

Minute/Decision Summary -confirmed
Meeting- Stockton Renaissance
Date – Tuesday 10th April 2007
Castlegate Quay, Moat Street, Stockton-on-Tees

ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	COMMENTS/ DECISION	ACTION	Does it need Council approval/ Endorsement?	Are any other boards affected?	CONTACT
1. Welcome & apologies		Noted.	No	No	No	Sarah Upex LSP Coordinator (01642) 526498
2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH FEBRUARY 2007 & 13TH MARCH 2007 Minutes were agreed.		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex LSP Coordinator (01642) 526498
3. COMMUNITY STRATEGY 2008-2025 AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT PREPARATION 2008-2011 At the Stockton Renaissance event on 9 th January 2007, members were consulted on priorities for the Community Strategy, and suggested that the following issues be addressed in the next iteration of the Community Strategy:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A need for greater clarity between the respective roles of the Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement • The LAA should set targets and outcomes and measure success, where as the Community 						Dawn Welsh, Neighbourhood Renewal & LSP Manager (01642) 526011

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<p>Strategy should be simplified and become more narrative.</p> <p>The above approach echoes the direction of the Local Government White Paper ‘Stronger and Prosperous Communities’ with it’s emphasis on the Local Area Agreement (LAA) and the Local Development Framework (the spatial arm) as the delivery plans for a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and the joining up of engagement strategies for the SCS, LAA and the Local Development Framework.</p> <p>The purpose of this item is to agree a project plan for the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy and inform Renaissance of the future development of the Community Strategy 2008-2025 and the LAA 2008/11.</p>		Members agreed the project plan	No	No	No	
4. FEASIBILITY TESTING NEW LOCAL AREA						David Dunn,

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<p>AGREEMENTS</p> <p>Members were informed that Stockton has volunteered and been chosen to take part as a pilot to help inform the new feasibility arrangements.</p> <p>The objective of this pilot is, by summer 2007 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify critical success factors for negotiating priorities and targets for new LAAs • Identify ways of overcoming specific challenges • Produce a clear and workable framework for local authorities, their partners, Government Offices and Central Government Departments to identify the priorities to be included in LAAs for 08/09 and the negotiation framework for improvement targets • Contribute to the development of operational guidance which is light touch and meets the information requirements for local authorities and their partners <p>The Communities and Local Government Department are working with 17 local authorities and their partners, Government Offices, central government departments and the Audit Commission to test and further develop proposals on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What sources of evidence are or will be available to inform the national priorities and improvement targets included in each LAA negotiated for 2008/09 • How best to use the sources of evidence to inform 						<p>Government Office North East</p>
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<p>the decision on priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the decision making process might work, including: • How each local authority and its partners will identify and agree their priorities • How central government, government offices, local authorities and partners work together to agree priorities for each area • How to reach final agreement on the targets to be included in the LAA <p>Participating Partnerships are exempt from the formal LAA Annual Review process in June.</p> <p>The programme for the feasibility testing was programmed in 2 distinct phases and focused around 2 workshops:</p> <p><u>Phase 1 – Preparation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships to consider what want from testing, and develop and test local processes for agreeing selection of priorities for LAA • GOs and Departments to agree how central government organises itself <p><u>Phase 2 – Identification of Priorities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnerships identify priorities • GOs and Departments consider which places are most important to them <p><u>Phase 3 – Negotiation/Dissemination</u></p>						
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<p>Process to be completed by end June 2007. Findings and lessons learnt to be brought together and disseminated to all Partnerships during summer.</p>						
<p>5. STOCKTON RENAISSANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN Members were informed that it is proposed that Renaissance adopts a Partnership Improvement Plan for 2007/8, which reflects the future role of LSPs as outlined in the Local Government White Paper, the Implementation Plan published following the introduction to Parliament of the Local Government and Public Involvement Health Bill in December 2006 and the areas of improvement highlighted in the recent Stockton LSP Peer Review.</p> <p>In response to the LSP Peer Review report and to reflect the direction of the Local Government White Paper a draft Improvement Plan for Stockton Renaissance was produced for discussion. The draft Plan will initially run from April 2007 through to March 2008 and will be subject to a review and any appropriate amendment when the anticipated national guidance on Place Shaping, LSPs and LAAs is published in the winter of 2007.</p> <p>The Renaissance Board was requested to consider the draft improvement plan in break out discussion groups. Comments from the discussion groups will be used to</p>						<p>Dawn Welsh, Neighbourhood Renewal and LSP Manager (01642) 526011</p>

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inform the final draft which will come to Renaissance in May 2007.						
6. MINUTES OF THE BILLINGHAM PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 12TH FEBRUARY 2007 Minutes were agreed.		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526052
7. MINUTES OF THE EASTERN AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 30TH JANUARY 2007 Minutes were agreed.		Noted	No	No	No	Nicola Hall Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 527823
8. MINUTES OF THE WESTERN AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 29TH JANUARY 2007 Minutes were agreed.		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526052
9. MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 25TH JANUARY 2007 Minutes were agreed		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex LSP Coordinator (01642) 526498
Any Other Business None		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex LSP Coordinator (01642) 526498

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Attendance: Cllr B Gibson, Ann Baxter, Paul Thomas, Val Goodrum, Alex Bain, Steve Davison, Cllr Suzanne Fletcher, Cllr David Coleman, Chris Willis, Cllr Mrs Cains, Olive Milner, Stephen Bray, Jan Doherty, Geoff Harrison, George Garlick, Kellie Hopkins, Jim Beall, Cllr Mrs Beaumont

Advisors: Dawn Welsh, Ian Thompson, Helen Dean, Kate Fulton, Julie Derbyshire (SRCGA) Sarah Upex, Kelly Brown (SRCGA), David Dunn (GO-NE), Kelly Smith, Haleem Ghafoor

Apologies: Dari Taylor, Neil Schneider, Emma Speight, Lynne Melvin, Cllr Cook, Fiona Chesters, Janice McColm, Jeremy Garside, Tina Williams, Supt Dave Brunskill, Mike Picknett, Jenny Haworth