

Appendix 1

Review of Festivals - 2007

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2	Market traders be sent individual written notice to their home or trading address as far in advance as possible stating whether their pitch would be affected and if they would need to be moved or suspended and, notices should be displayed (on an earlier market day when possible) informing people shopping at the market whether their regular stall(s) would be standing or relocated on that market day.	Head of Culture - obtaining relevant SIRF programme information Town Centre Manager - ensuring distribution	June 08 and ongoing	The Artistic and Technical Production contractor failed to produce sufficiently detailed layout plans within the agreed timescale for SIRF 08. Anticipated plans were supplied within agreed timescales but this was not sufficient for some stall holders. Discussions are ongoing with Town Centre Manager and staff. (Action ongoing)	Update remains as before. Progress ahead of SIRF 09 will be outlined in future updates.	Update remains as before. Progress ahead of SIRF 09 will be outlined in future updates	3	3	3
(2 cont)		Town Centre Manager	In advance of SIRF 2008 and ongoing	Council Market Officers will work with the stallholders to prepare such notices where the stallholders are willing to display them.			2	2	2

Review of River Based Leisure Facilities –2008

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1c)	to co-ordinate the diverse nature of water based activities on the river and develop a sustainable method of developing this sector, including a detailed review of the capacity of all water sports facilities, having regard to the potential relocation of facilities as part of the North Shore scheme;	Beccy Brown	30-Jun-08	Work to improve the co-ordination of activities on the river is being pursued through 3 channels:		1	1
		Beccy Brown	Inaugural meeting 21 July 08 + regularly thereafter	(2) The River Users Group (RUG) The River Users Group (RUG) has been established by SBC and involves all key users of the river and the river environs. The group was	The RUG and it's working groups have gone from strength to strength. The groups are well attended and have make solid progress as evidenced	2	2

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				<p>launched at a well attended and lively event on the Teesside Princess in July. The RUG will meet two or three times a year to share information, promote the river and to agree the overall strategy for the river development work. It will also monitor the work of the 4 working groups that it established to actually deliver development change on the river.</p> <p>The 4 working groups are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The River Marketing Group (see Action 1h below) • The River Stewardship Group (see Action 6 below) • The Development and Access group (see Action 4 below) • The Co-ordination of Activities on the River. (see (3) below) <p>Note that neither the RUG nor the working groups have been formally constituted nor has an organisation or brand been</p>	<p>in actions 1h, 4 and 6 below. The next full meeting of RUG is scheduled to take place in June. The RUG and the working groups have been supplemented by a steering group to oversee their work as the likely transfer date to the Tees River Trust is now 12 -18 months away (see 1e below). The work of the co-ordination of activities on the river group has been absorbed into the marketing group as the meeting of river users at the marketing group has proved to be an adequate meeting of users to ensure improved co-ordination by itself. The current arrangements are set out in the attached diagram.</p>		

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				<p>established, this reflects the medium term plan for this co-ordinating role to be taken over by the Tees River Trust. (see action 1e below)</p>			
				<p>(3) “The Co-ordination of activities on the river” Working Group</p> <p>This working group is providing a specific forum to resolve regular timetable issues and to co-ordinate river based events.</p> <p>In addition to the three general strands of work specific support is being provided to The River Tees Water sports Centre who are undertaking a governance review and are facing issues associated with the capacity of the club.</p>	<p>This work has been absorbed into the marketing group remit (see above).</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>1</p>

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1d)	to explore options to maximise the funding available for the staging of major events linked to river based activities including development of an annual Stockton regatta in conjunction with partners including the University of Durham;	SMI, SBC, ONE, British Waterways and Tees Active	Summer 2008 – Summer 2010	<p>Two types of major river based event are being pursued:</p> <p>1. A major national professional sporting event on the river</p> <p>The primary aim of the National event will be to raise the national and international profile of the river and of Stockton on Tees as a “river” town.</p> <p>The aim is to increase participation and coverage of the SMI Triathlon. Building on the successful event in 2008 with the aim of qualifying for a British Grand Prix, Elite or National ranking event by summer 2010.</p> <p>The profile and coverage of the national Jet Skiing championships will be increased in 2009.</p> <p>Pre-Olympic opportunities to use the extended white water course for major national events are also being explored by ONE, SMI, SBC and British</p>	<p>. Planning for the 2009 SMI Triathlon is being led by the Sports Development team. The event which will take place on 30th August 2009 is being promoted heavily and will be highlighted during the Take To The Tees festival in the week running up to the triathlon.</p> <p>The national Jet Ski championships took place on 2nd and 3rd of May. They were promoted by the SMI PR team as the heart of a great deal of activity on the Tees for May bank holiday weekend. The weekend also hosted a charity dragonboat race at the River Tees Watersports Centre and the Tees Barrage 10k run. The</p>	2	2

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				Waterways. Opportunities to increase University usage are being explored.	events received extensive media coverage. Pre-Olympic opportunities for the extended white water course are still under discussion and national university events in rowing are under consideration.		
		Beccy Brown	May 2009 New target date for River Week is August 2009	2. A mass participation river event The "River Week" festival is being planned to raise the local profile of the river and to increase usage of it as a resource within the Borough. A week of river related activities starting with a major river procession (the water equivalent of a fly-past with commentary) followed by free taster sessions offered by all river users. The week will continue with river related activities culminating in an awards ceremony for a major photographic competition "Our Beautiful Tees" Joe Cornish	Plans for the river festival now know as "Take To The Tees" are well advanced. The event which will take place from 22nd - 28th August 2009 was successfully launched last week, gaining good television, radio and newspaper coverage. Approx 150 vessels have been confirmed for the opening flotilla and 1,500 free taster sessions have been secured for the week, these include rowing,	2	2

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				<p>has agreed to judge the competition and an Olympic rower has agreed to cut the ribbon across the Tees to launch the opening flotilla. The event is planned to be a major event for the area and to bring the river to life for the towns within the Borough. Connections will be made with community groups and significant points within the Borough which will last beyond the event itself. Work is currently focussed on securing a corporate sponsor and on timetabling the water based activities and open air show. The event will now take place in August 2009 to avoid as far as possible a clash with the development work at the White Water Course. The new date also dovetails with the Triathlon which will take place on the Sunday at the end of the week</p>	<p>dragon-boating, sailing, jet skiing, power-boating, fishing, guided walks and rides and wheeley boat sessions for wheel chair users. All clubs and associations are giving their time and equipment free of charge and are providing a huge level of support to the event. The open air show which supports the event is proving to be popular with a strong take up of available exhibition and retail space. Work is still ongoing to secure a main sponsor for the event.</p>		

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1e)	to support the development of the 'Tees River Trust';	Beccy Brown	Ongoing	<p>The exact structure and role of the proposed Trust (TRT) are still under development. The TRT will be an independent charity – SBC are providing support to the founding group.</p> <p>Many aspects of the river development work included in this action plan can be handed over to the TRT as a successor organisation once initiatives have been given a kick start and the TRT has been established.</p>	<p>The Tees River Trust has been incorporated and is in the final stages of charity registration. A strong board of directors has been established.</p> <p>However operational work has been delayed due to the withdrawal of funding from sponsors due to financial difficulties. Alternative sources of funding are being explored.</p> <p>It is still anticipated that many aspects of the river development work will be handed over to the TRT in due course.</p>	2	2
1f)	developing the Council's relationship with managers of the Tees Barrage White Water Course to assist it in developing its	Beccy Brown SMI / British Waterways	Ongoing Summer 2009	<p>Positive relationship developed with the managers of the Tees Barrage, SMI and British Waterways.</p> <p>A joint SMI and British Waterways team are progressing work on the WWC development. Tenders are</p>	<p>The close working relationship between SBC, SMI, British Waterways and the Tees Barrage White Water Course managers continues.</p> <p>The joint SMI / British Waterways team</p>	2 2 2	2 2 2

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	full potential;	Beccy Brown	Ongoing	<p>being evaluated and the intention is still to carry out the extension work in 2009.</p> <p>Work is also underway on the operational arrangements for the extended course. Positive discussions are being held to ensure that arrangements are in place in time to maximise the full potential of the new course.</p>	<p>continue to lead work on the WWC development. It is anticipated that work will begin soon with an estimated build time of 6 months. Operational responsibility for the WWC has been awarded to Tees Active Ltd (TAL). TAL assumed responsibility on 1 April 2009. TAL management are developing plans to ensure that the expanded centre operates to its full potential.</p>		
1g)	to undertake a feasibility study for a more regular water borne transport service, and to explore funding streams to achieve this, (including the	Beccy Brown	Spring 2009	<p>Initial contacts have been made with a river taxi service in London and in Spalding Lincs. to understand the business model.</p> <p>Meetings have been held with British Waterways to understand the failure of the taxi service in Leeds.</p>	<p>The outcome of the desktop work and background investigations indicated that there were insufficient traffic flows and destination points to warrant a paid for feasibility study. An alternative approach is</p>	2	3

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	Local Transport Plan);			<p>Discussions held with EMDA to review the unsuccessful bid for a water taxi service in Nottingham.</p> <p>If appropriate a feasibility study will be commissioned to review the potential in Stockton however further background investigations will be completed first.</p>	<p>under investigation which would actually trial a water taxi service on a route between Ingleby Barwick and Preston Park during the summer holidays. Discussions are underway between land-owners, boat providers and operators and British Waterways to offer a low cost 4 minute service across the river for a trial period in summer 2009. If the trail can be achieved the plan would then be to assess its success and to use the experience to consider future longer term options.</p>		
1h)	to develop a marketing and communication s strategy to promote and market the river at the local,	Beccy Brown and Kay Wilson (SMI)	September 2008	A River Tees Marketing and Communications Strategy has been produced and adopted by the River Marketing Group.	A River Tees Marketing and Communications Strategy has been produced and adopted by the River Marketing Group.	1	1

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	<p>regional, national and international level, working with Visit Tees Valley where appropriate. This should include work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to increase engagement with the local community - to engage with local business to promote the river-based opportunities available - to develop a central hub of information including a website and a comprehensive information 	<p>Beccy Brown</p> <p>Beccy Brown</p> <p>Neil Russell</p>	<p>September 2009</p> <p>September 2008</p> <p>September 2009</p>	<p>Work is ongoing to identify a business partner to sponsor the river marketing work and the "River Week" event (see below)</p> <p>Development work is ongoing on the web-site www.rivertees.org.uk The test site design will be demonstrated at the committee meeting. The site will be launched in January 2009. Work has taken longer than planned due to IT workload issues.</p> <p>Work is underway to produce a schools information pack and hold a schools launch day at the river. This work is being undertaken in conjunction with the development of the website. The schools pack will be made available via the web-site.</p>	<p>Work is still ongoing to find a business partner to sponsor river activities.</p> <p>The river tees website www.rivertees.org.uk is complete and a launch event for the site is planned for April. The site will be demonstrated at the committee meeting.</p> <p>Work is underway to produce a schools information pack and hold a schools launch day at the river. This work is being led by the sports development team. The schools pack will be made available via the web-site.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>2</p>	<p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>2</p>

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	pack for users, including for schools use						
	<p>'- with Tees Active and Sports Development to raise the profile of water sports (including angling) as a sporting option for the people of the Borough and to ensure this is built into service planning</p> <p>'- with CESC, governors and head teachers to ensure that the educational and sporting opportunities for children and young people are fully</p>	<p>Beccy Brown & Heads of Service</p> <p>Beccy Brown</p>	<p>December 2008 & March 2009</p> <p>March 2009</p>	<p>Reviews of service plans will be undertaken to ensure that river based activities are included. Revised improvement priorities will be agreed and published in March 2009.</p> <p>CESC are closely involved in the plans to increase schools usage of the river. Direct discussions are also taking place with schools and river related opportunities for schools will be promoted through the schools pack (see above)</p>	<p>The RUG work has now been taken on by representatives of appropriate departments within the council. Ongoing work has been built into service plans and the work will be lead by the Director of Neighbourhood and Development Services.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p>

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	promoted to schools within the Borough;						
2	Cabinet endorse the Committee's expectations regarding quality of development, access to and interaction with the adjacent water space and ensure that these are included within the various development and regeneration projects in place, in particular: - within the North Shore master plan and the	Beccy Brown	Ongoing	<p>Initial positive meetings held with TVR re. North Shore Development, Reuben Kench re. Preston Park developments and the development team looking at plans for Bowesfield North.</p> <p>Ongoing dialogue is continuing to ensure that consideration of the river within these plans is included in a way which forms a part of a cohesive plan for the river.</p> <p>The RUG – Development and Access Group is working on a statement outlining generic planning and development guidelines for any proposed developments within the River Tees Park. This document is initially designed to be used by the group to help it provide timely opinions on individual</p>	The RUG Development and Access group have established a process for providing a co-ordinated river users opinion on planning applications and proposed developments. The group also continues to work on a framework to provide guidance for development in the river corridor.	2	2

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	<p>planning application itself; - within the final plans for re-development of Preston Park, recognising its importance as a gateway location;</p>			<p>planning applications. However discussions are also ongoing with Planning Services to investigate whether the guidelines can be used as part of the evidence base to influence future planning policy within the emerging Local Development Framework.</p>			
3	<p>The Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services explore with partners, including HM Revenue and Customs, concerns surrounding business rates, mooring charges and rents for river-based businesses in Stockton</p>	Beccy Brown	Spring 2009	<p>Initial fact finding meetings held with river based businesses & investigation of mooring charges in other areas. Initial findings indicate that Stockton charges are comparable.</p>	<p>The review of mooring charges is complete and it has been concluded that no further work is required as charges are in line with those in comparable locations.</p>	2	1

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	Borough compared to other locations;						
4	The Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services so far as is possible and practical ensures that access to the river is maintained and improved where possible through the LDF process and individual planning applications themselves;	Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services	Ongoing	Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services ensures that river access is included within the consideration of planning applications.	Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services ensures that river access is included within the consideration of planning applications.	2	2

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5	Ensure that the opportunities for the Borough in relation to the period leading up to the 2012 Olympic Games (and future international sporting events such as Glasgow 2014) are maximised through work with regional partners in particular ONE- in particular the opportunities to host a range of associated events;	British Waterways & SMI	ongoing	Support is being provided to the White Water Course by SMI, British Waterways and ONE in developing the Olympic Pre Games offer.	Support continues to be provided to the White Water Course by SMI, British Waterways and ONE in developing the Olympic Pre Games offer.	2	2

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6	The Head of Community Protection be tasked with collating accurate and reliable data relating to river-related crime and anti-social behaviour, and to explore how best to ensure that river users are aware of the correct reporting mechanisms;	Beccy Brown	July 2008	Safety and security reporting has been included within the remit of the River Stewardship group. Improvements in the accuracy of reporting and collating data will be addressed as well as action to reduce the problem.	The river Stewardship group have an ongoing work programme to improve the reporting and collation of data. Agreement on initial reporting arrangements has been reached and work will continue to make longer term improvements in this area.	1	1
		Beccy Brown	September 2008	Information on correct reporting mechanisms is included in the web-site which will be launched in January 2009.		3	1
7	SBC and partners including British Waterways to ensure that all reasonable efforts are being made to ensure that the river remains safe, navigable and clean,	Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services	Spring 2009	HMS Kellington has been secured and detailed action plan for its safe removal is being prepared.	The operation to dismantle and remove the Kellington was accelerated due to increased risks associated with the stability of the vessel. Work began in mid April, removal should take approx. 6 - 8 weeks. The river Stewardship	2	2
		Beccy Brown	Ongoing	The River Stewardship group is monitoring cleanliness of river and riverside and is forming a joint action force to deal with removal and clean		2	2

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	<p>including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the expedient removal of HMS Kellington from Stockton riverside - the efficient removal of debris and obstructions in the river itself - the cleanliness of the immediate riverside environment including footpaths; 			up issues.	group has agreed an action plan to tackle river cleanliness. The first of a series of clean-up campaigns with public participation took place last week in the Teesdale canal areas. Work is now being planned for the Leven/Tees corner. A joint Stewardship plan is being developed with the probation service to utilise labour 2 days per week.		
8	Executive Scrutiny Committee be requested to include a review of issues surrounding the tourist	Executive Scrutiny Committee and appropriate Select Committee	Feb-09	PICK form completed and request lodged with Scrutiny Team	The review request has been considered as part of the work programme setting process, however it has not been prioritised.	2	1

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	promotion of the Borough within the scrutiny work programme.						