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Manager: Kevin Pitt

Chair: John Tough

Cllr Keith Dewison (SBC), Kevin Bowler (CS), Cath Coldbeck (VS), Miriam Stanton (PUB), Liz Smith (BS), Ray McCall (CS), Colin Stratton (BS), Joe Maloney (VS), Kenneth Ellis (VS), Geof Harrison (CS), Ged McGuire (CS), Paul Harrison (VS) and Michele Smith (CS)

Advisors/Observers

Sophie Richardson (SBC), Haleem Ghafoor (SBC), Nigel Laws (SBC), Nicola Kelly (SBC), Peter Seller (SBC), Kelly Brown (CS), Christine Blake (CS), Gil Smith Christine Ellis (CS), Jill Hutchinson (CS), Brian Dunn (CS), Pat Blackett (CS)

Apologies

Sue Cash

Carolynne Withers

Roger Black

Jim Sculley

Councillor Barry Woodhouse

CS =	Community Sector
PCT/PUB =	Primary Care Trust/Public Sector
PS =	Private Sector
Stockton Police/PUB =	Stockton Police/Public Sector
SBC/PUB =	Stockton Borough Council/Public Sector
VS =	Voluntary Sector
JS+/PUB =	Job Centre Plus
CPF =	Community Partnership Forum

YA =	Youth Assembly
RC =	Rural Community Sector
BS =	Business Sector
PC =	Parish Council

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1.Introductions and Apologies for Absence Introductions and apologies stated		Noted	SR			Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026
2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on 9th January 2006 Minutes of the last meeting agreed as being an accurate and true record		Noted	SR			Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026
3. Children and Young People Plan Peter Seller from SBC was welcomed to TBP to present the board with information on the Children and Young People Plan. The production of a Children and Young People's Plan is a statutory requirement		Noted Noted				Peter Seller SBC 01642 527043 Peter Seller SBC

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<p>Comments from the Board:</p> <p>What financial support can Head Teachers expect on top of the standard budgets they already receive?</p> <p>Concern was expressed over the number of reports needed to be completed and how these will all be brought together.</p> <p>It states that if the elected TBP member on the Children’s Trust Board can not attend a meeting, then they can send a substitute, but it then goes on to say that the substitute will not have the right to vote.</p>		<p>There is some money within the Local Authority to provide support to schools. There is no new money available at the moment. Looking at reviewing the service and how best the support can be offered.</p> <p>The challenge is down to the agencies to start working closer together.</p> <p>The Children Trust Board is still developing and trying to build a better service and the constitution does need to be reviewed.</p>				<p>Peter Seller SBC 01642 527043</p> <p>Peter Seller SBC 01642 527043</p> <p>Peter Seller SBC 01642 527043</p>

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<p>The Plan is very gender neutral, but nothing is mentioned about the child's relationship with the Father. There is evidence that the relationship with Fathers is very important and the benefits of this should be mentioned specifically in the plan. The Government is currently pushing emphasis on the relationship with the Father.</p> <p>Consultation feedback is on the back of the Plan for members to complete and feedback. PS is quite happy to return to TBP to discuss any issues in the future.</p> <p>TBP have set up their own thematic groups. Once all the feedback and comments are collected, could any information that would specifically effect Northern area please be passed on to the TBP CTB thematic group.</p> <p>KP raised the issue of Post 16 Education within Billingham which was identified as a Key Priority during the visioning day and</p>		<p>Although not all comments can be included in the plan. PS will accept all comments and these will be collated.</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Peter Seller SBC 01642 527043</p> <p>Peter Seller SBC 01642 527043</p> <p>Peter Seller SBC 01642 527043</p>

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asked the board to remit the issue to the Billingham Children’s Trust Board Thematic as a key issue to address in conjunction with the Billingham Learning Network. The Board unanimously agreed this proposal						
<p>4. Billingham Local Action Plan</p> <p>Haleem Ghafoor from SBC and Christine Blake from SRCGA were welcomed to TBP to inform the Board of the Billingham Local Action Plan.</p> <p>As part of the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy. The Neighbourhood Renewal Team has worked alongside SRCGA and undertaken consultation in the Neighbourhood Renewal Areas within Billingham. This included sending out questionnaires and then looking at solutions to solve any problems, which arose.</p> <p>£20,000 has been allocated for the old Neighbourhood Renewal areas of 2004/6</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Haleem Ghafoor SBC 01642 528677</p> <p>Haleem Ghafoor SBC 01642 528677</p> <p>Haleem Ghafoor SBC 01642 528677</p>

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<p>for the Local Action Plan, which has been agreed can be rolled over and spent. It is hoped that TBP will access the money to support the developments of Local Action plan.</p> <p>Comments from the Board:</p> <p>The Board expressed their concerns as they felt that Local Action Plan was too generic and not Billingham focused.</p> <p>It was felt that the data was out of date and that the Neighbourhood Renewal floor targets did not match the priorities raised locally. .</p> <p>SRCGA organised consultations in May 2005 for which there was a huge response. It was felt that a lot of these issues were personal and had been resolved therefore had not been included in the LAP.</p> <p>Local Transport Plan – The Billingham section was not mentioned in the LAP.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Haleem Ghafoor SBC 01642 528677</p> <p>Haleem Ghafoor SBC 01642 528677</p> <p>Haleem Ghafoor SBC 01642 528677</p> <p>Haleem Ghafoor SBC</p>

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<p>HG explained that this document was a 'live' document and had hoped that the board will use the opportunity to enhance the LAP through using its £20k LAP allocation and its Area Partnership allocation of £37,212.</p> <p>It was agreed that HG would re-present the LAP at a future meeting will more local context.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>01642 528677</p> <p>Haleem Ghafoor SBC 01642 528677</p> <p>Haleem Ghafoor SBC 01642 528677</p>
<p>5. Matters Arising a. Town Centre Development</p> <p>Nigel Laws from SBC was welcomed to TBP to present the board with information on Billingham Town Centre.</p> <p>It was reported at the last TBP Meeting on 9th January that in accordance with the lock-out agreement Halladale had been provided with one months notice to address the Council's concerns and prepare revised</p>		<p>Noted</p>				<p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p>

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<p>Is there a declaration that when ICI bought the office block, do they have to return it to its original usage when selling the site.</p> <p>c. Billingham House The residential application for 128 dwellings was refused by the planning committee on the 1st February due to the close proximity of the site to major hazard installation. This planning decision was based on the advice from the HSE, which the Council previously made clear it would consider with the highest regard. Furthermore it is considered that a residential development may jeopardise the potential use of accordance with its allocation in local planning policy guidance.</p> <p>It was considered that the proposal was deficient in terms of open space provision and the layout was unsatisfactory. It is unknown whether Broseley Homes will appeal the decision and whilst it is hoped that a mutually acceptable proposal can be reached with Broseley Homes and the</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	investigate			<p>01642 527565</p> <p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p> <p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p>

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<p>HSE, this now appears unlikely. Stockton Borough Council may now need to serve a dilapidation notice on the owners of the site. It should be stressed however that the existing houses in close proximity to the site are not deemed as being unsafe, and that the likelihood of a major accident occurring is small. However, it would be irresponsible to approve new houses closer to the hazardous site against the advice of the HSE.</p> <p>A residential development has been approved on the site of the former sports ground, at a lower density than originally requested, as it is located within the middle consultation distance (CD) zone where limited low density developments may be approved. In contrast Billingham House is situated within the inner CD zone, where residential development is always opposed.</p>		Noted				Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565

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<p>Comments raised by the Board:</p> <p>A line needs to be drawn on the future of Billingham House. A final decision needs to be made.</p> <p>What is the situation with the PFI bid for the Forum</p>		<p>Noted.</p> <p>An outline PFI bid is to be submitted by late summer. Public consultation will go ahead after the submission of the outline bid. Final submission is due for next year.</p>	<p>NL to investigate</p>			<p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p> <p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p>
<p>6. Thematic Groups Update</p> <p>A timetable has been circulated to all members of TBP. A date must be agreed between TBP thematic groups and confirmed with KP</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>SR to circulate an up to date thematic timetable</p>			<p>Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026</p>

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<p>Safer Stockton Partnership A review of the crime and disorder is due to take place commissioned via the Home Office. One of the main proposals is that the current crime and disorder audit which takes place every three years will no longer be utilised and action plans will be reviewed annually and updated if necessary. At the consultation process at present</p> <p>Community Sector GH attended a Building Stronger Communities event in London ON 02.02.06</p> <p>There is £12,000 left from the Learning Chest which will be rolled over and a training programme is being considered</p> <p>Voluntary Sector</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>A full report to be presented at the next meeting.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>with date to members</p> <p>SR to liaise with GH to arrange</p>			<p>John Tough TBP 07963481941</p> <p>Geoff Harrison 01642 861992</p>

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<p>Billingham Folklore Festival is going well. It will be held 22 – 29 July at the College.</p> <p>Cultural Diversity programme – doing a private project in April to include all primary schools in the Borough</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch has permission from SBC to put signs on Lamp posts around Billingham</p> <p>Billingham Safer Partnership – JT stated that following a report from Eddie Lincoln (the Police Crime Prevention Officer) relating to John Whitehead Park he suggested that a member of the Billingham Safer Partnership should be on the Supporters of John Whitehead Park Group. This would be beneficial from a community Safety aspect and could possible link to funding which would assist.</p> <p>JT will not be attending the next meeting, PH to chair</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>PH to email KB with proposals</p>			<p>Joe Maloney 01642 651060</p> <p>Paul Harrison 01642 864341</p> <p>John Tough TBP 07963481941</p>

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<p>Business Sector More shops have opened in the Town Centre, which is very positive</p> <p>Clenliness of the Town Centre is very poor and the lighting on Rothbury Street and other areas is also poor. Dirt from pigeons is getting worst. Are there no health and safety regulations regarding the amount of dirt from the pigeons?</p> <p>Bede College have two special need students who are looking for some work experience within a business. Both are computer literate and will be available for half a day</p> <p>d. Public Sector On the 31.03.06 the majority of Community Wardens will be replaced by Community Officers, but the funding for these is not available until 2007. KD has wrote a letter to the Evening Gazette and has requested a report from Mike Batty of SBC on the effects this will have on Billingham</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Please contact MS if you are interested</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>SR to raise with SBC</p>			<p>Liz Smith 01642 877864 Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026</p> <p>Miriam Stanton 01642 808285</p> <p>Cllr Keith Dewison 01642 535188</p>

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<p>8. Visioning A report from the Visioning day in January was circulated to all members and goes through the process on the day and what was achieved. It was a very worthwhile day</p> <p>KP has made some recommendations for TBP to agree</p> <p>Referring to Appendix 6 – The funding strategy relates to floor targets which impact upon Billingham fundings are for hitting targets.</p> <p>The SMI application for LEGI funding was not accepted. Need to start thinking outside the box and highlighting the gaps in service provisions and seek suitable funding</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>TBP Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p> <p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p> <p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p> <p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p>

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<p>8. Chairs Report</p> <p>At the area chairs meeting on 20th January it was very thematic focussed. Agreement from all the Chairs was had over the new thematic system created by TBP. TBP will run it as a pilot with the support of the other area boards. A letter has been sent to George Garlick and Bob Gibson. It is hoped this will roll out over the other 3 boards.</p> <p>Louise Allen was the successful candidate for the Billingham Regeneration Manager. She will start her role on 4th April.</p> <p>Short listing has taken place for TBP Managers post and interviews are due to take place week commencing 27th February. JT, MS and Dawn Welsh from SBC will be on the interview panel along with an additional member from TBP. JT has asked GM from the Community Sector to attend. The Chair made an executive decision.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>TBP to send congratulations and welcome to Louise</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>SR</p>			<p>John Tough TBP 01740 644161</p> <p>Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026</p> <p>John Tough TBP 01740 644161</p>

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<p>9. Managers Report</p> <p>KP would like to thank SR from SBC and KB from SRCGA for their help with the visioning day</p> <p>KP undertook a premises review and also organisation of the TBP Thematic groups.</p> <p>KP also gave an interview on Radio Cleveland regarding TBP</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p> <p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p> <p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p>
<p>10. Any Other Business</p> <p>Billingham Carnival Current organiser is retiring. GH suggested that TBP took over the running of this event. It is a very important event for Billingham</p>		<p>It was felt that this was not the role of TBP but TBP should facilitate and assist with the setting up of a group which will run this board. This issue to go to the Arts and Culture thematic group for discussion. TBP</p>				<p>Geoff Harrison TBP 01642 861992</p>

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<p>Expenses Policy The expenses claim form which was circulated to the board needs updating and amending</p>		<p>agreed</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Kevin Pitt TBP 01642 360150</p>
<p>MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC</p>						
<p>Nigel Laws from SBC presented TBP members only with the current status of Billingham Town Centre and also an update on the developers Hallidale.</p>						<p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p>