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**Chair:** Graeme Oram (VS)

**Members:** Carol Adams (CS), Dorothy Fairhurst (CS), Cllr Ross Patterson (SBC), Irene Machin (PC), Cllr Beryl Robinson (SBC)  
Cllr Derreck Brown (SBC), Cllr John Lynch (SBC), Dianne Patterson (CS)

**Advisors**

Sophie Richardson (SBC)

Tracy Roberts

Jane Elliot (SBC)

Andrew McMillan (SBC)

**Apologies**

Cllr David Harrington (SBC), Cllr Tom Bowman (PC), Ian Garrett (Stockton Police),

CS =	Community Sector	YA =	Youth Assembly
PCT/PUB =	Primary Care Trust/Public Sector	RC =	Rural Community Sector
PS =	Private Sector	BS =	Business Sector
Stockton Police/PUB =	Stockton Police/Public Sector	PC =	Parish Council
SBC/PUB =	Stockton Borough Council/Public Sector		
VS =	Voluntary Sector		
JS+/PUB =	Job Centre Plus		

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CPF = Community Partnership Forum

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<b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b>  Members were introduced and welcomed to the Eastern Area Partnership Board		Noted				Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026
<b>2. Apologies</b>  Apologies were noted		Noted				Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026

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<p><b>3. Minutes from Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February</b></p> <p>The meeting scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> March, was cancelled due to industrial strike action at SBC.</p> <p>The minutes from 21<sup>st</sup> February agreed as a true and accurate record</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed</p>				<p>Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026</p>
<p><b>4. Matters Arising</b></p> <p>Item 6 – Thornaby Local Action Plan from the previous agenda will be put on the May agenda to be discussed</p>		<p>Agreed</p>				<p>Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026</p>

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<p><b>5. Primary Care Trust</b></p> <p>This item will be rolled forward to the May agenda</p>		Noted				<p>Sophie Richardson SBC 01642 526026</p>
<p><b>6. Planning Core Strategy</b></p> <p>Jane Elliott from Planning at SBC attended and presented the board with information regarding the Planning Core Strategy</p> <p>The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of consultation relating to the emerging Core Strategy, Issues and</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Jane Elliott SBC 01642 526053</p> <p>Jane Elliott SBC 01642 526053</p>

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<p>Options and its role in the new Local Development Framework</p> <p>The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced a new system of local planning, called the Local Development Framework comprises a series of documents. These will include: A local Development Scheme, a Statement of Community Involvement, a Core Strategy, topic based Developed Plan Documents, a Proposals Map, supplementary planning documents and an annual Monitoring Plan</p>		Noted				<p>Jane Elliott SBC 01642 526053</p>

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<p>The objectives of the new system are to L</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed up the preparation of development plans</li> <li>• Ensure that they are monitored, reviewed and kept up to date</li> <li>• Achieve more effective community involvement</li> <li>• Promote sustainable development</li> <li>• Provide flexibility, to enable development plans to respond more quickly to changing circumstances</li> </ul>		Noted				Jane Elliott SBC 01642 526053
<p>Following this round of consultation, the sequence of events is as follows:</p>		Noted				Jane Elliott SBC 01642 526053

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration of all views and comments received</li> <li>• Preparation of Preferred Options for Core Strategy</li> <li>• Public Consultation and participation on the Preferred Options (Spring 2007)</li> <li>• Consideration of views and comments; amendments as necessary</li> <li>• Submission of the Core Strategy to the Secretary of State (Spring 2008)</li> <li>• Independent examination into the “soundness” of the Core Strategy</li> </ul>						

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication of the Inspector's report</li> <li>• Amendment of the Core Strategy in line with the Inspector's requirements, and adoption Summer 2009</li> </ul> <p><b>Comments raised by the Board:</b></p> <p>The Board expressed concerns about the time this strategy will take and by the time it comes into effect a lot of development will already have taken place</p>		<p>Noted. JE stated that unfortunately they can not stop time, and that whilst they are working on the new core strategy, planning applications will be granted or declined</p>				<p>Jane Elliott SBC 01642 526053</p>



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Are the general public going to be consulted?		<p>using guidance from the current Local Plans document</p> <p>Yes, the general public will be consulted, eventually a notice will be published in the paper and all the information will be on the website with an online response form. JE encouraged all members to take this information back to any community</p>				<p>Jane Elliott SBC 01642 526053</p>

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<p>It was suggested that the EAPB could take an active role in the proposed planning applications and create a sub group. EAPB will think about the Core Strategy and feedback to Jane Elliot</p>		<p>groups they may be involved in.</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p>				

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<p><b>Open Space Audit</b></p> <p>Andrew McMillan from Planning, SBC presented the board with information regarding the Open Space Audit</p> <p>The purpose of the open space audit is to establish quantity and quality, find areas of deficiency and excess and to use the data to develop positive planning policies. SBC do not just want comments on the appearance of the open space but also the maintenance of these sites</p> <p>The primary use is for Planning, the Audit</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Andrew McMillan SBC 01642 526056</p> <p>Andrew McMillan SBC 01642 526056</p> <p>Andrew McMillan</p>

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<p>itself will not be Supplementary Guidance or Policy. It is a research project, and through public consultation and Member approval of the findings, it will have credibility. The findings may then be used to inform future projects – including Planning Policy and Supplementary Guidance – which may have legal status</p> <p>The Definition of Open Space for use in the Audit. “Open land within 500m of urban areas, which has the potential to provide recreational, environmental, social or economic benefits to communities,</p>		Noted				<p>SBC 01642 526056</p> <p>Andrew McMillan SBC 01642 526056</p>

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<p>regardless of access or ownership. Such land shall not include within the curtilage of private dwellings or farmland”</p> <p>A desktop search using up to date maps and aerial photography to identify sites, with local knowledge to fill in the gaps. The surveying took place in 2005. The survey results have been added to a database and a number of conclusions drawn from the data. These conclusions form the basis of the report now out for consultation.</p> <p>The Audit will be updated every three years to allow us to build up a long term – term</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Andrew McMillan SBC 01642 526056</p> <p>Andrew McMillan SBC</p>

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<p>picture</p> <p>There will be drop in sessions at Norton Library 10 – 7 on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April and Thornaby Central Library 10 – 7 on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</p> <p>All the information is available on – line with an interactive map on <a href="http://www.stockton.gov.uk/openspace">www.stockton.gov.uk/openspace</a> or you can ring AM direct.</p> <p>TR from SRCGA did suggest that she will be available to support any members of the board who were not computer literate.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				01642 526056

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GO would like AM to return to the EAPB to come back with top issues that will effect the Eastern Area.		Agreed				
<p><b>7. Area Transport Strategy</b></p> <p>The Eastern Area transport strategy priorities were circulated to the board. They are as follows:</p> <p>1. Concerns regarding existing and future levels of congestion in the vicinity of Ingleby Barwick at peak times, and the</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				

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<p>potential growth in through traffic following the full opening of the A66/South Stockton Link Interchange in 2007. Stage 4 of the former Thornaby Bypass scheme (between Queen Elizabeth Way and Thornaby Road) should be reinstated</p> <p>2. The lack of school places within Ingleby Barwick means that many children have to travel to schools in neighbouring towns and villages</p> <p>3. A number of areas – for example Teesdale and Ingleby Barwick are poorly</p>						



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<p>served by bus and access to Teesside Park from Thornaby is poor</p> <p>4. There are a number of gaps in the local cycle route network. A cycle route should be provided between Ingleby Barwick, Eaglescliffe and Yarm</p> <p>5. General support for School Travel Plans, However, these need to be backed up by the introduction of new footpaths and pedestrian crossing facilities where appropriate.</p> <p>There is a meeting to discuss this on</p>						

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Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May at 6.p.m at The Golden Eagle.		Noted				
<p><b>8. Election of Community and VCS Members</b></p> <p>A letter has been sent out to community groups for a nominations to sit on the EAPB</p> <p>IM to take this issue to back to any active community groups she is aware on in IB who use the Community Hall</p> <p>DR to take this meeting to 3 community</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				

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<p>groups who he is meeting tomorrow and encourage nominations.</p> <p>CA is a representative from Village Park Residents.</p>		<p>Agreed CA will represent Village Park Residents as a member of EAPB</p>				
<p><b>9. Children's Trust</b> Peter Seller from Children, Education and Social Care, SBC attended to present the board with information on The Children's Trust.</p> <p>The Children Trust Board is now in place for the development of children services and has 30 plus members. GO is the</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				

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<p>representative from EAPB. The Childrens Trust Plan was agreed at the last meeting and the final document is getting printed.</p> <p>The very specific priorities are: Drugs Obesity Teenage Conception Children with complex needs and Improving access and availability of facilities.</p> <p>Within the plan, it will bring together services and work within the same area as the partnership.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				

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<p>The extended schools development involves working with schools and includes better use of school buildings and what facilities are around schools</p> <p>Also looking into Sure Start facilities, are very aware that they do not repeat services.</p> <p><b>Concerns from EAPB</b> Stainsby Hill in Thornaby has a very high unemployment rate and residents can not afford facilities.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>They will be looking at the needs of specific areas within the borough.</p>				

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<p>Youth provisions in IB are inadequate</p> <p>LAA are pulling funding pots together which is given Children services some flexibility in spending.</p> <p>2010 Ingleby Barwick will need another secondary school, at present children using schools outside of the Ingleby Barwick</p>		<p>It is important that residents and community groups are saying what is wrong in their areas, as things are starting to happen</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clearly there is an issue and we are looking over the area as a whole but</p>				

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area, the buses are not reliable, no footpaths and plus too many buses are on the road.		considerations into falling school numbers elsewhere needs to be considered				
<b>10. Neighbourhood Renewal Fund</b> EAPB approved the EAPB NRF would give funding to Thornaby Light awaiting paperwork to complete.		Agreed	GO to chase			Graeme Oram Five Lamps 01642 608316
<b>11. Town Centre</b>  A report was circulated in Nigel Laws absence discussing the following:						

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<p><b>Residential Tenants</b> The decanting of resident from Brus and Appleby House has been ongoing since March 2004. All residents have now been relocated from Appleby House which is now blocked off at second floor, whilst 1 maisonette remains occupied at Brus House. Negotiations are ongoing with the one remaining owner in an attempt to complete vacant to complete vacant possession of Brus House</p> <p><b>Commercial Tenants</b> Thornfield are still in negotiation with the commercial tenants of Appleby and Brus</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				<p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p> <p>Nigel Laws SBC</p>



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<p>House in relation to their future options as part of the redevelopment of the town centre. Many of these tenants have now agreed terms for relocating into the new scheme and some have agreed compensation terms for leaving the centre. A small number of tenants have yet to agree to anything and may soon become subject of a CPO should they remain unable to agree terms in the next few weeks. Should the need arise for a CPO, then it is the Council who will serve the notice on behalf of the developer. Thornfield are still in discussion with a number of new retailers regarding potential</p>						01642 527565

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<p>take up on units in the centre</p> <p><b>Former Tristar Neasham Site</b> Thornfield have tried negotiating with Midland Investments Plc who are the long leaseholders of the site, regarding its sale. However, the two parties are unable to reach an amicable agreement, hence it is again necessary to use the Council's compulsory purchase powers to acquire the site so that the planning consent can be implemented. The development of the main scheme is not, however, dependant upon the acquisition of the Tristar site. Any CPO of the Tristar site will occur after the</p>		Noted				<p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p>

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<p>serving of a CPO in the main town.</p> <p><b>Link Road</b> Despite not being required as part of the planning consent for the town centre redevelopment, a link road from Allensway through to Trenchard Avenue still needs to be provided under the terms of the Development Agreement with Thornfields, Negotiations between Thornfield, Northumbrian Water Authority and Asda are ongoing in this respect. Thornfield have 2 years from their signing of the building lease to demonstrate to the Council that they have made sufficient</p>		Noted				<p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p>

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<p>progress on the implementation of the road link. Should they fail to do this, then the Council can seek to progress the link itself using the bond provided by Thornfield</p> <p><b>Timescales</b> Whilst there is still no definite date for work to commence, it is hoped that Thornfield will be in a position to start in October 2006 with the works expected to take around 14 months. The redevelopment will be carried out in phases, starting with the demolition of Brus House and Meynell House then Appleby House before moving on to construction of</p>		Noted				<p>Nigel Laws SBC 01642 527565</p>

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<p>retail units on existing main car park off Allensway. Commencement of works on site is still dependant upon securing vacant possession of residential and business interests in Appleby and Brus Houses. Without vacant possession, there will be a need to serve a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO), a process that could further delay the commencement of works by 18-24 months</p>						
<p><b>12. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>There is an Area Partnership Visioning Event for members only on 16<sup>th</sup> May</p>		<p>Noted</p>				

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The Liveability thematic group now concentrates on housing. Now they are setting up an environment board which will look purely at environmental issues		Noted				