

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....15th June 2006

1. Title of Item/Report

Regeneration of Billingham Town Centre - Demolition of Forum House and the former La Ronde Nightclub

2. Record of the Decision

consideration was given to approval for the release of additional capital resource for the demolition of two derelict buildings in Billingham Town Centre, namely Forum House and La Ronde nightclub as the precursor to the redevelopment of Billingham Town Centre.

It was noted that since the preparation of the report, and following more extensive investigations on site, the outcome of the asbestos survey had revealed the need for more works to be done to remove the asbestos discovered in the building. The cost of these works was an extra £102,470, resulting in a revised total expenditure of £538,320 for the necessary demolition works. This would be drawn down from the existing £1.7M funding set aside for the development works within Billingham Town Centre.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1). The content of the report, and the updated financial works required regarding the necessary asbestos works, be noted.
- 2). Cabinet approve the revised total expenditure of £538,320 for the works and approve the use of additional Capital resources of £151,021 to be drawn down from the £1 million Capital Resource to facilitate the redevelopment of Billingham Town Centre.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The demolition of Forum House and La Ronde contributes to the Council's plan for the regeneration of Billingham Town Centre by removing two prominent visually detractive buildings and the potential risk to public health and safety arising out of the deteriorating condition of the buildings.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

By no later than midnight on Friday 23rd June 2006

Proper Officer  
06 July 2006