



South Tyneside Council

Borough Council Minutes

12 April 2012

Present: The Mayor (Sewell)
Councillors Atkinson, Bell, Boyack, Brady, Cunningham, Dix, Dixon, Donaldson, Elsom, Foreman, Gibson, Hanson, Haram, Harkus, Hemmer, Hetherington, Kerr, Khan, Leask, Lewell-Buck, E Malcolm, I Malcolm, N Maxwell, NE Maxwell, McAtominey, McCabe, McMillan, Meeks, Murphy, Perry, Pigott, Punchion, Spraggon, Stephenson, Walsh, Watters, Welsh, West, White and Wood. **41**

Absent:
Councillors Abbott, A Branley, J Branley, Clare, Finch, Harrison, Hodgson, Milburn, Porthouse, Potts and Strike **11**

1. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interests had been received.

2. Minutes of the Council meeting 1 March 2012

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 1 March 2012 were confirmed as a correct record.

3. Mayor's Announcements or Communications

The Mayor had no announcements/communications to relay.

A revised agenda had been previously circulated to Members.

4. South Tyneside Local Development Framework – Adoption of Site-Specific Allocations Development Plan Document

Submitted: Report of the Corporate Director Economic Regeneration

Councillor Perry, Lead Member Neighbourhoods and Environment, introduced this report, which sought approval to the adoption of the Site-Specific Allocations development plan document.

In presenting the report, Councillor Perry moved the following amendments:

(Para 3.6) to read

“Land is also reserved at Monkton Fell to support the provision of a future Metro Station. Feasibility studies have recommended the most appropriate location to be close to the humped-back bridge on Lukes Lane, rather than siting it on Mill Lane, although this will be kept under review in the light of potential housing and economic developments in the Monkton Fell and south Hebburn areas. This new station would significantly increase the accessibility and sustainability of the existing Monkton Business Park and surrounding residential estates, as well as the proposed strategic housing and economic development land allocations at Monkton Fell. However, it is understood that Nexus funding is unlikely to be forthcoming for this station such that, subject to a detailed assessment of economic and development viability, it is likely that this Metro station will need to be largely funded through developer contributions.

The comprehensive development of land at Monkton Fell will inevitably require the need for significant strategic and local road and junction improvements.”

Para 3.7 (to read)

“However, the Council will keep this location under regular review, with NEXUS, due to public and business aspiration for a metro station at the site”.

Resolved: That (a) the Site-Specific Allocations development plan document, as amended, be adopted and, (b) that the Head of Housing Strategy and Regulatory Services be authorised to make any minor typographical or presentational changes that may be necessary and publish and advertise the adopted Site-Specific Allocations development plan document and undertake any associated tasks.

Reasons for Decision: *To set the detailed planning policy framework for the assessment of planning applications in a way that will allow opportunities to be maximised and regeneration of the borough to continue in a sustainable and planned manner, and to ensure that the Site-Specific Allocations development plan document is prepared within the timescale specified in the council's Local Development Scheme.*

5. Sex Establishment Legislation

Submitted: Report of the Corporate Director Economic Regeneration

Councillor Dixon, Lead Member for Leisure and Community Safety, presented this report which sought approval to the adoption of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1983 as amended by Section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 to allow the Council to licence and control sex entertainment venues operating or wishing to operate in the Borough.

The report also sought the adoption of Sex Establishments Policy.

Resolved: That (a) the Council resolve under Section 2(2) of Schedule 3 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 that Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 as amended by section 27 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009 is to have effect in the area of the Borough of South Tyneside, in order that the Council can licence and control sex entertainment venues operating or wishing to operate in the Borough; (b) the date upon which the above resolution will be effective is the 14th May 2012 and, (c) the adoption of the Sex Entertainment Policy be approved.

Reasons for Decision: *In order that South Tyneside Council can carry out its function in relation to the licensing of sex establishments in a clear and transparent way, for the benefit of all relevant stakeholders and the general public.*

6. 'Making Communities Safer' – South Tyneside's Community Safety Partnership Plan

Submitted: Report of the Corporate Director Business and Area Management

This report, which was presented by Councillor Dixon, Lead Member for Leisure and Community Safety, sought approval to the Community Safety Partnership Plan.

Resolved: That the Community Safety Partnership Plan be approved.

Reason for Decision: Approval of the plan will ensure that the Council effectively discharges its statutory duty, whilst also providing a full and considered response to complaints of crime and disorder, through the collective allocation of partnership resources,

7. Appointment of Independent Remuneration Panel

Submitted: Report of the Corporate Director Business and Area Management

A copy of the report had been tabled at the meeting.

Councillor Iain Malcolm, Leader of the Council, presented this report which recommended the appointment of an Independent Remuneration Panel.

Resolved: That (a) Andrew Moffatt, Lindsey Whiterod and Des Young be appointed to the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel and, (b) the Panel Members be reimbursed any expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of their duties.

Reasons for Decision: To ensure the Council complies with the legal requirements to have an Independent Remuneration Panel.

8. Questions under Council Procedure Rule 8

The Mayor advised that no questions had been received under Council Procedure Rule 8.

9. Message of Thanks

The Mayor thanked Councillors Hanson and Allen Branley who were standing down at the elections in May, for their service to the Borough and wished them well for the future.

ANNEX 1

QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 12 April 2012

South Tyneside Local Development Framework – Adoption of Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document (Page 46 and Page 72, section 5.6)

Questions from Councillor Elsom

Mixed –use developments (South Shields and Westoe Sports Club, Dean Road and Brinkburn Comprehensive School) and Page 72 (section 5.6 – planned demolition of the former petrol filling station and general store at King George Road, South Shields)

Councillor Elsom sought reassurance that if South Shields Westoe Sports Club was relocated to the former Brinkburn Comprehensive School site, then the Community would still be able to access the same level of community/leisure facilities currently available to it.

In respect of the planned demolition of the former petrol filling station and general store at King George Road South Shields and the redevelopment of the site for convenience store and 8 residential flats, Councillor Elsom sought confirmation that no permission had yet been given for this proposal and that it be noted that the petrol station was still open.

Response by Councillor Iain Malcolm

Councillor I Malcolm advised Councillor Elsom that he would ensure that he received a written response to his questions.

Sex Establishment Legislation

Question from Councillor Khan

Item 5 (Page 132, para 14)

Councillor Khan requested details of when and how the consultation process had taken place and an assurance that when a decision is made at a Committee, it is then actioned by officers.

Response by Councillor Dixon

Councillor Dixon advised Councillor Khan that she would ensure that he received a written response to his question.
