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The Environmental and Cultural Services Portfolio Holder

Date

Dear Councillor

#### REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT TO URGENT ACTION UNDER EXECUTIVE PROCEDURE RULES

I enclose two copies of the standard urgent action form and should be grateful for your agreement to action required urgently in the circumstances set out below. Please contact me if you require further information.

Portfolio: Regeneration
Date of next Executive meeting: 23rd May 2006
<p>Action proposed:</p> <p>To agree to use the attached select list of tenderers in order to procure a consultant Project Manager to oversee the development of the Coastal Fringe scheme and to aid procurement of a detailed design team. This action requires approval under CSO 7.10 and also seeks suspension of CSO 8.2.</p> <p>The list is based on specialist consultants who have been through a public procurement process with English Partnerships and West Lakes Renaissance and have been approved by both bodies as having the relevant skills to be able to undertake this form of work.</p> <p>Financial/Resource Implications:</p> <p>The cost of the project for appointing the consultants is not known at this time but the funding offer that is being offered to the council to support consultants work to develop the scheme totals £214,575 which is to be fully funded through English Partnerships. It is estimated that the cost will be in the region of £100,000 for appointment of the Project Manager.</p> <p>The project will be overseen by the Community Renewal Manager/English Partnerships linked to the Whitehaven Coastal Fringe Task Group.</p> <p>The Executive agreed on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006 to the development of the Coastal Fringe.</p>
<p>Background information:</p> <p>English Partnerships identified the Haig Colliery site as a priority site for investment and has subsequently allocated £4,088,000 to the site. The Council are the main land owners of the site and are</p>

seeking to acquire the full site on the basis subsequently transferring the site over to the Land Restoration Trust for long term management of the site in partnership with the National Trust.

The reason for using already approved consultants is to streamline the process as time would be lost in seeking initial expressions of interest which could jeopardise the Council delivering the programme within the current timeframe identified by English Partnerships.

The consultants identified have local bases within the area or are currently operating within Copeland therefore the benefits are still to local companies which have a presence within Copeland.

Reason(s) for urgency:

English Partnerships have agreed to fetch forward the investment programme for Whitehaven Coastal Fringe on the basis that the scheme is developed quickly over the next few months.

In order to undertake this it is crucial that the Council appoint a Project Manager to work on behalf of the Council and English Partnerships to drive forward the programme in order to be able to develop the detailed scheme and to give English Partnerships the confidence that we are able to achieve the investment required. The implications of not delivering the programme of development over the next few months is that the funding may be reallocated to 2012 as indicated in the letter attached from English Partnerships.

Comments of Head of Business and Finance:

Funding in place through English Partnerships. Limited implications on cash flow.

Signature:

S. C. Bowick.

Comments of Head of Legal and Democratic Services:

Agreed that this is a legitimate use of the provisions of Council Standing Orders

Signature:

M. J. J. J.

Comments of other officers consulted:

Signature(s):

Comments of Overview and Scrutiny Chairman:

I need to sign because of urgency for grant purposes.

Signature:

Rev. B. Connolly

Please indicate your views in the box below and return one copy to me as soon practicable.

Yours sincerely

(Business Unit Manager/Chief Executive/Director)

I agree\*/disagree\* with the action proposed

Comments:

Signed: 

Date: 25/4/06

Cllr (insert name)

ALLAN HOLLIDAY

\*Please delete as appropriate

Note 1.

A copy of the completed form should be kept on the project file and the original taken to Secretariat

Note 2.

Date taken to Secretariat:

31/5/06

Initials

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This form and action taken must be reported to the next meeting of the Executive.

Date reported to Executive:

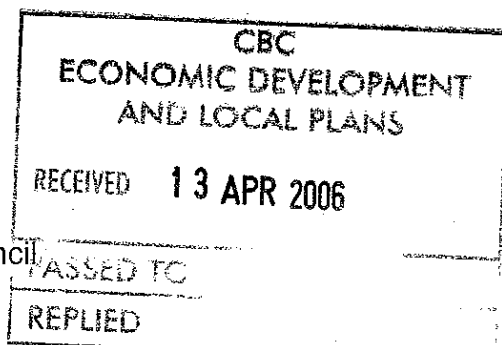
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Day

12 April 2006

Brian Kirkbride  
Copeland Borough Council  
The Copeland Centre  
Catherine Street  
Whitehaven  
Cumbria  
CA28 7SJ



Your Ref:  
Our Ref: NW/Haig

Dear Brian

**Re. Haig Colliery National Coalfields Programme**

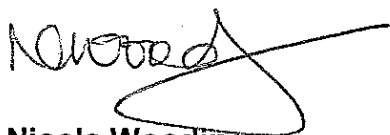
Further to my letter dated 5 May 2005 to Cllr. Allan Holliday, I can reconfirm that English Partnerships has approved £4.08m of investment to secure the reclamation and regeneration of Haig Colliery, including works to the Haig Mining Museum.

As per our discussions and as recently approved by Copeland Borough Council's Executive on 14 March 2006, the Council will be responsible for the delivery of the Haig Colliery scheme, which includes responsibility for the procurement of consultants and a contractor. The funding approval includes an allocation for a Project Manager that needs to be procured by Copeland Borough Council in May 2006, subject to agreement by English Partnerships.

As Neil Mortimer discussed with Cllr. Henry Wormstrup on Friday, 7 April 2006, it is of critical importance that Copeland Borough Council maximise the current window of opportunity within the National Coalfields Programme to move this project forward. Failure to make significant progress with this project will result in the project being put on hold until the end of National Coalfields Programme in 2012.

I will be forwarding a formal funding offer letter to Copeland Borough Council within the next week that will detail the amount of funding allocated to each element of the scheme.

Yours sincerely



**Nicola Wooding**  
Assistant Manager, National Programmes

## PROJECT MANAGER TENDER LIST

White Young Green	-	On West Lakes Renaissance approved list
Royal Haskoning	-	On West Lakes Renaissance approved list
Gleeds	-	On English Partnerships approved list
Turner and Townsend	-	On English Partnerships approved list