

Minutes
The Eastern Area Partnership Board
25th July 2006, 9.30am at The Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby

Chair:

Graeme Oram (VS)

Members:

Irene Machin (PC), Tom Bowman (PC), Diane Patterson (CS), Cllr Beryl Robinson (SBC), Carol Adams (CS).

Advisors:

Nicola Kelly, Nigel Laws, Kelly Smith, Nicola Hall (SBC), Ian Sanderson (Thornfield Developers), Sue Westerman (Five Lamps Organisation)

Apologies

Linda Russell Bond (PUB), Cllr Lee Narroway (SBC), Susan Eldon (PCT/PUB), Isp Ian Garrett (Stockton Police/PUB), Cllr Derrick Brown (SBC)

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		
CPF =	Community Partnership Forum		

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<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Members were introduced and welcomed to the Eastern Area Partnership Board.</p> <p>Chair informed the Board that Nicola Hall (NH) had been appointed as the Area Partnership Co-ordinator for the Eastern Area Partnership Board and would be in post initially until March 2007 to facilitate the development of the Board.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Nicola Hall EAP Coordinator (01642) 527823
<p>2. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Nicola Hall EAP Coordinator (01642) 527823
<p>3. Thornaby Town Centre Re-development</p> <p>Ian Sanderson (IS), Thornfield Developers and Nigel Laws (NL), SBC provided an update on the redevelopment of Thornaby Town Centre</p> <p>NL explained that he was aware that there were considerable rumours circulating, regarding the redevelopment of the Town Centre and hoped that this meeting would be able to quell any concerns.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Nigel Laws Town Centre Projects Manger (01642) 527565
		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>IS informed the Board that Thornfield had no intention of pulling out of the redevelopment and had committed funds in excess of £1.2 million. IS reassured the Board that progress had been made although slippages had occurred due to tactical reasons including avoiding the need for Compulsorily Purchase Order (CPO) and explained that this was a national trend with all urban regeneration schemes. IS advised that 24 properties had achieved vacant possession status without CPOs, but advised that this would have to be an option for 3 or 4 remaining premises. IS stated that CPOs would commence during the first week in September.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Nigel Laws Town Centre Projects Manger (01642) 527565
<p>IS advised the Board that Thornfield was in negotiations with 2 “higher standard” retailers and explained that Wilkinsons, Home Bargains and Lidel had committed to retail units within the Town Centre. IS stated that nationally High Street stores had been discounting and were cautious about committing long term, thus negotiations had been difficult. IS reassured the Board that the Town Centre would have a mix of national and local shops, but would have a distinct “upmarket” feel to it. IS stated that the redevelopment had scope for introducing 2 styles of markets to play a central role in the Town Centre. IS explained that Thornfield would be marketing the Town Centre as one of the most secure in the region and would have CCTV that would be linked up to the Surveillance Centre, Stockton.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Nigel Laws Town Centre Projects Manger (01642) 527565

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<p>IS circulated artist impressions of the Town Centre and plans of the proposed retail units. IS informed the Board that it was proposed to create a brand for the Town Centre and welcomed the Board's opinion on this. IS suggested 'Unity Centre Thornaby' due to the planned 'Unity Sphere'.</p>		Noted	EAPB to consider options for the branding of Thornaby Town Centre.	No	No	Nigel Laws Town Centre Projects Manger (01642) 527565
<p>NL advised the Board that the redevelopment of the Town Centre would get worse before it could improve. IS explained that some of the existing tenants would still be able to trade in the Town Centre until as close to demolition time as possible and that Thornfield had secured a healthy % of pre-lets.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Nigel Laws Town Centre Projects Manger (01642) 527565
<p>A discussion ensued around the need to keep the public informed about progress on the redevelopment. NL advised that it was planned to erect information boards within Thornaby Library, as well as a large display board within Thornaby Town Centre within 4 weeks. IS advised that an artist impression model of the proposed redevelopment was also available and stated that press releases would be issued when appropriate.</p>		Noted	NL to organise display boards in Thornaby Library and Town Centre.	No	No	Nigel Laws Town Centre Projects Manger (01642) 527565
<p>A discussion took place regarding car parking. IS advised the Board that plans were in place to create a short stay car park in place of the long stay one, in order to discourage workers using all the available spaces.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Nigel Laws Town Centre Projects Manger (01642)

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<p>IS informed the Board that the redevelopment would be complete by December 2008, advising that CPOs would be completed by September 2006 and with developers being on-site by Spring 2007. IS informed the Board that the redevelopment would have an approximate lifespan of 30 years, but would require regular maintenance.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding toilet facilities. IS advised that public toilets were generally a hiding place for crime and the redevelopment contained no plans for any public toilets. IS stated that there would be sufficient toilet facilities within the retail outlets.</p> <p>Chair thanked IS and NL for their time at the Board and stated that the Board felt reassured of the commitment of Thornfield to complete the redevelopment. Chair requested regular updates from NL and progress as appropriate from IS.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>NH to include Thornaby Town Centre Redevelopment on the forward plan.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>527565</p> <p>Nigel Laws Town Centre Projects Manger (01642) 527565</p>
<p>4. Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>Minutes of last meeting held on 26th June 2006 were agreed as a true record.</p>		<p>Minutes agreed as a true record.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Nicola Hall EAP Coordinator (01642) 527823</p>

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<p>5. Matters Arising</p> <p>Chair updated the Board on progress with the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) and advised that the final submission would be complete by 14th September 2006.</p> <p>Chair advised that Ken Bellamy (KB), National Probation Service should be invited to the Board to discuss the role of the National Probation Service within the Eastern Area Partnership Boundary.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>NH to invite KB to a future EAPB meeting.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316</p> <p>Nicola Hall EAP Coordinator (01642) 527823</p>
<p>6. Eastern Area Partnership Board NRF Allocation</p> <p>Kelly Smith (KS) circulated a report to the Board, which provided an update on progress on the EAPB NRF Area Allocation. KS stated that the Sub Group (Carol Adams, Irene Machin, Tom Bowman and Ian Garrett) had identified the priorities for the Board as children and young people; care for your area/ cleanliness issues and financial exclusion and created two Service Specifications seeking to address these issues. Both Specifications were sent out to the Council's Code of Practice Database and other providers.</p> <p>KS informed the Board that the Sub Group had approved the Five Lamps Organisation's application to address the 'Children and Young People Engagement</p>	<p>GO SW DP</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>EAPB approved the submitted applications from</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Kelly Smith Communities Officer (01642) 526032</p> <p>Kelly Smith Communities Officer</p>

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<p>and Activities' Specification and Thornaby Credit Union's application to address the 'Financial Exclusion' Specification. KS asked the Board to endorse these applications.</p> <p>Chair thanked the Sub Group members and Kelly Smith and Haleem Ghafoor, SBC for their time in ensuring the EAPB Area Allocation was allocated successfully.</p>		<p>the Five Lamps Organisation and Thornaby Credit Union for their NRF Area Allocation.</p>				<p>(01642) 526032</p>
<p>7. Forward Planning</p> <p>Chair advised the Board that he had met with NH to discuss the role and future of the EAPB. Chair stated that as a result of that meeting, it has been agreed that all EAPB meetings would now be 'business' meetings, as opposed to alternate 'business' and 'presentation' meetings. Chair stated that 'informal' meetings would be scheduled in between 'business' meetings and these would be based around a theme. Chair advised that this would ensure that the Board met more frequently and would give members the opportunity to visit the different areas included within the EAPB boundary.</p> <p>A discussion ensued and the Board decided that the first 'informal' meeting would focus on 'the environment' as a theme and would take place on Wednesday 6th September 2006, 2pm. The informal meeting would</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>All future EAPB meetings to be 'business' meetings with alternate 'informal' themed meetings.</p> <p>Members of EAPB from Ingleby Barwick to liase with NH</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316</p> <p>Nicola Hall EAP Coordinator (01642)</p>

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<p>include a tour of Ingleby Barwick using the NRF funded Community Transport Bus. Chair asked members from Ingleby Barwick to liase with NH to organise a route. The second 'informal' meeting of the Board would take place on Wednesday 4th October 2006, 2pm and would include a tour of Thornaby to look at 'the environment'.</p> <p>A discussion took place and due to holiday commitments the EAPB agreed to cancel the next meeting scheduled for 22nd August 2006. Therefore the next 'business' meeting will be held on 26th September 2006, 9.30am at the Five Lamps Organisation.</p>		Noted	<p>to organise 'environment' tour.</p> <p>NH to cancel 22nd August 2006 meeting.</p>	No	No	<p>527823</p> <p>Nicola Hall EAP Coordinator (01642) 527823</p>
<p>8. Feedback from Thematics</p> <p>Due to the holiday period, representatives on the Thematic Partnerships did not have any items to report back to the Board.</p> <p>Chair requested that Thematic Partnerships are put on the forward plan for EAPB to give an understanding of who is representing the Board on which Partnership and meeting schedule of all Partnership meetings.</p>		<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>NH to place Thematic Partnerships on forward plan and create list of representation and meeting schedules for EAPB.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Nicola Hall EAP Coordinator (01642) 527823</p>

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<p>9. Stockton Black Minority & Ethnic (BME) Groups Network</p> <p>Chair informed the Board that he had received a letter from Cllr Bob Gibson, Chair of Stockton Renaissance requesting that each of the Area Partnership Boards ensure that they have a dedicated BME voting place.</p> <p>Chair to write to Cllr Gibson to inform him that the EAPB had adopted a dedicated BME voting place on the Board.</p> <p>A discussion ensued regarding BME representation on EAPB. The Board agreed to include a decided voting place on the Board for a BME representation and that this place would be subject to an election process.</p>		<p>EAPB agreed to include a dedicated voting place for a BME representative on the Board.</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>NH to ensure a dedicated BME voting place on the Board.</p> <p>GO to write to Cllr Gibson informing him that EAPB will adopt a dedicated BME voting place.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316</p> <p>Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316</p>
<p>10. Any Other Business</p> <p>Diane Patterson (DP) informed members that Thornaby Sure Start was having a fun day on 30th August 2006 and the Thornaby Show would take place on 3rd September 2006.</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Diane Patterson (01642) 753517</p>

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<p>12. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next informal meeting of the EAPB will be held on Wednesday 6th September 2006, 2pm to include a tour of Ingleby Barwick.</p> <p>The next business meeting of the EAPB will be held on Tuesday 26th September 2006, 9.30am at the Five Lamps Organisation.</p>						<p>Nicola Hall EAP Coordinator (01642) 527823</p>