

APPENDIX B

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MAKING MEETING

EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY & LEISURE

RECORD OF DECISION

An individual Executive Decision-Making meeting was held on 17 December 2004 at 11.00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor B Coppinger (Chair).

****PRESENT AS OBSERVERS:**

Councillors Brady, Budd, Clark, Davison, Ferrier, McTigue, Kerr and J Jones.

****OFFICIALS:**

E Chicken, A Johnstone, P Rabbits, J Richardson and A White.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Davison declared a personal interest as a Council appointed representative to the Beechwood Youth and Community Centre Management Committee.

Councillor McTigue declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to the BMX track and withdrew from the meeting.

PROVISION OF A BMX TRACK IN THE BEECHWOOD WARD

The Executive Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services submitted a report that sought consideration of the Council's position in relation to a bid to provide a BMX track adjacent to the Community Centre in the Beechwood Ward.

The report advised that in 2002 Groundwork Middlesbrough had successfully assembled resources to carry out improvements to an area of Beechwood including the provision of a basketball court adjacent to the Beechwood Community Centre and environmental improvements. During implementation of the project an opportunity was taken to create three large mounds of earth for local youths to utilise as a BMX track. Following complaints extensive consultations took place to ascertain public opinion, however there remained a polarised perspective on the conclusions drawn from those consultations. To a large extent issues of spatial dimension and time had contributed to this uncertainty. The report outlined the background to the provision of the BMX track and detailed the views of the Community Council, Councillor McTigue and Councillor Clark.

Details of the consultation undertaken with the Community Council were outlined and the report advised that at the meeting of the Community Council on 13 November 2003 responses to the consultation were considered and an excellent debate ensued. The wider issue of anti-social behaviour produced differing perspectives, which were outlined within the report however a consensus of opinion on two issues emerged from the debate. Firstly that a local facility was wanted and needed and secondly that the current facility needed to be moved.

A bid was developed with the support of the Council's landscape Manager and submitted to the Government's Living Spaces Fund in January 2004. The fundholder had requested that the Council clarified its position in relation to the bid, therefore a decision was required which balanced the residents views with the wider ward and town advantages of having such a facility in this location.

The Executive Member for Community Safety and Leisure gave Councillor Clark, the Chair and Vice-Chair of Beechwood Community Council and residents of Beechwood an opportunity to speak on the proposals contained within the report.

ORDERED

That the Council supports the Living Spaces bid providing the capability to provide management arrangements, CCTV coverage and lighting facilities can be met.

REASON

The decision was supported by the following reason:

The funder needed to know whether or not the Council supported the bid before making a final recommendation.

The decision will come into effect on 29 December 2004, which will be five clear working days after publication of the decision, unless it becomes subject to the call-in procedure.

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The following items were approved on 17 December 2004: -

1. Provision of a BMX track in the Beechwood ward.

Signed _____

Cllr B Coppinger

17 December 2004