

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING MEETING

EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR REGENERATION

RECORD OF DECISION

An Individual Executive Decision Making meeting was held on 10 December 2014.

PRESENT: Councillors C M Rooney

OFFICIALS: Janine Turner, Derek Gittins, Richard Dowson and T Everitt

14/3 HOUSING STOCK TRANSFER - TEN YEAR PROGRESS REPORT

The Executive Director of Economic Development and Communities submitted a report that provided an update on the Housing Stock Transfer. The Stock Transfer Agreement, finalised on 15 November 2004, contained a range of operational and strategic responsibilities that the Council and Erimus Housing would be required to monitor over defined periods, most of which needed to be completed within ten years.

The report provided details on:

- the achievements from the last ten years of the Agreement and subsequent partnership with Erimus Housing;
- the remaining responsibilities/liabilities with the Council/Erimus; and
- the continuing partnership work for the future.

The report highlighted the investments made by Erimus both in the housing stock and its regeneration and development capacity. The report indicated the main Transfer Agreement service responsibilities and liabilities. It also provided an illustration of what else had been delivered by Erimus in terms of social and corporate responsibilities since it had become a significant force as a local employer and investor in neighbourhoods and services.

ORDERED

1. **That the findings of the report be accepted.**
2. **Executive be assured that Erimus Housing has fulfilled their obligations within the Stock Transfer Agreement and understands any liabilities for the future, highlighted at paragraphse 14-16 and 17-20.**
3. **The range of benefits that the partnership has brought to the town and the intentions for future work with the Council be acknowledged.**

REASON

The decision wa supported by the following reason:

Erimus would continue to be a major partner in terms of local employment pathways; meeting housing needs; contributing to the health and wellbeing agenda; and, delivering improved neighbourhoods and services for the future.

14/4 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATIONS, 2014/15 - REMAINING SIX MONTHS

The Executive Director of Economic Development and Communities submitted a report that sought approval to the second six months of Local Transport Plan (LTP) capital funding allocations. The first six months having been approved on 8 May 2014.

The Council's LTP capital allocation for 2014/2015 was a grant allocation set by the Department for Transport. The report set out in detail the make-up of the funding, how the

first half of the resources were allocated in May 2014, the required funds to offset increased costs on the Transporter Bridge and the remaining funds to be allocated to schemes described in the report.

ORDERED

1. **That the allocations and principles outlined in the report be approved.**
2. **Approval for any changes in the resource allocation to be delegated to the Assistant Director for Economic Development following consultation with the Executive Member.**

REASON

The decision was supported by the following reason:

To expedite the delivery of highway improvement works in accordance with the priorities set in the Third Middlesbrough Local Transport Plan.

14/5

SAFETY AT SPORTS GROUNDS : POLICIES RELATING TO CERTIFICATION, MONITORING AND INSPECTION AND ENFORCEMENT

The Executive Director of Economic Development and Communities submitted a report which set out the Council's policies in discharging its responsibilities as laid down by the Safety of Sports Ground Act 1975 and the Fire Safety and Safety of Places of Sport Act 1987.

Under the Safety of Sports Grounds Act 1975 (1975 Act), the local authority has responsibility for issuing a safety certificate in respect of sports grounds designated by the Secretary of State. The Council had been undertaking this duty for a number of years. However, a recent national audit highlighted that the Council did not have formally adopted policies in place in respect of these duties.

Using templates provided by the national auditing body, three policies have been produced to ensure compliance with the Authorities responsibilities under this Act. Local authorities are required to issue a safety certificate to any sports ground designated by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and safety certificates in respect of any regulated covered stand which accommodated 500 or more spectators.

Whilst the Council had been carrying out these duties there had been no adopted policies or procedures covering the processes. The policies and procedures have now been drafted and presented within the report.

ORDERED

That the policies for discharging the Council's responsibilities in regards to Safety at Sports Ground be approved.

REASON

The decision was supported by the following reason:

The recommendation reflected the most appropriate way to move forward.

14/6

TO CONSIDER PASSING A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 100A (4) PART 1 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 EXCLUDING THE PRESS AND PUBLIC FROM THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE GROUNDS THAT IF PRESENT THERE WOULD BE DISCLOSURE TO THEM OF EXEMPT INFORMATION FALLING WITHIN PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 3 OF PART 1 OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE ACT AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE EXEMPTION OUTWEIGHS THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN DISCLOSING THE INFORMATION.

14/7

CLINKARD'S INWARD INVESTMENT

The Executive Director of Economic Development and Communities submitted a report which sought approval to a package of support, the implementation of a series of measures and the freehold disposal of land that would help secure the inward investment of Clinkard's Ltd at Cannon Park in Middlesbrough. The investment by Clinkards would bring over 130 jobs to Middlesbrough, as well as increasing business rates and property/land values within the vicinity.

The Clinkard Group Ltd, a family owned business, opened its first store in Middlesbrough in 1924. The company has had to adapt to the changing retail environment of recent years, but has grown sales by 10% in the last year and invested in new IT and web-based platforms.

Clinkard's have expressed the wish to relocate into a larger purpose-built headquarters facility. The favoured option was currently the former B&Q/At Home unit at Cannon Park. However, Clinkard's does still have options available to them at Preston Farm Business Park and Stokesley, which would be pursued if Cannon Park proved unviable.

The Tesco Board had approved the assignment of the ground lease to Clinkard's subject to Middlesbrough Council approval, as determined within the terms of the agreement.

Clinkard's architects have been instructed to develop a proposed scheme. However, a number of areas where support was required in order to move to Cannon Park have been raised and are detailed in the report.

ORDERED

That the following be approved:

- 1. the provision of grant aid (capped at a total of £158,000) be approved;**
- 2. the undertaking of environmental improvements, including a diversion of the existing footpath on the site to support the investment by Clinkard's Ltd; and**
- 3. the freehold disposal of land at Cannon Park to Clinkard's Ltd.**

REASON

The decision was supported by the following reason:

The proposals highlighted within the report would secure the inward investment of a long-established and growing business. Furthermore the investment would bring jobs and wider investment opportunities into the Town Centre and support other Council income streams.