

Progress Update – Review of River Based Leisure Facilities

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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>The Stockton Regatta event organised by Tees Rowing Club in 2009 gained exposure through connectivity with the Spring Infinity Festival, it is hoped that the event can build on this for 2010.</p> <p>The 2010 annual events calendar for Stockton again aims to make the link between the Infinity Spring Festival and the Tees Regatta in conjunction with a Tees Barrage 10k road race in order to create a weekend long event for the 1st – 3rd May 2010. Tees Regatta organisers aim to draw links between local businesses to further raise the profile of the event. Further events scheduled to take place on the Tees in 2010 include Take To The Tees 2010, Bell Boat Regatta, Yarm Bell Boat Regatta, Dragon Boat Racing, together with SIRF taking place at a Riverside location.</p>	2 - On Track	<p>Take To The Tees 2010 to be staged in August will take a greater role within the SBC events calendar.</p> <p>Improvements works to Preston Park will see the Stockton Summer Show relocated to the Tees Barrage and incorporated into the Take To The Tees Event, which will again feature the excellent facilities and activities available along this stretch of the Tees.</p> <p>The event will also include the Tees River Rat Race an urban adventure race set against the River Tees which includes many water and shore based activities along its course. This event will be screened on Channel 4 ensuring a national level profile for the river environment and the Borough.</p>	2 - On Track

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1e)	to support the development of the 'Tees River Trust';	Beccy Brown Matthew Kirk	Ongoing	Alan Slater representative of the Tees River Trust is currently Chair of both the Stewardship and Marketing sub groups of the overall RUG Structure therefore the organisation has been well incorporated with other key statutory partners and is playing a key role in driving a range of agenda items. In addition the Trust has successfully secured funding from the Environment Agency to support the employment of a project officer.	2 - On Track	The new Tees River Trust Project Officer is in post. Discussions are underway with Ben Lamb to review how best to engage within the RUG structure. With an officer now in post talks will look to increase the delivery involvement of the Tees River Trust in the Borough.	2 - On Track
1f)	developing the Council's relationship with managers of the Tees Barrage White Water Course to assist it in developing its full potential;	Beccy Brown Matthew Kirk SMI / British Waterways Beccy Brown Matthew Kirk	Ongoing Summer 2009 Ongoing	The close working relationship between SBC, SMI, British Waterways and the Tees Barrage White Water Course managers has continued. All organisations are now playing a key role on the RUG steering group. Work on the White Water Course commenced 15th February; a 32 week build programme is in place with completion due on the 20th September. A TAL Manager is not yet in place to manage the watercourse, the recruitment	2 - On Track 3 - Slipped 2- On Track	A structural reorganisation by British waterways has seen new relationships develop with British Waterways Regional officers. As a result the RUG structure now has representation from Regeneration and Marketing departments of British Waterways. TAL will manage the white water course facility which will be under lease from British Waterways to SBC and therefore the local authority will have a close working arrangement with the operators and users of the course, maximising its potential	2 – On Track

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1g)	to undertake a feasibility study for a more regular water borne transport service, and to explore funding streams to achieve this, (including the Local Transport Plan);	Becy Brown Matthew Kirk	Spring 2009	<p>A review of the Ingleby Barwick to Preston Park river taxi route will take place in 2010. There are access issues to be resolved linked to development and land ownership issues on the Ingleby Barwick side of the river.</p> <p>Support has been given to Grail PR who are currently undertaking a feasibility study for a private river taxi service across the Clyde in Glasgow. A current service that is in place is due to end in March 2010 co-operation offers the opportunity to learn and gain valuable information that may inform future developments for the Tees. There will be more scope for a river taxi concept in the long term upon completion of the North Shore development at which point a full feasibility study would be more appropriate.</p>	3 - Slipped	<p>The British Waterways Mooring Team are currently considering undertaking a mooring feasibility study on the Tees which if match funded could be rolled out to include identifying wider water-based business opportunities. In addition the British Waterways Trade Manager is visiting the Tees on the 15th July to review the commercial opportunities available. The option of a River Taxi Service has been put forward, with the option discussed within the RUG Development & access Group attended by British waterways Regeneration Manager for the area. Discussions have also included the Environment Agency who have commissioned similar feasibility studies in other parts of the country.</p>	2 - On Track

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		Neil Russell	September 2009			Early discussions are underway with a local company around a potential commercial leisure/business development at a riverside location. Currently classed as commercially sensitive. General SBC business support is available to river based businesses and specific work is taking place with one key operator	2 – On Track

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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	The white water course is aiming to appoint a canoeing 'champion' who will work alongside SBC, ONE and other agencies to help promote the course and attract events in the run up to 2012, this will gather momentum now a confirmed build timeframe is in place for the improvements to the course.	2 - On Track	Numerous discussions have been held with ONE and the Olympic governing body. A key aim is to attract a world ranking event to the course in May 2011, a delegation from the authority, course designers and a member of the British canoe team will attend the canoeing world championships in Slovenia in September 2010 to promote the course as a training destination to national squads competing at the world championships.	2 – On Track