in January and the Open University that is to relocate its regional headquarters to Baltic Business Quarter. Unemployment has been reduced and Gateshead has the lowest in Tyne and Wear.

### **Housing Company Improvement Programme – Preparing for Inspection**

The Gateshead Housing Company Board appointed the Housing Consultancy Partnership to carry out a full mock inspection of the Company, in order to enable any identified actions to be developed and implemented. The inspection took place in December 2007 and The Gateshead Housing Company received the final report in March 2008, which identified quick wins and priority actions and an action plan was produced.

On performance there are 22 targets achieved however, 6 targets were not achieved and 3 are worse than 2006/07. Employees are being developed to enable them to meet the challenges of continuous improvement, which has been a key approach and includes Leadership and management competencies, redesigned appraisal process and a middle management development programme. These developments have had a direct impact on tenants and the annual survey shows that general satisfaction with our services has increased during the last year.

# **Sustainable Communities Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**28 April 2008**

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Contact: Deborah Haswell ext 2137

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## **Review of Physical Regeneration Relating to the Impact of Gateshead Quays Development Links to the Town Centre – Monitoring Report**

The Committee received a monitoring report on the review of physical regeneration relating to the impact of Gateshead Quays development links to the town centre.

Many of the recommendations were aimed to address long-term issues and progress has been made in the following:

- Vision for the future role of Gateshead Town Centre
- Separation and Connectivity
- Transport and Accessibility
- Engaging and Connecting with local communities

## **Review of Opportunities for Social Housing – Final Report**

The Committee received the final report for the review of opportunities for social housing. The Committee agreed the scope of the review in September 2007 and focused around three key points:

- The current housing offer in Gateshead and its ability to meet the needs of local people both now and in the future
- The current plans and proposals for affordable housing provision in

Gateshead and their potential impact in Gateshead

- The opportunities and projected need for affordable housing in the future and its role in securing a Sustainable Gateshead.

# **Joint Healthier Communities and Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

**8 July 2008**

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Contact: Deborah Haswell ext 2137

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## **Review of Health and Inequalities**

A work programme has been pulled together with 20 proposed actions to eight priorities identified to have the biggest impact on inequalities:

Community based work has been developed with Gateshead Community Network, in the Central Area to tackle health inequalities and determinants of health with residents and front line workers. A project board is to be established for mental health and wellbeing and will co-ordinate the activities of the principal agencies involved in the provision of health and wellbeing.

Lifestyle changes need to come from the individual, which can be difficult to initiate, however funding has been approved to help with various lifestyle changes.

## **Substantial Variation and Development – Darzi Procurement**

The Committee received a report on the proposal of a substantial development of the health service in the area, that relate to the provision of a new GP practice and a new GP led Health Centre.

Consultation is being carried out which commenced on 5 May 2008 and will conclude on 5 August 2008. There have been 300 houses in the South area that have received the consultation documentation. The contract will be awarded by December 2008.

The new GP practice will provide services that meet local needs over and above normal services and will be required to open an additional 5 hours per week. This will give patients a greater choice and reflect patient's needs.

## **Interim Proposals – Developing Services in the West of Gateshead**

The proposal is to establish an interim 'outreach' facility in the West of Gateshead, adjacent to the Metro Centre. The facility would provide greater access to services, for residents of the West, currently provided at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

The Riverside development should be ready by February 2009 and will be moved to the Blaydon site in 2010. However, it may be possible to operate both sites without duplicating facilities, but it will be driven by what people want. The Riverside development would only be an out patient facility with consultants but in patient procedures would be referred to Queen Elizabeth hospital.

## **Substantial Variation and Development – Re-provision of Ent Services for Gateshead Residents**

Currently ENT services are accessed from a range of providers, predominantly at Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust (GHNH), and Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (NHNF). City Hospitals Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust (CHSNF) and Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust are also used by a relatively small number of residents.

At present the majority of elective and emergency in-patients and day case patients go to the Freeman Hospital. Out-patients are seen at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital with consultant session provided by NHNF.

Discussions have taken place with CHSNF to identify an alternative partner provider. GHNH would adopt a 'hub and spoke' model of ENT services in partnership with CHSFT with out-patients and some day-cases provided locally and some day-case and all inpatient care provided at Sunderland Royal Hospital. Patients will also be given the choice to be referred to the Freeman Hospital.

## **Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**10 June 2008**

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Contact: Deborah Haswell ext 2137

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## **South of Tyne Oral Health Needs Assessment**

Gateshead had an oral health strategy in 2004 but due to changes over time a new strategy is being developed which will be integrated into the NHS Health Strategy. Oral health is improving slowly but the PCT need to work closely with dentists.

Currently there is no consistent oral health and health improvement programme across South of Tyne and Wear. In light of the local oral health issues raised for Gateshead the Committee indicated its support for the development of such a programme as a priority.

### **LINK Update**

The LINK was established on 1 April 2008 and is a Local Involvement Network of individuals and groups who have an interest in and experience of, local health and social care services in Gateshead.

Gateshead Voluntary Organisations Council (GVOC) have been appointed as the Host Organisation for the Gateshead LINK. The LINK has not appointed its own staff as yet and is being supported and advised by GVOC and Gateshead Council staff.

### **Annual Work Programme for 2008/09**

The Committee received a report detailing proposals for improving the development of the work programme for 2008/09. To identify issues in the work programme elected members have been consulted on potential issues for scrutiny reviews along with consideration of Vision 2030, the Corporate Plan, and the Local Area Agreement and the recommendations of the review of scrutiny

### **2007/08 Annual Review of Performance**

Council agreed the first Corporate Plan in June 2007, which set out the priorities for the three year period 2007 – 2010. Most targets have been achieved. Services were improved for assessment waiting times, and this will form one of the stretch

targets in the new LAA. Gateshead has been assessed as a top performing social care authority and sets itself stringent targets in order to remain a top performer.

## **Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**20 May 2008**

Contact: Deborah Haswell ext 2137

### **Case Study – Health Acquired Infections (Including MRSA)**

The Committee considered a report and received a presentation on the impact of Healthcare Associated Infections on the health of the population of Gateshead. There was also a hand washing demonstration to help understand the importance and relevance of hand washing in healthcare organisations.

There is an increased focus on healthcare associated diseases in the media and the Department of Health is measuring some of these infections. The Committee were informed that there are four specific organisms:

- Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus
- Clostridium Difficile
- E-coli
- Winter Vomiting Virus

The Committee were informed that the Strategic Health Authority is sponsoring a public information campaign including all of the hospitals and health facilities across the North East. The aim is to raise the public's knowledge about what health facilities are doing to reduce healthcare associate infections.

# Central Area Forum

7 July 2008

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Contact: Dean Lowery ext 2149

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## Project: E Strata

The children from Bede Community Primary School and St Wilfreds RC Primary School introduced their presentation on the E Strata project which the children from both schools have been involved in. The project in conjunction with Gateshead Council and McInerney Homes involved challenging the children who live in the area to devise possible names for new streets that are being built.

It was suggested to the children that the names of the streets should be personal to the local area and the children. The children decided that the street names would focus on the environment and historical figures from Gateshead. The children looked at maps and researched the area of Gateshead to see how the area had changed. The children contacted a local historian who supplied the children with information and focused the research.

Once the children had chosen the street names, McInerney Homes invited the children to attend the opening ceremony. The children commented on the pride they felt in being part of the project and how much they have learned about the history of Gateshead. Due to the success of this project the children are going to be involved in a number of different projects.

## Home Housing in Deckham

The development team met with Bridging Newcastle Gateshead and the options for housing in the Deckham area are

currently being considered for financial appraisal.

## Transport Issues in Central Gateshead

Nick Clennett head of Transport and Highways at Gateshead Council informed the Forum on transport issues which affect the Central Area.

## Neighbourhood Planning Update

The forum was updated on the Council's intention to evaluate its approach to neighbourhood engagement and to agree the process for involving the Area Forum as a key part of the approach. Neighbourhood engagement is essentially about how the Council can ensure service improvement within neighbourhoods. By working closely with all partners, the voluntary sector and local residents means a better understanding of local issues can be gained.

## Area Forum Work Programme

The Chair stated that members of the Forum should add any points they wish to discuss at future Central forum meetings.

# Central Area Forum

2 June 2008

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Contact: Dean Lowery ext 2149

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## Selective Licensing Progress

The Government introduced powers in the Housing Act 2004 to allow Local Authorities to licence landlords in areas, which were suffering from problems associated with the private rented sector. This followed an intensive campaign by

Gateshead Council who took the proposal to licence landlords to the House of Commons in 1999. The Scheme became operational on 25 September 2007 with a launch at the Civic Centre attended by both residents, stakeholders and other interested parties.

As part of the process, Officers check information provided by the landlords relating to whether they are “fit and proper” persons’ and also checking their ability to manage property.

### **Affordable Housing in Central Gateshead**

The Forum received a presentation from Peter Mennell regarding affordable housing in Gateshead. The presentation covered a number of points including:-

- Supply of affordable homes.
- Demand for homes.
- The cost of housing.
- Investments in housing.
- New housing developments in the area.

The Council, in partnership with the Gateshead Housing Company, has invested over £20m in the Central Area to help implement the Decent Homes Standard, as well as approving new developments which are providing homes for sale, shared-ownership and rent. Funding through Bridging NewcastleGateshead is also continuing to improve areas as places to live.

### **Neighbourhood Pride in Central Gateshead 2007/08**

The Forum received a presentation on the work undertaken in the Central Area as part of the Neighbourhood Pride scheme. Funding was used in all five neighbourhood areas with targeted work being carried out in each.

The programme is supported by a number of partners including the Council and Gateshead Housing Company. The Forum was shown examples of sites before and after the works were carried out. Those areas where works were carried out have been included in the overall maintenance programme and have been praised and welcomed by local residents.

### **Tackling Inappropriate Parking in Bensham and Saltwell**

Paul Hewson from Northumbria Police informed the Forum of problems with parking in the Bensham and Saltwell areas of Gateshead. These include double parking, vehicles completely blocking lanes, parking on footpaths and vehicles parking without permits. The problems are not only causing tension with residents but also with the Emergency Services who are finding it difficult to attend incidents with cars blocking access.

In conjunction with Gateshead Council, the Gateshead Central Neighbourhood Policing Team will be running a joint operation lasting for two days. This operation will make people aware of the problems and hopefully reduce the number of people parking illegally before fixed penalty notices are handed out.

### **Employment and Skills Sub Group Update**

The Forum received an update on work currently being undertaken in respect of learning and skills. The Forum viewed a presentation in January on the challenges in this area. Since then a Sub Group has been set up and initiatives have been put in place regarding educational achievement with the Learning and Skills Council. Joseph Swan School has been involved in this work. An overview of the work currently in progress in Central

Gateshead will be presented to a future meeting of the Forum.

### **Area Forum Work Programme**

The Forum was asked to consider opportunities to plan and populate the work programme with areas of future work.

GVOC and Community Network have arranged a meeting to discuss Areas Forums and, in particular, how they manage to ensure their aims are placed on the agendas for Forum meetings. Possible areas of work to be included in the work programme could flow from this meeting.

## **East Area Forum 9 July 2008**

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Contract: Deborah Haswell ext 2137

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### **Project: E-STRATA**

The Forum received a presentation from children from Bede Community Primary School and St Wilfrid's R.C. Primary School. The children presented their project: e-strata project which was created to involve the local children in the Bishops Park housing development on Sunderland Road. The children were initially tasked to provide potential names for the new streets; they researched the local history of the area and Gateshead using the Internet and local archives.

### **Neighbourhood Pride**

A co-ordinated approach to delivering neighbourhood solutions has been developed with small-scale environmental schemes. This is to help instil greater

pride and confidence within neighbourhoods and make positive improvements to the local environment through removal of graffiti, bringing areas of land back into use, improving access points, planting schemes and new street furniture. There were ten neighbourhood pride schemes delivered in the East area.

### **PCT Update – Access to Health**

The forum were informed of a consultation by the PCT for a new GP Practice and a new GP led Health Centre. The consultation commenced on 5 May and will conclude on 5 August 2008. The South of the Borough is considered to have the greatest need, which was determined by how many GP's, and how many patients are registered in each area. The Council have also been involved with the location as it includes sport and leisure facilities. There are 3 public events and everyone is encouraged to take part in the consultation.

### **Neighbourhood Working Evaluation**

It is 12 months since the Council's decision and work has been continuing on the implementation of the new arrangements. It is now proposed that the Council undertakes an evaluation in two stages of the effectiveness of the new arrangements. Stage 1 is self assessment of neighbourhood working and stage 2 is external evaluation to take place in the autumn.

### **Update From Partners**

The forum received an update on the fear of crime and metro disorder. Northumbria Police are looking into reducing the fear of crime and the perception of crime.

## East Area Forum

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Contact: Deborah Haswell ext 2137

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### Private Landlords Selective Licensing

The Government introduced powers in the Housing Act 2004 to allow Local Authorities to licence landlords. This followed a proposal to the House of Commons in 1999 by Gateshead Council.

Research was carried out in the Sunderland Road area and a report was sent to Central Government in 2006. The scheme became operational in September 2007 and is being implemented by officers in Housing Renewal in Regulatory Services. The scheme is in place for a 5 year period and in the first 8 months the membership of the Landlords Association has increased and there has been an increase of accredited properties in the area. Residents have welcomed the scheme and will be updated regularly on progress along with Landlords and other stakeholders.

### Gateshead Older Peoples Assembly

The Assembly is a small charity, which has been registered since 2007 and has a membership of 1800 across Gateshead. The organisation is run by older people for older people.

The aims of the Assembly are to listen to and represent the views of older people in Gateshead, source information for older people and improve the quality of life for older people. A website is being developed which will include enquiries and a chat room and there is also a newsletter which is distributed quarterly

### Update from the Skills and Employment Task Group

The Skills and Employment Task group have developed an action plan with key issues. A mapping exercise is being undertaken by the Learning Skills Council and a project is being funded by the Learning Skills Council to ensure more young people are able to access training and employment.

### Decent Homes Work Update

The Government's target was for all social housing to meet the Decent Homes Standard by 2010. To enable the programme to be extended to rounds 5 and 6, the Government have asked rounds 3 & 4 to reprofile expenditure into financial years 2010/11 and 2011/12. The Gateshead Housing Company have done so but anticipate that the programme can be complete by December 2011.

## South Area Forum

10 July 2008

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Contact: Iain Burns ext 3993

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### Best Value Review of Services to Neighbourhoods

A presentation was given on the Best Value Review of Services to Neighbourhoods, with a particular focus on the Wrekenton area within the South Neighbourhood Management Area.

### Gateshead College

David Cheetham gave a presentation on the development of Gateshead College.

It was noted that in 2001/02 there were around 1000 pupils enrolled at the

college. Last year the figure was nearer 2000 pupils. There have also been significant increases in the number of apprenticeships at the college. In 2005/06 there were around 350, which had increased to 450 by the end of 2007/08. There have also been over 600 applications for adult apprenticeships.

### **Neighbourhood Working Evaluation**

The forum was informed of the Council's intention to evaluate its approach to neighbourhood engagement and working.

It is over 12 months since the Council's decision to introduce proposals aimed at strengthening the role of the ward councillor; cabinet linking to community engagement and Member led Area Forums. It is therefore proposed that the Council undertakes an evaluation of the effectiveness of the new arrangements. Regular updates will be provided as this evaluation progresses.

## **South Area Forum 10 June 2008**

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Contact: Dean Lowery ext 2098

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### **Neighbourhood Pride Project**

Ian Stevenson gave a presentation on the Neighbourhood Pride scheme, which has taken place in the South Area. Funding was used in all five neighbourhood areas with targeted work being carried out in each. The programme has been delivered by a number of partners including the Council and the Gateshead Housing Company. Examples of before and after the works were presented. It was also noted that those areas that have had works carried out have been included in the overall maintenance programme

and have been praised and welcomed by local residents.

### **UP2U Project Wrekenton**

The forum received a presentation on the UP2U Project. The UP2U project allows the community to decide where money is going to be spent in the areas where they live. A very well attended event was held using a game show style whilst members of the public used an electronic voting system to choose the project they wanted to invest in. There was a level of excitement from the community regarding the projects put forward and it was hoped that the principles of how this project had worked could be used in other areas of the borough.

### **Kibblesworth Housing Development**

Teresa Smare from The Gateshead Housing Company gave a presentation on a housing development in Kibblesworth. The development involved refurbishing or re-building current Housing Company properties which had become unsuitable.

Through a number of public consultation events the three options were discussed. Advantages and disadvantages of each proposal were put forward and from all residents who attended 84% supported Option 1. After this consultation event a report was sent to Cabinet where they agreed the proposals based on Option 1.

### **Neighbourhood Plans**

Martin Gray informed the Forum on the Neighbourhood Plans currently in Gateshead. He explained that Neighbourhood planning involves finding

out issues and trying to rectify them. He commented that Area Forums are being used to develop an action plan which can be followed in the process.

### **A New GP Practice in the South**

Alma Laing from Gateshead Primary Care Trust gave a presentation on a new GP practice opening in the South Area. She wanted to gain ideas on where people would feel a GP practice would be best suited in the area. Alma stressed that public consultation events at the Dryden Centre and at Blaydon involving a number of different partners would be used to best explore suitable areas on where the new practice will be located.

The Forum were updated on the Worklessness Group which are using the UP2U project as a basis to try and get the unemployed back into work.

## **West Area Forum**

### **15 July 2008**

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Contact: Rosalyn White ext 2088

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### **Neighbourhood Pride**

A co-ordinated approach to delivering neighbourhood solutions has been developed with small scale environmental schemes to help instil greater pride and confidence within neighbourhoods and make positive improvements to the local environment.

The Area Based Approach is part of Gateshead Councils long term plan to ensure local services meet local needs. Nineteen neighbourhood pride schemes were delivered in the West area.

### **Community Engagement in Problem Solving**

Northumbria Police presented the Forum with an update on problem solving initiatives in the West:-

#### Metal Thefts

There has been investment in 'Smart Water', which is an invisible liquid with a unique DNA to be used on metal to identify where it has been stolen from. The Problem Solving Fund will purchase significant amounts of Smart Water, and a media campaign will be carried out.

#### Neighbourhood Top 10

This initiative has been implemented to manage nuisance causers.

#### Parkhead Square, Winlaton

Later police patrols have now started in the area and more stop and searches carried out.

#### Chopwell Forest

Building work on a new youth camp has started which has involved 20 children as well as help from the Fire and Rescue Service.

#### The Hurrocks

Allotment holders have been identified and intelligence phase identified priorities which have then been targeted.

### **Work Programme**

The Forum received the work programme for 2008/09 and it was agreed that young people should be involved in September's meeting.

### **Neighbourhood Working Evaluation**

The forum received an update of the Council's approach to neighbourhood engagement.

It is proposed that the Council undertakes an evaluation in two stages of the effectiveness of the new arrangements. Stage 1 is self assessment of neighbourhood working and stage 2 is external evaluation to take place in the autumn.

## Update from Partners

### Children's Nursery Review

The nurseries in Chopwell and Highfield, currently based in primary schools are not sustainable due to a cut in funding. An amalgamated provision will be set in Highfield and work is being carried out with those people who cannot access it and work is ongoing with childminders and the voluntary sector.

### Post Office Closures

Three Post Offices are proposed to be closed in the West of the Borough. Library Services will be available to help members of the public tap into services accessible through the internet, which were previously available at the post office.

### The Gateshead Agreement – Delivering Vision 2030

The Forum was presented with the Gateshead Agreement for delivering Vision 2030. The Forum discussed what some of the key targets for the West are and that other areas in the Borough may be tackling similar issues, therefore it may be beneficial to work together in the future.

## West Area Forum

17 June 2008

Contact: Rosalyn White ext 2088

## Neighbourhood Planning

The Forum was informed about the neighbourhood planning process.

The plan prioritises an action list of what needs to be done, the main issues are:-

- Making services responsive to local needs
- Involving people in the process and engaging them during the process
- Identifying changes needed and things that need to be done differently which impact at a local level.

Baseline work has already started and work to involve ward members and partners will be starting in the near future.

## Gateshead's Year of Volunteers

The Forum was advised that 2008 has been designated as Gateshead's year of volunteers, the objectives of which are:-

- To raise awareness of volunteering
- To recognise and celebrate volunteers
- To enhance the enabling framework

Over the year there will be an event a month ending in a final celebratory event. The Forum was informed about the 'V involved' scheme which offers innovative, high quality volunteering opportunities for young people who can gain

accreditation for their volunteering work.

## **Regeneration Developments**

### Chopwell Regeneration Framework

The Forum was advised that consultation on the proposals for the Heartlands site will be carried out in September, the issues for consultation are:-

- What type of housing is required
- Whether self build housing would invigorate the local market
- Allotment provision/requirements
- Gateway entrances and exits to the Village
- Improvements to car parking
- Designate areas for private landlord licensing
- Shopping facilities

### Blaydon Town Centre/Health Centre/Pool

The Forum was advised on the proposals by Gateshead PCT to provide one new GP led Health Centre in Blaydon to be located at the 'old school' site. Planning permission has not yet been granted for the site and therefore issues surrounding transport problems will be looked at in due course.

It is unknown at present whether the existing GP Practice would be moved.

## **Update from Partners**

### Crossroads Care

The Forum received an update on the Carers Health Development Project which aims at helping Carers in the West of the Borough to improve their health and wellbeing by tackling a number of issues, including:-

- Managing stress
- Eating more healthily
- Losing weight
- Stopping smoking
- Exercising and keeping fit
- Accessing training and getting back to work

### Older People's Assembly

The Forum received an update on the Gateshead Older People's Assembly which aims to:-

- Listen to and represent the views of older people in Gateshead
- Be a source of information for older people in Gateshead
- Improve the quality of life for older people in Gateshead

### Transport

The 10C bus will continue but under a different operator. The R6 and R7 will be extended to evenings and Sundays and the Winlaton Mill taxi bus will continue.

## **Inner West Area Forum 4 June 2008**

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Contact: Anne Jennings ext 2141

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## **The Gateshead Housing Company in the Inner West**

Neil Bouch gave a presentation to the Forum on the Decent Homes programme which had guaranteed funding for 3 years.

## **Neighbourhood Plan Presentation**

Paul Cairns gave a presentation to the forum on the Neighbourhood Plan Presentation.

## Area Forum Work Programme and Action Plan

The forward plan for the Forum had been circulated. A template will be used for future meetings which would link to the Neighbourhood Planning exercise, the Local Area Agreement and the delivery of 2030.

The template includes discussion items, information items and contributions from Partners and will be flexible if necessary.

## Teams Neighbourhood Plan

The Best Value of Services to Neighbourhoods Teams Neighbourhood Plan was circulated. The members of the Forum were requested to inform Paul Cairns if they considered there were any omissions.

## Acceptance of Tenders (£10,000 to £50,000)

Contact: Mike Aynsley ext 2128

The following contracts have been awarded:

Contract for CCTV Framework – Fibre Rental Charges 2007/09  
Period: 01/06/2008 – 30/06/2008  
Supplier: BT Redcare (London)  
Estimated Value: £26,651.96

Contract for Baltic Road Travelers Site – Extension to Ablution Blocks 7/8  
Period: 01/06/2008 – 30/06/2008  
Supplier: Local Environmental Services  
Estimated Value: £60,979.38

Contract for Civic Centre – Renewal of Office Lighting  
Period: 01/06/2008 – 30/06/2008

Supplier: Newey and Eyre Limited (Gateshead)  
Estimated Value: £46,832.40

Contract for Carr Hill Road Depot – Resurface Car Park to Footprint of Demolition  
Period: 01/06/2008 – 30/06/2008  
Supplier: Local Environmental Services  
Estimated Value: £21,000.00

Contract for Brighton Ave. Primary School – Childrens Centre Phase 2  
Period: 01/06/2008 – 30/06/2008  
Supplier: Local Environmental Services  
Estimated Value: £52,319.72

Contract for Dunston Activity Centre – Gateshead Housing Company Scheme (advance works ahead of main order)  
Period: 01/06/2008 – 30/06/2008  
Supplier: Local Environmental Services  
Estimated Value: £50,000.00

Contract for Lingey House Primary School – DDA Works - Ramps  
Period: 01/06/2008 – 30/06/2008  
Supplier: Local Environmental Services  
Estimated Value: £51,214.30

Contract for Heworth Grange CLC – Recording Studio  
Period: 01/06/2008 – 30/06/2008  
Supplier: Local Environmental Services  
Estimated Value: £24,978.00

Contract for Civic Centre – Legal and Corporate Workspace Project – Furniture  
Period: 01/06/2008 – 30/06/2008  
Supplier: Local Environmental Services  
Estimated Value: £27,040.00

Contract for Crookhill Primary School – DDA Obligations Phase 2  
Period: 01/06/2008 – 30/06/2008  
Supplier: Local Environmental Services  
Estimated Value: £122,564.82

Contract for Furrowfield School – Rewire of Original Block

Period: 01/06/2008 – 30/06/2008  
Supplier: Local Environmental Services  
Estimated Value: £130,485.79

Contract for Parkhead Primary School –  
Rewire of Infants School  
Period: 01/06/2008 – 30/06/2008  
Supplier: Local Environmental Services  
Estimated Value: £104,784.57

Contract for Marley Hill Primary School –  
Rewire of Electrical Installation  
Period: 01/06/2008 – 30/06/2008  
Supplier: Local Environmental Services  
Estimated Value: 140,667.35

Contract for Civic Centre – Renewal of  
Office Lighting  
Period: April 2008  
Supplier: Newey & Eyre Ltd  
Estimated Value: £72472.50

Contract for Tyne View Primary School –  
Teams Children's Centre  
Period: April 2008  
Supplier: Local Environmental Services  
Estimated Value: £20000

Contract for Emmaville Hall, Crawcrook  
DDA Obligations  
Period: April 2008  
Supplier: Local Environmental Services  
Estimated Value: £99550

Contract for Colegate Primary School –  
Courtyard Works  
Period: April 2008  
Supplier: Local Environmental Services  
Estimated Value: £61191.63

Contract for Old Hollinside Monument –  
Repairs & Consolidation  
Period: April 2008  
Supplier: St Astier Ltd  
Estimated Value: £39797

Contract for Tyne View Primary School –  
Teams Children's Centre (Window  
Replacement)  
Period: April 2008

Supplier: Local Environmental Services  
Estimated Value: £99878.40

Contract for Tyne View Primary School –  
Teams Children's Centre (Roof Repair)  
Period: April 2008  
Supplier: Local Environmental Services  
Estimated Value: £46499.20

## Forthcoming Meetings – September 2008

NPA Audit & Scrutiny Committee	01/09/08	10.00am
Healthier Communities OSC	02/09/08	4.00pm
Planning & Development Committee	03/09/08	10.00am
NPA Resource Management Committee	03/09/08	10.00am
Corporate Vitality OSC	08/09/08	10.00am
Central Area Forum	08/09/08	4.00pm
Cabinet	09/09/08	10.00am
East Area Forum	10/09/08	4.00pm
South Area Forum	11/09/08	4.00pm
Sustainable Communities Place OSC	15/09/08	1.30pm
Cabinet	16/09/08	10.00am
West Area Forum	16/09/08	4.00pm
Inner West Area Forum	17/09/08	4.00pm
Council	18/09/08	2.30pm
Regulatory Committee	23/09/08	1.30pm
Planning & Development Committee	24/09/08	10.00am
Sustainable Communities People OSC	24/09/08	1.30pm
Children & Young People OSC	25/09/08	1.30pm