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**16TH MARCH 2009
AT 1000 HOURS**

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Date: 6th March 2009

Dear Sir or Madam,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Executive of the Bolsover District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover, on Monday 16th March 2009 at 1000 hours.

Members are reminded that under Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000 the Bolsover Code of Conduct was adopted by the Council on 16th May 2007. It is a Councillor's duty to familiarise him or herself with the rules of personal conduct by which Councillors must conduct themselves in public life. In addition, Members should review their personal circumstances on a regular basis with these rules in mind and bearing in mind the matters listed on the Agenda for discussion at this meeting.

Copies of the Bolsover Code of Conduct for Members will be available for inspection by any Member at the meeting.

Register of Members' Interest - Members are reminded that a Member must within 28 days of becoming aware of any changes to their interests under paragraph 14 or 15 of the Code of Conduct provide written notification to the Authority's Monitoring Officer.

Members are reminded of the provisions of Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the responsibility of Members to make a declaration at this meeting if affected by the Section and not to vote on any matter before this meeting which would have an affect on the Council's budget.

You will find the contents of the agenda itemised on page 44.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Executive Officer

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Chief Executive Officer: Wes Lumley, B.Sc., F.C.C.A.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

COMMITTEE: Executive

DATE: 16th March 2009

NAME OF MEMBER- _____

Levels of Interest 1. Personal
 2. Personal and prejudicial

Nature of Interest _____

AGENDA ITEM	SUBJECT	LEVEL OF INTEREST
Signed		
Dated		

Note

Completion of this form is to aid the accurate recording of your interest in the minutes only. This form, duly signed, should be provide to the Clerk at the conclusion of the meeting.

Good practice to give nature of interest – without declaring any confidentiality.

It is still your responsibility to disclose any interests which you may have at the commencement of the meeting, and before the relevant item on the agenda is discussed.

A nil return is not required.

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Minutes of a meeting of the Executive of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, Sherwood Lodge, Bolsover, on Monday, 16th February 2009 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor E. Watts – Chair

Councillors J.E. Bennett, K. Bowman, A.J. Hodkin, D. McGregor, B.R. Murray-Carr (from Minute No.717) and A.F. Tomlinson.

Officers:-

W. Lumley (Chief Executive Officer), J. Brooks (Director of Resources), A. Turner (Legal and Standards Officer), P. Campbell (Head of Housing), D. Eccles (Head of Regeneration), L. Hickin (Leisure Operations Manager), C. Hirst (Arts Development Officer), L. Ball (Senior I.T Projects Officer), I. Usher (GIS Officer), K. Drury (Customer Service and Access Officer), F. Bacon (Head of Revenue Services), B. Truswell (Head of Procurement) and A. Bluff (Democratic Services Officer).

Also in attendance at the meeting was T. Glover, Chief Executive, Junction Arts.

712. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors A.M. Syrett and D. Kelly.

713. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business to consider.

714. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made.

Minute No.	Member	Level of Interest
727	J.E. Bennett	Personal and prejudicial

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715. CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair consented to a change in the order of business. Agenda item 9, Junction Arts Annual Report 2008/09 would be discussed after agenda item 4, Minutes of a meeting held on 26th January 2009.

716. MINUTES – 26TH JANUARY 2009

Moved by Councillor E. Watts, seconded by Councillor J. E. Bennett

RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Executive held on 26th January 2009 be approved as a true record.

717. JUNCTION ARTS ANNUAL REPORT 2008/09

Further to Council's approval of annual core funding for Junction Arts, the second stage payment was now due for the current financial year.

The Arts Development Officer presented the report.

Tina Glover, Chief Executive of Junction Arts, presented the activity report for Junction Arts for the period April 2008 to December 2008, which included a slide presentation.

Members raised questions in relation to targets, community involvement and projects undertaken.

Lengthy discussion took place.

Moved by Councillor K. Bowman, seconded by Councillor J.E. Bennett

RESOLVED that the second stage payment to Junction Arts be released.

(Head of Leisure Operations)

Reason for decision: To release the second stage payment to Junction Arts.

718. RENT ARREARS VERBAL UPDATE

The Head of Housing circulated information on area based targets in respect of housing rent arrears. He advised the meeting that due to the affects of the credit crunch, the courts were now acting more favourably towards tenants who were in housing rent arrears.

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Councillor Tomlinson raised concerns regarding the level of rent arrears for South Normanton which was much higher than other areas in the District. The Head of Housing advised that additional resources were being put into South Normanton to see if this would alleviate the problem - Members would be kept informed of progress.

Further to a question raised by Councillor Bowman, the Legal and Standards Officer confirmed that whilst tenants were obliged to pay rent, the courts had wide discretion in deciding whether or not to grant possession orders.

Further to points raised by Councillor McGregor, the Head of Revenue Services advised Members that it was not right to assume that people on benefits would not be in arrears with their rent. In some cases, rent rebate was only given on part rent. With regard to private landlord tenancies and the local housing allowance, the Council had to pay the tenant the allowance to pay to the landlord, unless the landlord could show that the tenant was more than eight weeks rent in arrears. He added that this did not affect the Housing Revenue Account. The Head of Revenue Services would liaise with the Head of Housing on rent rebate cases, in areas, to see if there was any disproportionate claiming of benefit and would put this into context for Members.

Moved by Councillor K. Bowman, seconded by Councillor D. McGregor
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(Head of Housing / Head of Revenue Services)

Reason for Decision: To keep Members updated on the present position of housing rent arrears.

719. JOINT BOARD KEY DECISION NOTICES

The Deputy Leader presented the key decision notices from the Joint Board held on 20th January 2009.

Moved by Councillor A. F. Tomlinson, seconded by Councillor D. McGregor
RESOLVED that the key decision notices from the Joint Board held on 20th January 2009 be accepted.

Reason for decision: To keep Members informed of key decisions made by the Leader as part of the Joint Board.

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720. COMPLIMENTS, COMMENTS, COMPLAINTS AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

The Customer Service and Access Officer presented the report in respect of the number of compliments, comments, complaints and Freedom of Information requests for the period 31st October 2008 to 31st December 2008.

Members raised questions and discussion took place.

Moved by Councillor J.E. Bennett, seconded by Councillor K. Bowman
RESOLVED that the report be received.

Reason for decision: To keep Members informed of volumes and trends regarding compliments, comments, complaints and Freedom of Information requests.

The Customer Service and Access Officer left the meeting.

721. GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION STRATEGY (GIS)

The Senior I.T Projects Officer presented the report.

The objective of the Geographical Information Strategy was to maximise the value of geographic information for the Authority.

The GIS Officer gave a demonstration of the potential of the Geographical Information system. He added that departments would only have access to information on the system relevant to their section.

Members asked questions and discussion took place.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor, seconded by Councillor B.R. Murray-Carr
RESOLVED that the GIS Strategy be adopted.

(Senior I.T Projects Officer)

Reason for decision: In order to improve the use of geographic information systems throughout the Authority leading to potential efficiency savings.

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722. COMMENCEMENT OF SHIREBROOK REGENERATION – BYRON STREET DEVELOPMENT

The Head of Regeneration presented the report to seek Members approval for the sale of land at Byron Street, Shirebrook, to East Midlands Housing Association (EMHA) for affordable housing. The sale would be at an undervalue as allowed by the Secretary of State's General Disposal Consent 2003.

The scheme would deliver 3 x 1 bed and 5 x 2 bed social rented flatted units, owned and managed by EMHA, but with 75% nominations retained by the Authority in perpetuity.

The Byron Street project area contained poor quality housing and was affected by anti-social behaviour. All units, with the exception of units 9 and 11, within the project area were demolished in 2008. Council Minute number 1054/07 gave approval for demolition of units 9 and 11 if agreement for refurbishment could not be reached. Agreement has now been reached for external group repair work to occur at an anticipated cost of £25 - £35,000 with a contribution of 25% from the owner.

Members raised questions and discussion took place.

Moved by Councillor A. F. Tomlinson, seconded by Councillor B.R. Murray-Carr
RESOLVED that 1) group repair work to be undertaken on units 9 and 11 on the Byron Street site (anticipated cost £25 - £35,000 with 25% contribution from the owner) be approved,

Subject to planning permission being granted that;

2) land at Byron Street, as identified in this report, be transferred to the East Midlands Housing Association,

3) in order to help the Council to secure the promotion or improvement of the social well-being of the area, and in accordance with the Secretary of State's General Disposal Consent 2003, the land be disposed of at the undervalue of £41,250.00,

4) the disposal be conditional upon the Council receiving the right to make 75% of tenant nominations in perpetuity.

(Head of Regeneration)

Reason for decision: In order to further the regeneration objectives of Shirebrook and to provide affordable housing.

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723. ARREARS – IRRECOVERABLE ITEMS OVER £1000

The Head of Revenue Services presented the report to seek Members approval to write off outstanding debts, including costs amounting to £56,856.88 in respect of persons; unable to trace / bankrupt or companies in liquidation.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor, seconded by Councillor B.R. Murray-Carr,
RESOLVED that the irrecoverable items including costs amounting to £56,856.88 be written off with the proviso that should any of the debts become collectable the amounts be re-debited.

(Head of Revenue Services)

Reason for decision: In order that outstanding debts can be written off where they are uncollectable.

724. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Moved by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson, seconded by Councillor D. McGregor
RESOLVED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the stated Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and it is not in the public interest for that to be revealed.

725. ARREARS – IRRECOVERABLE ITEMS OVER £1000 EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

The Head of Revenue Services presented the report to seek Members approval to write off irrecoverable items, including costs, amounting to £12,743.68 where it would not be cost effective to pursue or businesses had ceased to trade.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor, seconded by Councillor B.R. Murray-Carr,
RESOLVED that the irrecoverable items, including costs, amounting to £12,743.68, be written off with the proviso that should any of the debts become collectable the amounts be re-debited.

(Head of Revenue Services)

Reason for decision: In order that outstanding debts can be written off where uncollectable.

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726. APPLICATION FOR CHARITABLE AND DISCRETIONARY RELIEF EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

The Head of Revenue Services presented the report in respect of an application for discretionary rate relief for a business property in Clowne.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor, seconded by Councillor A. F. Tomlinson
RESOLVED that discretionary rate relief be allowed to the applicant listed on schedule A at a level of 100%.

(Head of Revenue Services)

Reason for decision: In order to apply relief for rates when billing ratepayers in order to assist Voluntary and Charitable Organisations by wholly or partially covering their National Non-Domestic Rate charge.

Councillor Bennett left the meeting at this point.

727. LEASE OF LAND AT COTTON STREET, BOLSOVER EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

The Legal and Standards Officer presented the report.

At Executive on 24th September 2007, Members approved a 150 year lease to developers of the former market place at Cotton Street, Bolsover, (minute number 362 refers).

The developer was now requesting that the lease term be increased from 150 years to 200 years.

Moved by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson, seconded by Councillor D. McGregor
RESOLVED that the lease term be increased from 150 years to 200 years.

(Solicitor to the Council)

Reason for decision: To enable a suitable response to the developer's solicitor and completion of the lease.

Councillor Bennett returned to the meeting.

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728. TENDER OPENING – SHIREBROOK SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

Eight tenders for the above contract had been received before the deadline.

Moved by Councillor A.F. Tomlinson, seconded by Councillor J.E. Bennett
RESOLVED that 1) the Executive witness the opening of the tenders,

2) the tenders be passed to the Evaluation Team for final evaluation,

3) a report for Members' information providing details of the tenders and evaluation process be submitted.

(Head of Procurement)

Reason for Decision: In order to secure the lowest tender and best value for money in accordance with Standing Orders Contracts.

729. TENDER UPDATES EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

The Head of Procurement gave a verbal update to the meeting regarding two tenders which had been opened at Executive on 1st December 2008, these being the 'South Normanton and Pinxton Masterplans' and 'Unoccupied Public House Feasibility Project'.

The meeting concluded at 1230 hours.

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	6
Date:	16 th March 2009	Status	Open
Category	Part of the Budget and Policy Framework		
Subject:	Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield Core Funding, Report on Activities During 2008/09		
Report by:	Head of Regeneration		
Other Officers Involved	Principal Environmental Health Officer (Residential)		
Director	Strategy		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Regeneration		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities

Develop vibrant town centres. Develop flourishing rural communities. Encourage inward investment and a local entrepreneurial culture to maximize sustainable employment opportunities.

SOCIAL INCLUSION – Promoting fairness, equality and lifelong learning

Promote the development of skills and learning within communities.

ENVIRONMENT – Promoting and enhancing a clean and sustainable environment

Protect, enhance and improve the natural and built environment in a sustainable way.

CUSTOMER FOCUSED SERVICES – Providing excellent customer focused services

Strengthen community consultation and involvement.

TARGETS

Contained within the Service Level Agreement, and to be illustrated as part of the presentation to Executive

VALUE FOR MONEY

The Council's core funding continues to help to lever in additional investment, across a range of regeneration activities and training programmes

THE REPORT

The Council continues to provide annual core funding to Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield and the portfolio holder for Regeneration sits on the Groundwork Board. A full report will be given by the Chief Executive of the Trust at Executive outlining achievements for the previous two years, and proposed activity for 2009/2010, which will also more detail more specific outputs and outcomes.

ISSUES/OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

The targets set for the previous years have been met. Groundwork continues to work in key areas across the full span of the Council's Regeneration strategy and add timely interventions to employment training particularly in relation to housing and environmental schemes. They are also a key partner on the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative and directly employ several staff. Finally they play a significant role in developing funding bids in partnership with the Council and others across the Local Strategic Partnership.

IMPLICATONS

Financial: Core funding of £18,000 has been allocated to Groundwork as part of the 2008/09 budget. There are no additional financial implications.

Legal: None

Human Resources: Additional benefits in terms of human resources are gained by the Council by Groundwork acting as managing hosts to several projects and in acting as a 'consultancy' that the Council can call on in developing funding bids.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That subject to a satisfactory report, the payment for 2008/09 totalling £18,000 is released to Groundwork Creswell Ashfield & Mansfield.

REASON FOR DECISION

To release the payment to Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield

ATTACHMENTS: None

FILE REFERENCE: Service Level Agreement

SOURCE DOCUMENT: Various reports and project files from Groundwork

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Service Level Agreement

Overview

Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield has contributed significantly to the Sustainable Community Strategy of Bolsover District

Made a real Difference to People's Lives

Over 250 people with raised aspirations
50 local people found long-term employment
Over 150 accredited qualifications achieved
250 business supported to grow
£2million pounds levered into the District

Award winning service

Enterprise Champion 2008
Business Advisory Service of the Year 2007
Ofsted Accredited
CHAS Approved

Targeted Interventions

Pear Tree Estate – “Gate-It” crime reduction scheme
Climate Change Conference
Shirebrook Greenhomes
South Normanton/Pinxton, Clowne & Shirebrook BizFizz
Pleasley Greaseworks / Outdoor Pursuits Centre
“Doorstepping” – Reduce/re-use/recycle scheme

Groundwork staff have wide-ranging involvement in strategic issues

Chair of the LSP Employment & Enterprise Group
Member of LSP's Executive Support Group
Active in Bolsover Energy Partnership
Partnership with PCT for Health Trainer Initiative

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Actual 2007/8 Programme

		<u>Income (£)</u>
Construction Training Programme	(Contributing to; NI153, NI163)	156,257
Number of Learners	42	
Job Outcomes	15	
Qualifications achieved	33	
Environmental Programmes	(Contributing to; NI153, NI163, NI188)	92,543
Number of Learners	22	
Job Outcomes	4	
Qualifications achieved	8	
Youth Programmes	(Contributing to; NI8, NI18, NI27, NI110 & NI117)	66,351
Number of Learners	54	
Job Outcomes	1	
Qualifications achieved	21	
<i>Schools; Shirebrook Community, Heritage Community. Netherthorpe & Bolsover Community</i>		
Bizfizz / Social Enterprise	(Contributing to; NI172)	
Businesses supported	126	157,264
Construction Programme	(Contributing to; NI117, NI153 & NI163)	478,458
Greenhomes, Shirebrook (additionally; NI186 & NI188)	327, 328	
Station Road, Shirebrook	32,251	
Bagley & Jenkins, Shirebrook (additionally; NI155)	68,315	
Shirebrook Village Renewal (additionally; NI155)	50,564	
Environmental Programme	(Contributing to; NI117 & NI163)	193,962
Brook Park (additionally; NI153)	15,253	
Creswell Clean Ups (additionally; NI195)	105,520	
Shuttlewood / Stanfree	4,821	
Newton Play Area	68,368	
Other projects	(Contributing to; NI110 & NI117)	
Bolsover Countryside Partnership		
Magnesian Limestone Partnership		
Total Leverage	(All contribute to LAA NI7)	1,144.835
		= (63.6 :1)

2005/6 = £1,313,000 (73 :1) 2006/7 = £1,358,295 (75.5 :1)

In all, LAA NI's contributed towards; NI7, NI8, NI18, NI27, NI110, NI117, NI153, NI163, NI172, NI186 & NI188

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Projected 2008/9 Programme

		<u>Income (£)</u>
Construction Training Programme (Contributing to; NI153, NI163)		105,055
Number of Learners	57	
Job Outcomes	21	
Qualifications achieved	49	
Environmental Programmes (Contributing to; NI153, NI163, NI188)		42,000
Number of Learners	17	
Job Outcomes	6	
Qualifications achieved	12	
Youth Programmes (Contributing to; NI8, NI18, NI27, NI110 & NI117)		63,000
Number of Learners	79	
Job Outcomes	3	
Qualifications achieved	48	
<i>Schools; Shirebrook Community, Heritage Community. Netherthorpe & Bolsover Community</i>		
Bizfizz / Social Enterprise (Contributing to; NI172)		
Businesses supported	161	196,159
Construction Programme (Contributing to; NI117, NI153 & NI163)		600,197
Shirebrook Station	275,000	
Greaseworks (additionally; NI186 & NI188)	245,000	
Shirebrook / Whaley Thorns Village Renewal (additionally; NI186)	42,000	
Bagley & Jenkins, Shirebrook (additionally; NI186)	38,197	
Environmental Programme (Contributing to; NI117 & NI163)		85,000
Brook Park	20,000	
Clowne Skate Park (Phase 3)	40,000	
PV/Solar/Groundsource Heat Pump @ Clowne (additionally; NI186 & NI188)	25,000	
Other projects (Contributing to; NI110 & NI117)		
Bolsover Countryside Partnership		
Magnesian Limestone Partnership		
Bolsover Energy Partnership		
Total Leverage (All contribute to LAA NI7)		1,091,411
= (60 :1)		
2005/6 = £1,313,000 (73 :1)	2006/7 = £1,358,295 (75.5 :1)	2007/8 = £1,144,835 (63.6 :1)

In all, LAA NI's contributed towards; NI7, NI8, NI18, NI27, NI110, NI117, NI153, NI163, NI172, NI186 & NI188

- NI7 Environment for a thriving third sector
- NI8 Adult participation in sport
- NI18 Adult re-offending rates for those under probation supervision
- NI27 Understanding of local concerns about anti-social behavior and crime by the local council & police
- NI110 Young peoples participation in positive activities
- NI117 16-18 year-olds who are not in education, training ore employment
- NI153 Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods
- NI163 Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher
- NI172 VAT registered businesses in the area showing growth
- NI186 Per capita CO₂ emissions in Local Authority area
- NI188 Adapting to climate change

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Projected 2009/10 Programme

		<u>Income (£)</u>
Construction Training Programme (Contributing to; NI153, NI163)		130,000
Number of Learners	55	
Job Outcomes	30	
Qualifications achieved	47	
Environmental Programmes (Contributing to; NI153, NI163, NI188)		90,000
Number of Learners	25	
Job Outcomes	9	
Qualifications achieved	19	
Youth Programmes (Contributing to; NI8, NI18, NI27, NI110 & NI117)		94,000
Number of Learners	90	
Job Outcomes	10	
Qualifications achieved	70	
<i>Schools; Shirebrook Community, Heritage Community. Netherthorpe & Bolsover Community</i>		
Bizfizz / Social Enterprise (Contributing to; NI172)		
Businesses supported	175	200,000
Construction Programme (Contributing to; NI117, NI153 & NI163)		350,000
New Houghton	100,000	
Shirebrook / Whaley Thorns Village Renewal (additionally; NI186)	230,000	
GreenDoctor (additionally; NI186)	20,000	
Environmental Programme (Contributing to; NI117 & NI163)		123,000
New Houghton Play Area	28,000	
Pleasley Play Area	65,000	
Brook Park	30,000	
(additionally; NI186 & NI188)		
Other projects (Contributing to; NI110 & NI117)		
Bolsover Countryside Partnership		
Magnesian Limestone Partnership		
Bolsover Energy Partnership		
Total Leverage (All contribute to LAA NI7)		987,000

= (53 :1)

2005/6 = £1,313,000 (73 :1) 2006/7 = £1,358,295 (75.5 :1) 2007/8 = £1,144,835 (63.6 :1) 2008/9 + £1,091,411 (60:1)

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Schedule 1

SERVICE SPECIFICATION

Community Strategy Area	Services Provided	Outputs/Outcomes
<p>Getting Better all the Time</p> <p><u>Improved Health</u></p>	<p>Youth Environmental Programmes</p> <p>Fuel Poverty Programmes</p>	<p>Breakthrough/One World Schools – working with; Shirebrook, Heritage, Netherthorpe & Bolsover Schools – 54 pupils, 1 job, 21 qualifications</p> <p>Climate Change conference of 2007 Greenhomes, Shirebrook Shirebrook/New Houghton/Whaley Thorns Village Renewal programmes</p>
<p>A Better Place to Work</p> <p><u>Greater Prosperity</u></p>	<p>Community Engagement and Consultation</p> <p>Improved Community Atmosphere – Better Facilities</p> <p>Employment Programmes</p> <p>Environmental Business Support</p> <p>Placement Opportunities</p> <p>Heritage Improvements</p> <p>Social Enterprise Developments</p> <p>Business Support Services</p>	<p>Brook Park – Green space management Early Birds Day Nursery, Shirebrook</p> <p>Newton Play Area Shuttlewood & Stanfree Play Areas Clowne Skate Park Westhouses Play Area Carr Vale, Orchard Road Play Area</p> <p>Building on New Deal (JC+ partnership) Train to Construct & Building Skills for Women</p> <p>Markham Willows – ERDF business support programme</p> <p>Crestra, Connaught, Skanska, Baggley Jenkins, New Life Housing Ass/MVMP</p> <p>Creswell Craggs Shirebrook Station</p> <p>Markham Willows / Partner with DRCC’s Social Enterprise Officer/ LEGI</p> <p>BizFizz Clowne ,Shirebrook & S. Normanton</p>
<p>A Safer & Better Community</p> <p><u>Reduced Crime</u></p>	<p>Youth Re-engagement</p> <p>Gate-It Programmes or similar</p> <p>Renovation & Refurbishment Programmes</p>	<p>Breakthrough/One World Schools – working with; Shirebrook, Heritage, Netherthorpe & Bolsover Schools</p> <p>Pear Tree Estate, Shirebrook Partnership with Northern Counties Hsg Ass, Shirebrook Shirebrook & Whaley Thorns Village Renewal Motorcycle barriers – Bolsover/Shirebrook & S.Normanton</p> <p>Shirebrook & Whaley Thorns Village Renewal Station Road, Shirebrook Greenhomes @ Shirebrook – partnership with DoB & MVMP Baggley Jenkins Partnership – Shirebrook Henry Boot – Creswell Model village</p>

<p>Better Results, a Better Future</p> <p><u>Lifelong Learning</u></p>	<p>Youth Re-engagement</p> <p>Vocational Training Opportunities</p> <p>IT On-Line Training</p> <p>Employment and Training Programmes</p>	<p>Breakthrough/One World Schools – working with; Shirebrook, Heritage, Netherthorpe & Bolsover Schools</p> <p>Working with Bolsover & Staveley Learning Community NEET programme (supporting the Derbyshire LSC’s “September guarantee”)</p> <p>CSCS accreditation</p> <p>Vocational Schools Programme NEET provision BOND – working with long-term unemployed</p>
<p>A Better Place to Live</p> <p><u>Healthy Environment</u></p>	<p>Waste Minimisation Programmes</p> <p>Recycling Feasibility Studies</p> <p>Environmental Improvement Programme – Landscape Design/Management Sustainable Woodlands</p> <p>Environmental Home Improvements & Improved Housing</p> <p>Insulation Programmes</p>	<p>“Doorstepping Programme” – partnership with DCC & DoB / Creswell Clean-ups</p> <p>Markham Willows – working with DCC to review recycling provision in the northern District’s</p> <p>Shuttlewood / Stanfree Bolsover Eathworks Brook Park Bramley Vale, vehicle access & footpath works @ school</p> <p>Shirebrook/New Houghton/Whaley Thorns Village Renewal programmes Greenhomes, Shirebrook</p> <p>Shirebrook/New Houghton/Whaley Thorns Village Renewal programmes Greenhomes, Shirebrook</p>

Updated Feb 2009

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	7
Date:	16 th March 2009	Status	Open
Category	2. Decision within the functions of Executive		
Subject:	Patch Management Policies – Tree Management Policy		
Report by:	Street Services Manager		
Other Officers involved:	Patch Management Working Group		
Director	Chief Executive Officer		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Environment		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Continually improving our organisation.

The adoption of this policy will enable employees, members and the public to have a clear understanding of the Council's role, duties and aspirations, in respect of how we manage trees in our ownership.

TARGETS

The subject matter itself does not directly contribute to any targets specified in the Corporate Plan. However, trees have a fundamental role to play in enhancing the quality of the environment, in both urban and rural areas of the District, through the landscape, reduction of pollution and supporting Bolsover's biodiversity.

VALUE FOR MONEY

The Tree Management Policy will help Bolsover District Council to be more proactive in its management of trees within the District; planned maintenance should represent better value for money than 'out of hours responses'. It will also be used to encourage others responsible for trees to take a positive approach to the management of trees in their care.

THE REPORT

The Patch Management Working Group (PMWG) has identified a need for a Council Policy on the following subject;

Tree Management

A copy of the draft policy is attached to this report for consideration by Executive.

The draft report was submitted to the following groups for consideration and comment.

Equalities Services Development Group (ESDG) on 3rd June 2008
Senior Management Team (SMT) on 10th and 17th July 2008
Policy & Performance Management Group 2 (PPMG 2) on 2nd September 2008.
Scrutiny on 28th October 2008

The attached draft policy was approved by the Patch Management Group on 5th November 2008.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

The ESDG recommended that the policy did not require any changes.

SMT recommended that policy statements committing the Authority to a full review of Tree Preservation Orders be removed as this had immediate financial implications and that agreement from other departments was in place prior to proceeding. Agreement to proceed was given on 17th July 2008.

PPMG 2 recommended that they were happy with the content of the policy and made no suggested changes.

The policy commits the Authority to undertake a tree survey and implementing a full tree management plan, it is believed that this initial work can be accommodated within existing budgets, however, there may be recommendations from the tree management plan that have financial implications.

Scrutiny Committee recommended that the Tree Management Policy be implemented.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial : None
Legal : None
Human Resources : None

RECOMMENDATION That;

The Tree Management Policy be recommended to Council for approval.

ATTACHMENT: Y

FILE REFERENCE:

SOURCE DOCUMENT:

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Tree Management Policy

April 2009

This Policy addresses the following Corporate Aims:



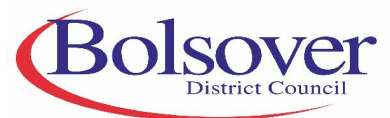
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ENVIRONMENT



The District of Bolsover Equalities Statement

The District of Bolsover is committed to equalities as an employer and in all the services provided to all sections of the community.

- The Council believes that no person should be treated unfairly and is committed to eliminate all forms of discrimination in compliance with the Equality Strategy.
- The Council also has due regard to eliminate racial discrimination and to proactively promote equality of opportunity and good relations between persons of different racial groups when performing it's functions.

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CONTROL SHEET

Details of Document	Comments / Confirmation
Title	Tree Management Policy
Document type – i.e. draft or final version	Draft version 9 27/02/09
Location of Policy	Intranet and Internet
Author of Policy	Street Services Manager
Member route for Approval & Cabinet Member concerned	PPMG – approved 02/09/08 Scrutiny Committee - Executive Committee Council Member for the Environment
Reviewed by Patch Management Group	5/11/08
Date Risk Assessment completed	
Date Equality Impact Assessment approved	03/06/08
Partnership Involvement (if applicable)	Not applicable
Policy Approved by	
Date Approved	
Policy Review Date	April 2010

Date forwarded to CSPD (to include on Intranet and Internet if applicable to the public)		
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1. Introduction

1.1 Trees have a fundamental role to play in enhancing the quality of the environment, in both urban and rural areas of the District, through the landscape, reduction of pollution and supporting Bolsover's biodiversity.

1.2 Trees in towns and villages are particularly important and the Council has an important job to do protecting them, this is often a process of defending trees from a range of threats.

1.3 The Tree Management Policy will help Bolsover District Council to be more proactive in its management of trees within the District. It will also be used to encourage others responsible for trees to take a positive approach to the management of trees in their care.

2. Scope

2.1 The policy is principally aimed at the management of Bolsover District Councils 'urban trees'. These are classed as trees within the built up areas of towns and villages and includes trees next to roads, in residential and commercial areas as well as in parks and open spaces.

2.2 The policy also provides for the management of Bolsover District Councils rural trees and woodlands within our control.

2.3 This policy does **not** cover trees within the boundaries of Council properties, where the property has been let. The Council tenant will be responsible for trees within the garden of their property in accordance with their tenancy agreement.

3. Principles

3.1 Trees are widely accepted as 'a good thing' and in general people want trees in towns and villages.

3.2 The Council will manage trees in a way that maximises their contribution to the landscape and environment, but also minimises their conflict with other urban and rural activities.

3.3 This policy seeks solutions to common conflicts in both the short and long terms so that future generations inherit a healthy tree resource, which requires the minimum of maintenance.

3.4 At present much of the Councils tree resource is managed by responding to complaints as they arise. Reactive management is not efficient and does not give our customers high standards of service. A concern with reactive management is that hazardous trees may not be identified and made safe.

3.5 The Council will adopt a methodical approach to tree management with regular inspections of all council owned and managed trees and prioritised maintenance.

4. Policy Statement

4.1 Tree Resource Management

4.1.1 Tree Survey

To understand the status of the trees the Council will undertake a periodic survey of all Council owned and managed trees, in order to compile a database to inform the tree management plan. The results of the tree survey will enable the development of a five year tree management plan.

4.1.2 Tree Management Plan

The plan will allocate resources specifically for arboriculture work including tree planting and where possible seek external funding through partnerships or grant schemes.

It will ensure that work specifications meet currently accepted standards, which are set out in our operational procedures.

The plan will identify the skills needs and therefore support the training and development of all arboriculture staff involved in council tree work

It will ensure that the Council complies with the requirements of Tree Preservation Orders and Conservation area regulations.

It will enable alternative uses for arisings from tree works to be identified and ensure as much as possible is re-used or recycled.

4.2 Trees in the Urban Environment

4.2.1 Damage to Property

New trees

When designing planting schemes these will take into account the long term effects of planting trees near buildings. They will also adhere to current relevant guidance such as NHBC Standards 'Building near trees' and British Standard 5837 'Trees in relation to construction'.

Existing trees

We will prune or remove council owned trees that are causing damage to property when it is the only appropriate solution.

4.2.2 Right to Light

When trees are causing significant shading to properties or gardens they will be pruned only where it is possible to do so without being detrimental to the health or amenity of the tree.

Trees will only be removed only when they are causing significant shading to properties or gardens only where there is a dense group of trees and some

can be removed to allow more light through without being detrimental to the landscape, or character of the area.

4.2.3 Television & Satellite Reception

Trees that interfere with television and/or satellite reception will only be pruned when all alternative solutions have been explored and only where it is possible to do so without being detrimental to the health or amenity of the tree.

4.2.4 General Nuisances

The Council will not fell or drastically prune trees, which cause minor nuisances, but strive to find alternative solutions.

4.2.5 Removal of Trees

The Council will:

- Not remove a tree unless it is dead, dying or dangerous or it is in the interest of good arboriculture or forestry practice.

- Leave standing dead trees for wildlife habitat where it is safe to do so. Identify and regularly inspect all council owned trees that are potentially hazardous.

- Undertake phased removals of inappropriate over-mature trees, from situations where they are unsuitable.

- Remove our trees that are posing a hazard.

- Use our powers under the Miscellaneous Provisions Act to make safe hazardous trees on private land.

- Act promptly in emergency situations to make safe trees that are imminently dangerous.

- Not remove nuisance trees.

4.3 Tree Replacement

4.3.1 Two for one replacement

Where a tree on council land is removed, the Council will plant at least two trees of a suitable species and size, at the most appropriate site in the locality.

4.3.2 Species & Site Selection

The Council will seek to create a diverse and appropriate tree population by giving careful consideration to the selection of suitable tree species depending on site, locality and characteristics of the area.

Increase the diversity of tree species in planting schemes.

4.4 Tree Preservation Orders & Conservation Areas

4.4.1 Management of Protected Trees

The Council will use its powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to protect and manage important trees within the District, ensuring that, where it is expedient, important trees which contribute to public amenity and

are under threat or affected by development are covered by a Tree Preservation Order, in accordance with its Statutory duty under Section 197.

The Council will maintain an accurate, up-to date and publicly available record of protected trees.

All applications for work on or removal of a protected tree or a tree in a conservation area will be assessed by a person competent in Arboriculture. The Council will review Tree Preservation Orders from time to time and where necessary make revisions to ensure they are appropriate and up-to date. The Derbyshire County council also administers some existing tree preservation orders.

4.4.2 Conservation Areas

Most trees within conservation areas designated under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 may not be felled, or topped or lopped, without 6 weeks prior notice to the Council, and carry statutory protection until this notice period has expired. The Council will consider all notifications to work on trees in conservation areas and decide whether it is expedient to make a tree preservation order to preserve the tree.

4.4.3 Trees on New Developments

The Council has a statutory duty under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to ensure, where it is appropriate, that adequate provision is made for the planting of trees.

The Council will ensure that, where it is conducive with other planning objectives, there is maximum retention of trees on new development

The Council will require that a landscaping or tree planting scheme to good arboriculture practice is submitted and implemented on most new developments.

There will be a requirement on developers to replace any new trees planted under such a scheme which die within 5 years of planting.

In line with planning best practice, where trees are removed as part of a development the Council will ensure, as far as practicable, that at least 2 trees of a suitable size and species will be planted for each one removed.

4.4.4 Enforcement

The Council will consider the use of its enforcement powers under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in all cases where it is aware of breaches of Tree Preservation Order, or breaches of the controls over trees in conservation areas.

The Council will encourage the highest standard of arboriculture work for protected trees.

The Council will normally require a healthy tree of an agreed size and species to be planted within 12 months of the felling of a protected tree.

4.5 Trees and the Community

4.5.1 Empowering the Community

The Council will support where possible community initiatives that promote the planting and care of trees.

4.5.2 Vandalism and Damage to Council Trees

Where it is appropriate the Council will report and seek prosecution for all acts of criminal damage to Council owned trees.

Whenever possible the Council will seek to recoup the cost of restoration or replacement where Council trees have been damaged.

4.5.3 East Derbyshire Woodland Project

The Council supports the East Derbyshire Woodland Project and the planting of community woodlands within the district. The Council will seek to promote the reforestation of the district with broad-leaved species wherever possible, whilst recognising the need to protect existing natural magnesian limestone grasslands and create new grassland habitats within and adjoining woodland. The Council supports a free tree scheme under the above project.

4.5.4 Woodland Grant Scheme Consultations

Woodland grant scheme consultations from the Forestry Authority will be entered on the weekly list of planning applications which can be viewed on the Council's website under planning, public access.

When details of a woodland grant scheme are received the Parish or Town Council and the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust will be notified, and if felling or thinning of trees is involved a site notice shall be placed close to the site, inviting comments from the public within 14 days.

The Council will consider the recommendations of the Forestry Authority when works are undertaken on woodlands protected by Tree Preservation Orders, under The Forestry Commissions Woodland Grant Scheme.

4.5.5 Bolsover Woodland Enterprise

Bolsover Woodland Enterprise is a partnership between Derbyshire County Council Countryside Partnership and Social Services to deliver woodland management by people with learning difficulties. Where opportunities arise the Council will work with Bolsover Woodland Enterprise in service delivery

4.6 Trees in the Rural Environment

4.6.1 General Principles

The Council will identify the areas of the district that will be covered by the Tree Management Plan, trees and woodlands outside of these areas will be deemed as trees in the rural environment.

These trees will be dealt with in a less prescriptive way and in the main will be left to nature, except where they are brought to the Councils attention as a problem, in which case the Policy Statements 4.2.1 through to 4.5.5 will guide the Councils actions.

4.6.2 Felled or Fallen Trees

Where trees have been felled or have fallen through natural causes they will be left in situ where this is deemed to benefit the local flora and fauna or it is impracticable to remove them from site.

5. Responsibility

Street Services – 4.1 to 4.3

Planning – 4.4, 4.5.3 to 4.5.5

Legal – 4.5.2

Community Safety – 4.5.2

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	8
Date:	16 th March 2009	Status	Open
Category	3. Part of the Budget and Policy Framework		
Subject:	Climate Change – Invest to save improvements at Sherwood Lodge		
Report by:	Director of Strategy		
Other Officers involved:	Climate Change Group Senior Management Team Director Strategy		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Environment		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

ENVIRONMENT – Promoting and enhancing a clean and sustainable environment
 STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Continually improving our organisation.

A corporate approach to climate change requires challenges to the current ways that services are provided and assets are managed by the Council.

TARGETS

Reduce the Council's carbon emissions to 80% of the 2006/7 levels by March 2011. The level of contribution from this scheme will equate to 268 tonnes of carbon dioxide saved.

VALUE FOR MONEY

The invest to save principles proposed in this report would see the cost of improvements repaid within approximately five years with subsequent savings being available once the initial costs have been recouped.

THE REPORT

At its meeting on 7th April 2008, Executive agreed an invest to save strategy for improvements where the initial costs were repaid over a period of three years and delegated powers were granted to the Director of Strategy to agree such works in consultation with relevant Members and officers.

It was anticipated at that time that the ongoing work of the Climate Change Group will identify further opportunities to reduce energy consumption and emissions which would benefit from an invest to save approach. Indeed, the Carbon Trust identified that further savings may be achieved by, amongst others, the use of renewable energy sources. As part of the continuing response to climate change the possibility of alternative energy sources for Sherwood Lodge have been considered in conjunction with the Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform's Low Carbon Buildings Programme. Following a detailed survey and assessment of potential alternatives, an accredited consultancy company, Cleaner Air Solutions Limited have recommended the installation of photovoltaic cells on certain elevations of the roof to Sherwood Lodge. These are shown on the plan at Appendix 1.

The total cost of installation of the proposed system is £78,075. The Low Carbon Buildings Programme will contribute 50% towards the cost of installing these improvements, which would require the Council to contribute £39,037.50.

If implemented, it is estimated that annual savings will equate to around £7,550 based on anticipated electricity prices, which are likely to increase in future years. This equates to payback of the Council's expected contribution within just over five years. In addition 10.7 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions will be saved per annum.

The proposed modules to be installed are warranted for 25 years and over this time savings equate to around £186,000 and 268 tonnes of carbon dioxide.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

The Council has signed the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change which, among other things, commits the Authority to contribute, at a local level, to the delivery of the UK Climate Change Programme, the Kyoto Protocol and the reduction in carbon emissions. It also includes a commitment to publicly declare and achieve a significant reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from our own operations, especially energy sourcing and use.

As part of the National Indicators, the Council is required to demonstrate community leadership in reducing carbon emissions (NI 185 CO2 reductions from the Authority's own operations and NI 186 per capita CO2 emissions).

There is currently no budgetary provision for the works outlined. However, a capital bid had been produced but this was not taken forward into the budget report as the overall Asset Management Plan budget for next year is £846,850, which is currently being reviewed to avoid any potential unnecessary expenditure. Based upon an initial review it is likely that there will be significant savings in the region of £200,000 and a further report will be brought to Members when this is complete. It is therefore proposed that some

of these likely savings be used to fund the Council's contribution to the installation of photovoltaic cells for Sherwood Lodge.

The proposed system has a maximum power capability of 15 Kwp (kilowatts peak power) and is capable of producing around 12,200 Kwh (kilowatt hours) of electricity, dependant upon climatic conditions. This equates to a saving of around £470 per year against the current costs for electricity.

Currently the Government provides an incentive to payback for clean electricity that is generated on site known as ROCs (Renewable Obligation Certificate). Based upon the output of the system it is anticipated that 24 ROCs will be available at a current market value of £45, which equates to £1080 per annum.

If the system is installed this will be classed as having an "On-site Generator" which will enable the Authority to claim an exemption from the Climate Charge Levy element of the electricity bill which equates to an average monthly figure of around £285 per month x 12 months = £ 3,420.

Taken together annual savings for these elements will be around £4,970.

The Government intends to introduce a system called "Feed In Tariffs" from April 2010, which simply means that the utility companies will have to pay Bolsover DC for each unit (Kwh) of clean electricity that is produced. This will replace the ROCs value of £1,080.00 as shown above, resulting in an additional income of £ 2,580.00 per year. The Government are indicating that the lower level should be set at around £0.30 per unit, therefore, 12,200 x 30p, should see a payback of in the region of £3,660.00 per year.

For 2009/10 the anticipated savings are £4,970 which increases to £7,550 from 2010/11 onwards, giving a potential payback period for the Council's contribution of around five and a half years.

The anticipated saving of 268 tonnes of carbon dioxide will also be a direct contribution towards the NI 185 and 186 targets.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial : The Council's proposed 50% contribution of £39,037.50 can be met from savings in the budgeted Asset Management Plan. The balance of the overall costs (£39,037.50) will be provided from a grant from the Low Carbon Buildings Programme.

Legal : The Grant Offer from the Low Carbon Buildings Programme requires that funds are drawn down by January 2010.

Human Resources : None

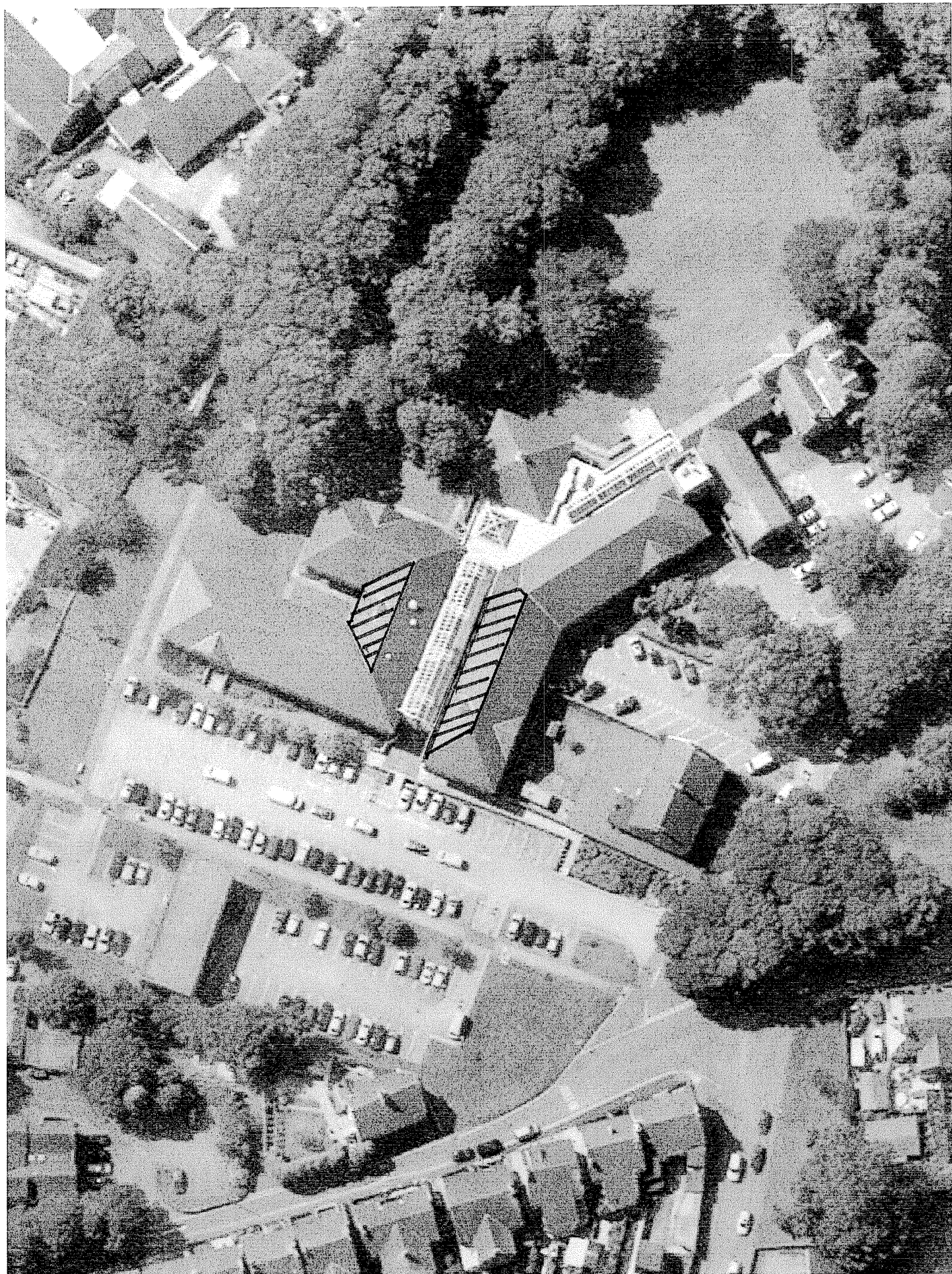
RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the proposed installation of a photovoltaic energy system be installed at Sherwood Lodge as outlined in the report.

REASON FOR DECISION TO BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION

To assist the Council in meeting its carbon reduction target and to generate ongoing savings.

ATTACHMENT: Plan of proposed works
FILE REFERENCE:
SOURCE DOCUMENT: Quotation from Cleaner Air Solutions Limited and offer letter from Low Carbon Buildings Programme



EXECUTIVE AGENDA

Monday 16th March 2009 at 1000 hours

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PART 1 – OPEN ITEMS		
1.	To receive apologies for absence, if any.	
2.	To note any urgent items of business which the Chairman has consented to being considered under the provisions of Section 100(B) 4 (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.	
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Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	9
Date:	16 th March 2009	Status	Open
Category	3. Part of the Budget and Policy Framework		
Subject:	ICT Budget Bids		
Report by:	Chief Executive Officer		
Other Officers Involved	ICT Strategy Group		
Director	Chief Executive Officer		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Leader of the Council		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – to continually improve the efficiency and effectiveness of all Council Services by maximising the potential use of Council resources.

TARGETS

None.

VALUE FOR MONEY

The Budget Process challenges existing spending levels and new spending proposals to ensure that resources are effectively used and directed towards the delivery of the Corporate Aims.

THE REPORT

This report summarises the recommendations arising from the ICT Strategy Group following a review of business cases submitted in support of budget bid applications.

ISSUES/OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

At the meeting on 20th November 2006, the Executive agreed that bids relating to ICT expenditure be referred to the ICT Strategy Group for full consideration prior to seeking funding approval from the Executive. The

following bids were considered and are recommended to Executive for approval.

Description	Funding request	Alternative options	Benefits
IT provision for Greaseworks project.	£6,000 one off	Continue with the existing Server hardware replacement programme.	Professional facilities for schools to use. Greater take up leading to greater income.
PC replacement. – equip employees who work from home with Laptops as required by Government Connect. Feasibility study into type of replacement PCs to be used next year.	£30,500 one off	Stop employees working from home.	Improved security. Meeting Government Connect code of connection.
GMS Exchange	£9,250 one-off £1,938 ongoing	Stay as we are.	Corporate property database. Improved customer service, tell us once.
Call Director	£7,737 one-off £500 ongoing	Continue as they are at present	Improved management of the phones at Contact Centres. Reduced telephone waiting times.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial:

Business Case	Capital Cost – from Reserve	Revenue Budget Implications
Greaseworks	£6,000	
PC replacement	£30,500	
GMS Exchange	£9,250	£1,938
Call Director	£8,392	£500
TOTAL	£53,487	£2,438

There are sufficient funds in the ICT and Office Equipment reserve to cover the capital cost of £53,487. The revenue implications can be met from the IT software support budget.

Legal: None
Human Resources: None

RECOMMENDATION

That the ICT capital bids detailed above be approved and financed from the ICT and Office Equipment Reserve.

REASON FOR DECISION TO BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION

In order to allocate funds from the ICT reserve.

ATTACHMENTS: No
FILE REFERENCE: None
SOURCE DOCUMENT: Background papers held in ICT Services.

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	2 Urgent Item
Date:	16 th March 2009	Status	Open
Category	Decision within the functions of Executive		
Subject:	Meden Valley Making Places		
Report by:	Head of Environmental Health and Street Services		
Other Officers Involved	Environmental Health Residential Manager		
Director	Chief Executive Officer		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Regeneration		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities by helping to bring about sustainable improvements in housing and environmental conditions in those areas most effected by the decimation of the coal mining industry

TARGETS

Corporate Plan 2007 – 2011

To have no area of the District within the top 10% of most deprived areas by 2015

To complete the planned improvements to private sector housing in Pleasley, New Houghton, Shirebrook and Whaley Thorns by 2010

VALUE FOR MONEY

By working with Meden Valley Making Places the Council receives a high level of investment into the area by the regeneration agencies and developers

THE REPORT

Members will be aware that the Council has been a Member of Meden Valley Making Places Ltd. since 2001 when approval was given for the Chief Executive Officer to approve the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company. (Minute no. 900/2001 refers). Other agreements in place include those relating to funding and membership of the company. Since its inception the role of the company has always been to act as an exemplar of

what can be achieved by partners working together to tackle common problems of poor housing and environment and to help to create communities that are sustainable in the long term. As an exemplar it was intended that other Council's would be able to tap into the knowledge gained to help them turn around similar areas in their districts. It was also intended that to carry on beyond its original life span of 5 years that the company would need to develop its business and to start to become self sufficient. The CEO of Meden Valley Making Places has been developing the business outside the Meden Valley geographical area and this now needs to be formalised, requiring the approval of the founder Members of the Company.

The purpose of this report is therefore to seek Members approval for the Chief Executive Officer to sign a Second Deed of Variation which allows the Company to operate outside the Meden Valley area.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

There are no resource implications for the Council either in terms of finance or manpower

IMPLICATIONS

Financial: None

Legal: Signatory to deed of Variation

Human Resources: None

RECOMMENDATION(S) that;

- 1. the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to approve the Deed of Variation in relation to Meden Valley Making Places,**
- 2. the Chief Executive Officer, in conjunction with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Solicitor to the Council, be authorised to approve any changes to the Memorandum and Articles of Association and any related documents of the Company provided that there are no significant implications for the Authority.**

REASON FOR DECISION

To continue working with one of the Council's most important strategic partners

ATTACHMENTS:

N

FILE REFERENCE:

None

SOURCE DOCUMENT:

Second Deed of Variation in relation to Meden Valley Making Places