

# EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Board held at Knowle, Sidmouth on Wednesday, 30 April 2008

**Present:** Councillors:  
Miss S M Randall Johnson (Chairman)  
R G Franklin (Vice Chairman)

D J Cox  
T A Cope  
Miss J M Elson  
M J L Green  
S Hughes  
G K Liverton  
A T Moulding

**Also Present:** Councillors:  
Miss V Ash  
G P Chamberlain  
P A Diviani  
Mrs C E Drew  
C F A Gibbings  
A R Giles  
G S Godbeer  
Mrs S C J Jones  
Mrs A E Liverton  
Mrs F I Newth  
Mrs H E Parr  
A W J Reed  
Mrs P A Stott  
C T Tratt  
G M Troman  
S C Wragg

**Also present** Officers:  
Karime Hassan, Corporate Director  
Peter Jeffs, Corporate Director  
Denise Lyon, Deputy Chief Executive  
Fliss Morey, East of Exeter Projects Director  
Diccon Pearse, Corporate Director  
Rachel Pocock, Head of Legal, Licensing & Democratic Services  
Mark Reilly, Head of Streetscene Services  
Simon Smale, Head of Environmental Health and Equalities  
John Tippin, Licensing Manager  
Diana Vernon, Democratic Services Manager  
Mark Williams, Chief Executive

**Apology** Councillor J P Halse

**Apology from non-  
Executive  
Member** Councillor Mrs E E Wragg

The meeting started at 5.33 pm and ended at 7.40 pm.

\*203 **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 26 March 2008 were confirmed and signed as a true record.

\*204 **Exclusion of the Public**

**RESOLVED** that the classification given to the documents to be submitted to the Board be confirmed, and that the reports relating to exempt information be dealt with under Part B.

\*205 **Forward Plan**

The contents of the Forward Plan for the period 1 April to 31 July 2008 were noted.

\*206 **Matters referred to the Executive Board**

There were no matters referred to the Executive Board by the Scrutiny or Corporate Overview Committees or the Council.

\*207 **Minutes of the meetings of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

The minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Overview Committee (held on 20 March 2008) and of the Scrutiny Committee (held on 2 April 2008) were noted.

Scrutiny Minute 69 – Review of Service and Budget Planning Process was discussed. The Committee had suggested that the timetable for the Service Planning and Budget process should be reviewed. The Chairman of Scrutiny advised that the service and budget planning arrangements in 2007/08 had worked well but the Committee was looking to make further improvements. Members acknowledged that the one-day service and budget Task and Finish Forum was very intense but wondered if changing the arrangement to two half days would actually be of benefit. In addition Members felt that starting the budget planning any earlier in the year was not realistic or practical. The Leader felt that the process had worked well and gave everyone an opportunity to input into the process.

The dates for the Joint Meeting of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committees to discuss service planning on 10 September 2008 and the Service Planning and Budget Task and Finish Forum on 12 January 2009 would be confirmed at the meeting of the Annual Council on 14 May 2008.

Scrutiny Minute 70 - Asset Management Forum up-date was discussed. In response to concerns raised, the Portfolio Holder – Resources advised that the Forum was used to explore issues before the formal decision making process began. He advised that both he and the Portfolio Holder – Economy were often asked to make decisions as Portfolio Holders and the Forum gave them the opportunity to debate the issues with Officers. Following debate, issues may be dealt with as a Portfolio Holder decision or referred to Committee. He emphasised that the Forum was not a decision-making body but helped to progress matters which were discussed with the relevant Ward Members, to gain local input, at the appropriate stage. In certain situations the neighbouring Ward Members would also be consulted, for example where a town based asset impacted on the wider area.

The Leader suggested that Members should look at the Council-owned assets in their own Wards to check that they were being used to their communities' best advantage.

**RESOLVED** (1) that the following decisions be noted:

**Corporate  
Overview  
Committee  
Minute 33**

1. that the receipt of the final East Devon Retail Needs Study and Town Centre Health check be noted and its findings endorsed,
2. that the report and the household survey questions be sent to all Town Councils for their information.

\*207 **Minutes of the meetings of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committees (cont)..** (to note decisions)

**CO Minute 34**

1. that the comments made on the draft Climate Change Strategy be referred to the Executive Board for consideration;
2. that the following be noted:-
  - The draft strategy was very much work in progress
  - Expert advice was required to produce a fully costed action plan and programme to achieve the required CO2 reduction targets
  - The Council was embarking on the Carbon Trusts Carbon Management Programme from the 1 April 2008 and this would be the mechanism to address the management of the Council's use of energy and own operations
  - The Green Team was a voluntary grouping of staffing working to take forward the climate change agenda but the Council does not have an specific resource identified for climate change or energy management.
3. that the Proposed Climate Change Action Plan be supported

**CO Minute 36**

1. that the Draft Forward Plan for the work of the Corporate Overview Committee for 2008/09 be noted;
2. that the item on Strategic Asset Management for January 2009, be removed as it was a matter being investigated by the Scrutiny Committee.

**Scrutiny Committee Minute 67**

1. that a letter containing the agreed Scrutiny questions be sent to Dr Snee of the Devon Primary Care Trust; and the reply circulated amongst Members as soon as received;
2. that the Chairman meets with the Leader to discuss how to alert the Executive Board to Scrutiny Committee's requests.

**SC Minute 68**

1. that the report in respect of the role of Overview and Scrutiny Committees in the Community Call for Action be noted
2. that a further report be made to the Scrutiny Committee once the regulations on Community Call for Action are available, to include guidelines on Member safety when dealing with aggressive members of the public

\*207 **Minutes of the meetings of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committees (cont)..**

decisions to be noted (cont)..

**SC Minute 70**

that, following the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee on the 2 April 2008 in respect of the Asset Management Forum, a Task and Finish Forum on Use of Assets be no longer required.

**SC Minute 71**

1. that the report on Anti-Social Behaviour, to include reference to vandalism to EDDC properties, be referred to the Scrutiny Committee, in light of the committee's recent Anti-Social Behaviour Task and Finish Forum;
2. that standard items such as performance and service plan monitoring, and service planning and budgets, be added to the Forward Plan for Scrutiny;
3. that the future planned meeting on engaging young people be held at an alternative venue, more suited to aid their attendance.
4. that Poltimore House representatives be invited back to Scrutiny Committee for the July meeting, to give an update on the production of their ten year business plan and risk assessment.

**SC Minute 72**

1. that the Forum on Use of Assets be removed from the Task and Finish Status report
2. that the Beach Concessions Forum be included in the Status report as the Forum was continuing and was now considering the risk assessments for Exmouth and Beer.

\*207 **Minutes of the meetings of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committees (cont)..**

- 2) that the following recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee be approved, (Recommendation 2 of Minute 70 was not supported and has been deleted as, following a vote, the Board agreed that the current working arrangements of the Asset Management Forum matched its purpose, with Ward Members already being included in the decision-making process at the appropriate time. In addition Recommendation 3 of Minute 69 was not supported and has been deleted as the Board felt that the service and budget process worked well, starting as early as practical during the year and involving all Councillors.)

**Scrutiny  
Committee  
Minute 69**

1. that the format of the one-day Task and Finish Forum for considering Service Planning and Budgets be reviewed;
2. that Members be fully briefed and receive necessary training, in order to be able to make informed decisions during the one-day Task and Finish Forum and joint meetings of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committees on Service Planning and Budgets; including an explanation of the methodology set out in the Capital Strategy;

**SC Minute 70**

1. that the notes from the Asset Management Forum of 25 February 2008, item 5 Land at Harepath Road, Seaton be amended to show that the existing employment site referred to is designated as both employment and recreational land equally in the East Devon Local Plan;
2. that future notes of the Asset Management Forum contain reference to recommendations, and not decisions, to help avoid confusion.

**SC Minute 71**

that the Executive Board writes to the Poltimore House Trust to ask them to provide the Council with their ten year business plan and risk assessment promptly.

\*207 **Minutes of the meetings of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committees (cont)..**

- 3) that the following recommendation be referred to Council for approval:

**Corporate  
Overview  
Committee  
Minute 32**

1. that at the Annual Meeting on 14 May 2008, the Council amends its Standing Orders so as to allow the following:
  - a) 15 minute period of public question time at the commencement of all Council and Committee meetings with the exception of the Licensing Committee and the Planning Inspection Committee. Each individual questioner exercising a right during the public question time to be restricted to speaking for a total of 3 minutes.
  - b) the opportunity for Councillors at each Council meeting to ask verbal questions of the Leader and/or Portfolio Holders during the 15 minute period of public question time should it not otherwise be utilised by members of the public.
  - c) the rights of Councillors to submit written questions to Council in accordance with Procedure Rule No. 8.2 with this being extended to include putting questions to specific Portfolio Holders in addition to the Leader.
  - d) at all meetings of the Executive Board, the Corporate Overview Committee, the Scrutiny Committee, the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee members of the public to have a general right to make statements and/or ask questions in respect of all agenda items that are not to be considered in Part B. The normal procedure to be that after a report has been introduced by the relevant Portfolio Holder and/or officer the Chairman to enquire of any member of the public whether they wish to speak in respect of the matter and/or ask questions. In each case, contributions from members of the public to be limited to a period of 3 minutes.
2. that it be noted that public speaking rights already exist in respect of the Licensing & Enforcement Committee and the Planning Inspection Committee and that no changes are proposed to be made to these rights,

\*207 **Minutes of the meetings of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committees (cont)..**

Recommendations to be referred to Council for approval (cont)..

3. that in respect of the Council's Development Control Committee it be confirmed that it is intended to introduce public speaking at the earliest possible opportunity at the discretion of the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of the Development Control Committee at such time that the Council has considered its current review of systems and procedures in respect of the determination of all planning and related applications,
4. that the right and discretion of the Chairman to control question time to avoid disruption, repetition and wasting of the meetings time be confirmed.

**Corporate  
Overview  
Committee  
Minute 34**

that energy consultants be instructed to carry out an assessment of the draft strategy with the aim of producing a fully costed action plan identifying the expected carbon savings arising from the Climate Change Strategy and for the findings to be reported to back to the Overview Committee. The study would need to identify the current carbon footprint for East Devon, and the potential best practice energy measures that can make to the reduction of CO2 emissions.

**CO Minute 35**

that the policy on the hiring of the Council's community venues be adopted, subject to:

1. the addition of a comment that there was a responsibility to make a premises fit for hiring and that there was a suitable procedure in place to make it fit for hiring;
2. that the second paragraph in the section on Hire Terms be clarified.

**Scrutiny  
Committee  
Minute 68**

that Scrutiny Committee be designated as the committee responsible for the statutory function under Community Call for Action.

\*208 **Member Development Working Party**

The report of the meeting held on 3 April 2008 and the following action points included were noted. The Portfolio Holder – Resources explained that the personal reviews should be regarded positively for the benefit of individual councillors and the authority as a whole.

- RESOLVED**
1. that it be made clear to Members why they have been appointed to an Outside Body, with a report on the role and remit of Councillors on Outside Bodies being referred to the Council's Annual Meeting,

**\*208 Member Development Working Party (cont)..**

2. that improved feedback from Councillors on Outside Bodies be achieved by:
  - ❑ creating clear reporting links from the Outside Body to specific Portfolio Holders/Member Champions/Officers,
  - ❑ reporting on a standard feedback form to be posted on the Members' Page for information,
  - ❑ continuing to report on documents from Outside Bodies (such as minutes and annual reports) through the Knowledge with a means of encouraging Councillors to sign the file to indicate that they have read the document.
3. that details of Councillor role descriptions and the Devon skills framework be sent to Members in advance of the next meeting (on 2 May) to enable Members to consider how these could best be used in the Personal Development Reviews, with a sample portfolio being referred to the next meeting of the Group for consideration.

**209 Adoption of Treasury Management Strategy for 2008/09**

Members considered the report of the Finance Manager in respect of the annual Treasury Management Strategy. This had been prepared in accordance with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)'s Code of Practice for Treasury Management in the Public Services. There was also a requirement to set prudential indicators relating to all Treasury activities that the authority would be undertaking in the forthcoming financial year. Key elements of the strategy were to keep the Executive Board fully informed on the authority's position on debt and investments, the overall borrowing limits, the prospect on interest rates and whether there were likely to be any material transactions that would be required to or from reserves or investment portfolios. There would be no change to the Council's main overriding strategy for Treasury Management which was to maximize interest receipts and minimize exposure to risk.

It was anticipated that interest rates would continue to fall. The 2008/09 budget had been based on the lowest of the Fund Manager's predictions for interest rates which assumed a return of 5.8%. Already the Bank of England base rate had fallen to 5% and further uncertain falls were anticipated. As a result, the level of interest earned in 2008/09 would be significantly below the budgeted amount. This would be regularly reported to the Executive Board as would its effect on the investment portfolio.

**RECOMMENDED** that the Treasury Management Strategy for 2008/09 be adopted.

**210 Community asset management – disposals to parish and town councils**

Members considered the report of the Head of Legal, Licensing and Democratic Services in respect of a proposed policy on the devolution of assets to parishes where this was consistent with the Council's strategic objectives and where there was a demonstrable community benefit in doing so.

The Council recognized that its land and buildings were a community asset. Some town and parish councils had expressed interest in using more of the statutory powers available to them to develop their role as service providers. It was recognized that there could be mutual benefit in transferring land and buildings to parish and town councils where community benefits could be achieved. The Chief Executive emphasized that this was in line with the Government White Paper and would help achieve greater community involvement in the use of local assets.

210 **Community asset management – disposals to parish and town councils (cont)..**

- RECOMMENDED**
- 1) that where a parish or town council approaches the Council with a case for Council assets to be transferred, leased or managed by them, consideration of the community benefit of the proposal be given as set out in the report (including demonstration by the parish that it has the skills, drive and access to resources to deliver),
  - 2) that, in response to a request from a parish and town council, the Portfolio Holder (Resources) be given delegated authority to dispose of assets to parish and town councils, in consultation with other relevant Portfolio Holders and Ward Members, in line with this policy and subject to the assets having an open market value of no more than the current limits set out in the General Disposal Consent (England) 2003 Order.

\*211 **Exeter and East Devon New Growth Point Funding Allocation 2008/09 – Growth Area Projects Capacity and Staff**

Members considered the report of the Projects Director confirming the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Growth Point funding allocation for Exeter and East Devon New Growth Point for the next year.

Members were advised that the next step was to review the Delivery Plan and resubmit to DCLG for confirmation of funding for years 2 and 3.

Members were asked to consider the allocation of the grant for 2008/09 financial year including the appointment of a project manager and communications officer to provide increased capacity within the Delivery Team and drive forward the Exeter and East Devon area growth agenda. The team would transfer to new office accommodation within the Silverdown Office Park at Exeter Airport and the breakdown of costs associated with the expanded delivery team was noted.

Councillor Ray Franklin Portfolio Holder – Strategic Planning and Regeneration confirmed that the East of Exeter Growth Area Delivery Team Steering Board was making steady progress. The Steering Board supported the recruitment of the project manager and communications officer in principle subject to their agreement of the job description for the communications officer which was now being prepared.

The Leader praised the positive work carried out by the Projects Director and Karime Hassan, Corporate Director. She confirmed that effective partnership working with Devon County Council and Exeter City Council would help achieve the delivery of benefits to the wider area without burdening the East Devon Council Tax payers.

- RESOLVED**
- (1) that Executive Board note the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) award for 2008/09 of £1,252,000 capital and £250,848 revenue funding for the Exeter and East Devon New Growth Point and the indicative allocation of £3,626,000 capital and £351,187 revenue for 2009/10 – 2010/11.

\*211 **Exeter and East Devon New Growth Point Funding Allocation 2008/08 – Growth Area Projects Capacity and Staff (cont)..**

- (2) that, subject approval of the Exeter and East Devon New Growth Point Steering Board of the communications officer job description, authority be given to the New Growth Point Projects' Director to recruit:
- a project manager on a 2 year fixed term contract
  - a communications officer on a 2 year fixed term contract (maximum of four days per week)
- The cost of which shall be funded from the New Growth Point funding

(Councillors T A Cope and A R Giles declared personal interests in this item because of their previous stance in opposing the new community concept).

\*212 **Civil Parking Enforcement – Progress report**

Members considered the report of the Head of Street Scene Services up-dating Members on the Council's current position with regard to the delivery of Civil Parking Enforcement. Members were aware that the Department for Transport had implemented new regulations which introduced Civil Parking Enforcement as part of the Traffic Management Act 2004. All Devon District Councils had agreed, in principle, to a request from Devon County Council to deliver on-street parking enforcement, the responsibility for which was relinquished by the Police in March 2008. This Council's agreement was subject to there being no additional costs incurred as a result of these additional duties.

Members were advised that the 'go live' date with Civil Parking Enforcement across Devon would be 5 May 2008. Details of the proposed new staffing structure to facilitate this work were included within the report. Any financial surplus as a result 'On-Street Civil Parking Enforcement' operation would be paid to Devon County Council for re-investment, with the County Council compensating for any deficit.

Members noted the details of the additional arrangements to be in place by 5 May, including staffing, training, a new appeals procedure policy, new car park signage to meet the new legislation and preparation of press releases. The Council's priority was to ensure that the level of service provided for off-street parking remained at the existing level. There would be a 'bedding-in' period and only cautions would be given during the initial change-over. The arrangements would be reviewed by the partnership after a period of operation.

The Leader recognized the care that had been taken to get the new arrangements in place. She hoped that the use of Council car parks could be encouraged and acknowledged the importance of keeping traffic moving within our towns.

Currently the Council allowed the public to purchase a £5 ticket within one hour of the expiry time of the parking ticket where they had over-stayed their allowed ticket time in an off-street car park which would result in the Penalty Charge Notice issued being cancelled. Legal advise was that as the new parking penalty arrangements were restricted by the new legislation to a set menu of penalty charges, the £5 arrangement could not continue unless specific consent was obtained from the Government for this arrangement. Members felt strongly that this consent should be sought.

**\*212 Civil Parking Enforcement – Progress report (cont)..****RESOLVED**

- (1) that the Council's current position regarding the potential delivery of on-street car parking enforcement be noted,
- (2) that the application of the higher charging band to Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued for off-street parking contraventions under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004 be endorsed and it be noted these charges are consistent with those applied by Devon County Council for on-street parking.
- (3) that application be made to the Secretary of State for consent to retain, beyond 5 May 2008, the existing EDDC arrangement whereby vehicles that have over-stayed their allowed ticket time in an off-street car park can purchase a £5 ticket within one hour of the expiry time of the parking ticket resulting in the Penalty Charge Notice being cancelled,
- (4) that the new staffing structure for Car Park Enforcement be approved,
- (5) that the Council enters into a memorandum of participation or similar to join the Joint Committee Agreement to enable it to become part of the Traffic Penalty Tribunal (formerly the National Parking Advisory Scheme) which deals with adjudications on Fixed Penalty Notices and that the Portfolio Holder (Economy) or such other person as the Council may from time to time appoint be its representative on that committee.
- (6) that the Head of Streetscene be given delegated authority to carry out the Council's statutory functions under the Traffic Management Act 2004
- (7) that the Chief Executive or his nominated deputy be the Council's representative on the County Parking Board.

**\*213 Results of the Public Consultation on Street Trading on the Esplanade and Promenade at Sidmouth.**

At the meeting of the Executive Board held on 26 March 2008, Members had requested the results of the public consultation into the possible designation of the Esplanade and Promenade, Sidmouth, as a consent street for street trading under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 to take place, with the results being referred back to the Board. The Board now considered the report of the Senior Licensing Officer setting out the results of the public consultation. The outcome of the consultation showed that the majority of public supported the retention of the designation of the Esplanade and Promenade as a prohibited street.

The report advised that genuine pedlars (that is traders who are mobile and who are able to move their stalls regularly) and those providing services cannot be prohibited from operating in the area whether or not it was a designated street. If trading was prohibited, the Council and police would need to enforce this decision to prevent illegal trading. It was suggested that allowing the Esplanade and Promenade to become a 'consent street' would mean that it would be easier to control the rogue traders and pedlars and keep certain parts of the Esplanade clear of any traders for use by dancers/performers. Members were advised that a charge could be made to traders.

\*213 **Results of the Public Consultation on Street Trading on the Esplanade and Promenade at Sidmouth (cont)...**

Members discussed whether it was appropriate to restrict the consent to Folk Week only or whether this approach would be too inhibiting.

- RESOLVED**
- (1) that the results of the public consultation undertaken in respect of the possible designation of the Esplanade and Promenade, Sidmouth as a consent street for street trading under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 be noted,
  - (2) that the Chief Executive advertises notice of intention to pass a resolution at a future meeting of the Executive Board, effectively changing the street designation from 'prohibited' to 'consent' and to serve a copy of the notice on the Chief Officer of Police and on the Highway Authority, in time for this being in place before this year's Sidmouth Folk Festival.

\*214 **Control of seagulls and pigeons**

Members considered the report of the Environmental Health Manager (Environmental Protection) setting out a review of the options for the control of seagulls and pigeons in East Devon Towns in response to numerous complaints. This problem had been discussed in depth previously. In March 2006 the Board agreed to take no further action at that time but to review the situation in two years.

Members considered the various costed options set out in the report.

- RESOLVED** that as there was no proof that seagull and pigeon populations could be effectively controlled by the methods outlined in the report, the Board agreed that none be pursued and would rely on the introduction of lidded bins and gull sacks, which were being rolled out as part of the recycling and refuse initiative, as having the greatest potential for control.

\*215 **Exclusion of the Public**

- RESOLVED** that under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting as exempt information, is likely to be disclosed and on balance the public interest is in discussing the items in private session (Part B).

\*216 **Seaton Regeneration Project, Development at the Underfleet and Harbour Road, Seaton.**

At its meeting in January, the Board had resolved that Sainsburys be advised of the Council's decision to allow them 2 months to prepare their case for the proposed development in Seaton whilst the Council continued to negotiate with Tesco in respect of the redevelopment of land at The Underfleet and Harbour Road, Seaton. Members were now advised that Sainsbury's had made a presentation to Members and had submitted material in support of a proposed supermarket development. Members also noted the advice of the District Valuer to achieve the best possible return for the development of the area.

- RESOLVED**
- (1) that the Council continues to negotiate with Tesco in respect of the redevelopment of land at the Underfleet and Harbour Road, and that any decision on an exclusivity agreement will be taken when the planning position has become clearer,

\*216 **Seaton Regeneration Project, Development at the Underfleet and Harbour Road, Seaton (cont)..**

- (2) that officers be authorised to continue negotiations with Sainsbury's on the planning and property implications of their redevelopment proposals on the explicit understanding that if the Council was to resolve to bring forward land at the Underfleet for the development of a supermarket on its land it would be done on the basis of a full marketing exercise.

\*217 **Land at Harepath Road, Seaton**

Members considered the report of Karime Hassan, Corporate Director setting out a proposal to increase employment and recreation land in Seaton.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the preparation and submission of an Outline Planning Application on land identified in East Devon Local Plan Policy LSE2 and a 2.5 hectare extension be authorised to provide employment land and outdoor recreational facilities at Harepath Road, Seaton,
- (2) that the identification of potential commercial partners and negotiations with them be authorised to establish the scope for a Joint Venture partnership approach to the delivery of the extended mixed use development site at Harepath Road Seaton,
- (3) that the commencement of negotiations on the acquisition by the Council of the development land referred to in this report be authorised. The progress of these negotiations and the financial and legal implications that flow from them to be the subject of a further more fully detailed report to the Executive Board,
- (4) that a grant (as detailed in the report) be made available to Seaton Development Trust to enable it to commission research into the demand for employment land and buildings in Seaton, conditional upon the specification of and funding for this work being formally agreed by Devon Renaissance and subject to their contract monitoring arrangements.

\*218 **Riverside Workshop, Seaton**

Members considered the report of Karime Hassan, Corporate Director setting out a proposal to relocate the Riverside Workshops and compounds to facilitate future growth and redevelopment of the easterly section of the Seaton Regeneration Area.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the commencement of negotiations on the disposal of the Riverside Workshops to Axe Riverside Ltd., be authorised to facilitate the realisation of proposals for the comprehensive redevelopment of the most easterly portion of the Seaton Regeneration Area.
- (2) that negotiations with Axe Riverside Ltd., the owners of the former Racal factory, for release of restrictive covenants, be authorised to the benefit of the Council, in relation to the future redevelopment of this property.

Chairman ..... Date.....