
OVERVIEW OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO

1. Since the last meeting of Council, the following are the main areas of work under my Resource Management Portfolio :-
 - (a) **Release of Funding with the LAA Block 5 (3) – Increasing Community Capacity Through Street Scene** – We have agreed to release £1,360,000 of capital grant funds from the Local Area Agreement to progress schemes within Block 5 (3), Increasing Capacity Through Street Scene. The emphasis on this part of the Local Area Agreement is about providing safer, stronger communities and the four schemes of Pride and Street Champions; Young Caretakers; Parks for All; and Area Based Community Engagement, have all been identified from previous consultation as part of the Neighbourhood Renewal and Open Space Strategy.
 - (b) **Chief Executive’s Performance Appraisal** – We have noted that the Chief Executive’s appraisal has been satisfactorily undertaken by the Appraisal Sub-Group for the current year in accordance with the recommended process.

2. Other areas which might be of interest are :-
 - (a) **Land at Welbeck Avenue** – 0.43 acres of land at Welbeck Avenue have been declared surplus to requirements and authority has been given to dispose of the land to generate a capital receipt for the Council.
 - (b) **Central House Annexe – Gladstone Street** – Leases of accommodation have been granted at Central House, Gladstone Street, to the Police and Darlington Primary Care Trust.
 - (c) **Morton Palms – Off Site Infrastructure Works** – Under the terms of the Joint Venture Agreement between the Council and One North East in respect of Morton Palms, there is a joint obligation to procure off site infrastructure work to the A66, Yarm Road Roundabout and we have agreed to release £0.900 million from capital receipts to cover this expenditure.
 - (d) **Land at Allington Way and John Street** – Following a request we have disposed of land at Allington Way and approved the option to acquire the leasehold interest in land at John Street. This decision will allow Magnet to achieve their proposed development and will enable the Council to start the site assembly process for the Albert Road to John Street cycleway.

- (e) **Revenue Budget Management – Monthly Monitoring Report** – Each Director presented to Cabinet projected expenditure for the year compared with approved budgets.
- (f) **Capital Programme – Monthly Monitoring Report** – We have considered the current position of the spending and resource levels of the Capital Programme.
- (g) **Schedule of Transactions** - A number of transactions, provisionally made by the Director of Development and Environment, have been approved.
- (h) **Asset Management Plan & Capital Strategy 2006** – A draft of the Asset Management Plan and Capital Strategy 2006 was considered by Resources Scrutiny Committee on 1st September, 2006, following a tour of the Council's assets and on-going development projects involving or being facilitated through use of the Council's assets. The draft Asset Management Plan and Capital Strategy is now due to be considered by Cabinet on 10th October, 2006

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Cabinet Member with Resource Management Portfolio