

**Minute/Decision Summary -confirmed  
Meeting- Stockton Renaissance  
Date – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2006  
Education Centre, Junction Road, Norton**

ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	COMMENTS/ DECISION	ACTION	Does it need Council approval/ Endorsement ?	Are any other boards affected?	CONTACT
<b>1. Welcome &amp; apologies</b>		Noted.	No	No	No	Sarah Upex Area Partnership Coordinator on (01642) 527568/ 526438
<p><b>MORI PRESENTATION</b> Stockton Renaissance received a presentation on the 'Life in Stockton 2006' MORI poll. Residents across the Borough were asked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What its like to live in their area (and why)</li> <li>• What local services they use and what they think of them</li> <li>• How positive are they about the future (and why)</li> <li>• Contact with the Council</li> <li>• What the Council means to them</li> <li>• Feelings of safety</li> <li>• Exercise, diet, smoking and drinking</li> </ul> <p>Face-to-face, in-home surveys were carried out with 1,032 residents aged 16+, between 3 June and 30 July 2006.</p>			No	No	No	Ashley Ames Research Director Ipsos Mori  For further information contact Kate Dumain 01642 526091

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<p>Local areas were broken down into Neighbourhood Renewal areas, the old boundaries were used for consistency. The areas were defined as: North Stockton, Billingham, Central Stockton, West Stockton, Thornaby and South Stockton. For each of these areas top five priorities were identified, which makes for interesting reading as the areas priorities differ greatly. Reduction in crime however, was a top 5 priority for all areas.</p> <p>The key message emerging from the MORI survey was that this survey is the best rating of the Council yet, which is driven by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued strong ratings of key liveability services</li> <li>• Positive trends on other specific services</li> <li>• No services in decline</li> <li>• Increased optimism about future of local economy</li> <li>• Continued strong ratings of communications and customer care</li> <li>• Council now less remote and impersonal</li> </ul> <p>The following clear priorities for the Council were identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime/ASB and link to diversionary activities</li> <li>• Road/pavement maintenance</li> <li>• Town Centre improvements (Billingham &amp; Thornaby)</li> <li>• Higher profile investment (Billingham &amp; Thornaby)</li> <li>• Leisure facilities (South Stockton)</li> </ul>						
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<p><b>LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT REVIEW – 6 MONTHLY</b></p> <p>Stockton’s Local Area Agreement has been in place since March 2005. This report given to Stockton Renaissance presented the six monthly monitoring of progress against key Local Area Agreement and Community Strategy outcomes.</p> <p>The Local Area Agreements (LAAs) prospectus was launched on 27 July 2004. LAAs represent, in the Government’s words, “a radical new approach to improve the co-ordination between central government and local authorities and their partners, working through local strategic partnerships”. Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council was selected as one of the 21 pilots announced on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2004 and are now in the second year of our three year agreement, which runs to March 2008, with an annual update process built in.</p> <p>Stockton’s LAA is organised around four performance blocks. Until March 2006 this structure was set by Central Government, but in March 2006 Stockton Council gained additional freedom as a ‘single pot’ LAA. This means that we have been able to realign our performance monitoring approach to match our 5 Community Strategy outcome areas rather than sticking</p>			No	No	No	<p>Jenny Haworth  Assistant Chief Executive  01642 527004</p>

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<p>to the original LAA block structure.</p> <p>The review document circulated to Stockton Renaissance for consideration by the Board, sets out a summary of performance in the 5 Community Strategy outcome areas, and a summary of progress on partnership governance and on financial and performance management. It also sets out the principle benefits of the LAA approach over the last six months and key development issues for the future. The LAA will be reviewed in early 2007, and a discussion of priorities for the next agreement update is planned for the Annual Renaissance event to be held 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007.</p>		<p>The board agreed the draft summary document subject to final amendments</p>				
<p><b>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) CORE STRATEGY ISSUES AND OPTIONS PAPER RECONSULTATION</b></p> <p>Stockton Renaissance received a presentation on the LDF Core Strategy Issues and Options, to advise the Board of the additional options put forward by consultees, in relation to the pattern of growth up to 2021. A further consultation is taking place on these options, together with the original three which were put forward during the consultation between May and June 2006.</p> <p>A debate ensued surrounding the 7 Options, Option 1 was preferred by Stockton Renaissance, the content of</p>		<p>Board supported</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Rosemary Young Planning Officer 01642 526054</p>

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<p>which is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan for the majority of growth to take place in the core urban area, focusing on the regeneration of the river corridor, on sites which support the concept of the Stockton Middlesbrough Initiative. Priority will be given to the development of previously developed land in this area. The roles of Stockton as the main town, and of Billingham, Thornaby and Yarm as district centres, will be safeguarded and development here will be of a scale and nature consistent with the role of the settlement. In rural areas, development will be restricted to small-scale sites within development limits in sustainable locations.</li> </ul>		<p>Option 1</p> <p>Chair to confirm this in a letter to Rosemary Young.</p>				
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**Attendance:** Cllr B Gibson, Cllr Maureen Rigg, Ann Baxter, Paul Thomas, Val Goodrum, Cllr Bob Cook, Tina Williams, Alex Bain, Jeremy Garside, Jim Beall, Steve Davison, Cllr Jennie Beaumont, Cllr Suzanne Fletcher, Geoff Harrison, Tony Campbell, Cllr David Coleman, Chris Willis, Supt Dave Brunskill, Cllr Mrs Cains

**Advisors:** Dawn Welsh, George Garlick, Jenny Haworth (SBC/PUB), Kelly Brown (SRCGA), Neil Schneider, Helen Dean, Kate Dumain, Sarah Upex, Rosemary Young, Jane Elliott

**Apologies:** Dorothy Riddle, Carol Adams, Lynne Melvin, Chris Willis, Toks Sangowawa, Kellie Hopkins, Saade Sangowawa

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