

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 28TH APRIL 2008

REPORT ON: WHITFIELD REGENERATION – PROJECT BOARD

REPORT BY: HOUSING REGENERATION MANAGER

REPORT NO: 38-2008

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval of a management arrangement, involving the local community, for the regeneration of Whitfield.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Committee approves the promotion of a Whitfield Regeneration Project Board to oversee the implementation of the Whitfield Regeneration Strategy. The Project Board will involve the Dundee Community Planning Partners, representatives of the local community, local agencies and elected members.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. There are no direct financial implications.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1. Reference is made to Article I of the Minute of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 26 November 2007 when it was agreed to:

“Remit the Director of Housing and the Director of Planning and Transportation to establish a Steering Group comprising public and private interests together to secure the physical, economic and social regeneration of Whitfield.”

- 4.2. A key objective of the Dundee Community Planning process and the Strategic Housing Investment Framework is to enable regeneration of priority areas within Dundee and ensure the long term viability communities by achieving sustainable regeneration.
- 4.3. The recent, extensive community consultation and involvement in developing the Whitfield Design Framework demonstrated and confirmed the benefits of an inclusive process in determining the future for the Whitfield area.
- 4.4. The successful approach to regeneration in Ardler and in Stobswell confirms that an inclusive group, representing all interests, steering the regeneration process maximises the potential; for a successful outcome.

- 4.5. Consequently, it is proposed that a "Whitfield Regeneration Project Board" is formed to generally oversee the implementation of the Whitfield Regeneration Strategy. It will also be a principal means of feeding back views and information to and from the community.
- 4.6. The suggested make up of the Project Board would be:
- Whitfield Community (drawn from the Whitfield Development Group) (2 representatives);
 - the local elected members (Bailie W. Sawers, Councillor A. Dawson and Councillor B. Gordon) or elected member substitute;
 - the Convener of Housing (Bailie G. Regan or elected member substitute);
 - the Convener of Planning and Transportation (Councillor F. Macpherson or elected member substitute);
 - Director of Planning and Transportation (chair);
 - Project Manager - Whitfield Regeneration;
 - Dundee City Council Economic Development Department (1 representative);
 - Dundee City Council Finance Department (1 representative);
 - Dundee City Council Leisure and Communities Department (1 representative);
 - Forum of Housing Associations (1 representative);
 - Scottish Government Housing and Regeneration Directorate (1 representative);
 - NHS Tayside (1 representative); and
 - North East Community Planning Group (1 representative).
- 4.7. To support the Whitfield Regeneration Project Board, initially, two sub groups will be established.
- 4.8. The first sub group will comprise community representatives drawn from existing tenant and resident organisations, local voluntary organisations and individuals who have expressed an interest in the Whitfield regeneration project. A similar group, the Whitfield Development Group, are heavily involved in the current consultation process and it is intended to invite this group to form the sub group to the Board. Two representatives from this group will join the Project Board.
- 4.9. The second sub group, the Whitfield Project Officer Group, will support the Project Board and will help manage the implementation of the regeneration strategy. The group will comprise relevant Council Officers, landlord and developer representatives and representatives from agencies working in Whitfield. Members of this group will attend the Board as required.
- 4.10. Further sub groups may be required to take forward a particular project or topic. These will be formed as required. Membership will be drawn from officer and community representatives.
- 4.11. The Whitfield Regeneration Project Board will periodically report to the Strategic Housing Regeneration Group to ensure compatibility with the Community Plan and the Strategic Housing Investment Plan/Framework.
- 4.12. The operational aspects of the Board and Officer groups will be determined by the Board.

5. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, SAE, Anti Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Assessment. There are no major issues.

6. **CONSULTATIONS**

- 6.1. The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Assistant Chief Executive (Community Planning) have been consulted and are in agreement with the contents of this report.

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1. Report No. 499-2007 : Whitfield Design Framework - Report on Delivery Method.

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