



**REGENERATION, STRATEGIC
PLANNING AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT PORTFOLIO**

**URGENT
REPORT TO
Leader of the Council
Councillor T Fox**

21 December 2007

	Key Decision	YES
	Forward Plan Ref No	
Corporate Priority Top priority of Aim Two 'Encouraging Economic Growth and Job Creation	Cabinet Portfolio Holder	Councillor D. J Bastiman

REPORT OF: Head of Regeneration Services – HRgn/07/44

WARDS AFFECTED: Directly – Streonshalh

Indirectly – All Wards in Whitby

SUBJECT: Green Lane Neighbourhood Centre

RECOMMENDATION (S):

To approve that the Council:

- (i) accept additional grant of £65,000 from Yorkshire Forward
- (ii) accept additional grant of £26,350 from the European Regional Development Fund, and
- (iii) approve a sum of £26,350 from the Capital Contingency fund as match funding for a £26,350 grant uplift from European Regional Development Fund.

REASON FOR DECISION:

To accept the funding offered to allow the capital build to be completed with in the present budget.

On 19 September 2006 Cabinet approved entry into funding agreements to fund Green Lane Neighbourhood Centre, Whitby.. The funding budget was believed to have been increased by the addition of an amount of £89,945 granted to Whitby Voluntary Action however it was subsequently identified that Yorkshire Forward had already included this amount in its offer of funding to Scarborough Borough Council and the amount had been double counted. There is a consequent short fall in funding for the project. Yorkshire Forward have agreed to increase their contribution by £65,000 and the European Regional Development Fund ("ERDF") have agreed to provide £26,350 on condition that this sum receives match funding. Authority is sought to provide match funding for the sum. This will provide sufficient funding to replace the shortfall and provide a contingency of £6,000.

As the ERDF financial year end on the 31st December to allow us to obtain the uplift a decision must be made by ERDF no later than Friday 21st December 2007.

Reason for the decision being urgent (Para 1.4 of the individual Cabinet Member Delegation Scheme and Para 15 of the access to informal rules within the Constitution).

The ERDF funding will not be available unless accepted prior to 31 December 2007 leading to a shortfall in funding on the scheme.

HIGHLIGHTED RISKS:

If the funding is not accepted the whole cost of the capital shortfall of £53700 will be required.



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Background Papers: Previous reports