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Meeting- Stockton Renaissance
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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 Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498
2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH DECEMBER 2006 & 16TH JANUARY 2007 Minutes were agreed.		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498
3. INDEPENDENT RECONFIGURATION PANEL (IRP) The purpose of this item was to update board members on the decision made by the Secretary of State for Health, Patricia Hewitt, following the receipt of the IRP's Recommendations. The contents of the full report and executive summary of the IRP was circulated to members. The next steps to be taken include some long term and interim issues. Long term issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the receipt of the Report and the Decisions the Tees Director of Commissioning is developing proposals and timescales for taking 		Noted	No	No	No	Chris Willis Chief Executive, North Tees PCT (01642) 352297

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<p>this forward in conjunction with North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The process will be inclusive of all stakeholders and will need to consider financial affordability, clinical models and patient accessibility • The Secretary of State’s decision is clear and the challenge now is to develop affordable service plans to implement the decisions • A key consideration will be the location of the hospital and the transport systems to make it accessible • It is envisaged that this will take a number of years to complete <p>Interim Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The decisions to centralise the consultant led maternity and paediatrics services at University Hospital of North Tees, with a midwifery led unit and a paediatric assessment unit at the University Hospital of Hartlepool is important as it will be a number of years before a new hospital could be opened • Clinicians always felt that the centralisation of services would improve patient care and thus improve care for patients • The interim move is likely to take 6 months to implement. <p>It was reported that the decisions conclude a long period</p>						
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<p>of uncertainty and bring opportunities to develop hospital and primary/community services that are high quality hospital services for the population of South Easington, Hartlepool, Stockton-on-Tees and Sedgfield. North Tees and Hartlepool PCTs will continue their plans to develop primary and community services and will now do so in the context of developing the new hospital site.</p> <p>Recommendations were made for Renaissance to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the decisions made and request that further updates will be brought to the board 2. Consider how the Partnership can assist in improving public transport systems 3. Note that a process to take this forward is being developed by the Tees Primary Care Trusts 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decisions were noted 2. Stockton Renaissance will consider how it can assist in improving public transport systems 3. Process to take this forward was noted 	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	
<p>4. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2007/08 ONWARDS Members were informed of the progress to date in determining the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2007/08 onwards. Members were informed that a report</p>						<p>Julie Danks Corporate Director of Resources Stockton</p>

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<p>was presented to Cabinet on 4th January 2007 giving an assessment of the provision settlement announced on 28th November 2006, the final settlement was announced on 18th January 2007. Due to the fact that the settlement figure last year was for both 2006/07 and 2007/08, Stockton Borough Council had to set an indicative Council Tax increase for 2007/08 in March 2006. The indicative increase for 2007/08 for Stockton was 3.9%, which allowed the pressures such as Complex Learning Disabilities, Museums and Recycling, listed in the report to be funded, but at that point left the council without any headroom.</p> <p>In the interim period, officers from Stockton Council have been identifying ways of generating additional headroom and as is the norm additional pressures have materialised also. A seminar for Members was held on 23rd January 2007 where they examined the council's priorities and objectives for 2007/08 and debated the merits of those pressures against the additional funds available. The presentation at the seminar revealed the council had created £6.9million of headroom for 2007/08. There were however, high priority pressures amounting to £5.9million from areas such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building schools for the future • Children's services • Employment issues • Adult services • Public transport support 						<p>Borough Council (01642) 527007</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street lighting energy charges <p>It was reported that once the above had been accounted for, this left just over £1million available. The Council Cabinet will make recommendations on setting a balanced budget, which will be subject to a full Council decision on 28th February 2007.</p> <p>The picture for 2008/09 onwards is one of uncertainty and there are a number of changes and reviews due that will all have an effect on the final outcome.</p>						
<p>5. COMMUNITY COHESION SUB GROUP UPDATE</p> <p>It was reported that in August 2006, Renaissance agreed for a sub group of Renaissance to be established to look at community cohesion and develop the Borough's first Community Cohesion Strategy (Terms of Reference for the group was circulated to members). The group's membership is wide with representation from the voluntary and community sector, the BME network, the Safer Stockton Partnership, Cleveland Police, the Health Improvement Partnership, the PCT, the Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership, the Muslim community and the Council.</p> <p>The group had agreed objectives for the Community Cohesion Strategy, which have been developed from national good practice frameworks on diversity;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community, belonging and pride • Meeting needs and aspirations • Celebrating diversity 						<p>Jenny Haworth Assistant Chief Executive (01642) 527005</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating boundaries • Equality of opportunity • Reduce conflict and tension • Myth busting • Empowerment <p>Cllr Coleman noted that the group had put forward an application for a Community Cohesion Champion and asked for cooperation working with these champions if they ask for any support needs and information.</p> <p>The next stage of the groups work is to continue to consider further information relating to community cohesion as it comes to light and to consider a draft Community Cohesion Strategy. The group will also consider how best to consult on the strategy. It is anticipated that a draft strategy will be brought to Stockton Renaissance in July 2007 for agreement.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>6. REDUCING WORKLESSNESS</p> <p>It was reported that there has been some good progress in tackling worklessness in the Borough. The employment rate has continued to increase and now stands at 74.1% compared to the national rate of 74.5%. The employment rates for lone parents and ethnic minorities have also increased and are now at, only just below the national rate. The number of young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) was reduced to 8.9% exceeding the target set.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Mark Rowell Funding & Business Team Manager (01642) 526010

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<p>The NRF funded Jobslink project placed 217 people into employment and since April 2005, through Job Centre Plus services and the LPSA Incapacity Benefit project, 766 people have moved from incapacity benefits into employment. 678 businesses were started in the Borough in 2005-06, 43% of these within the most deprived areas.</p> <p>These successes led to the worklessness theme being given an improved amber/green rating through the 2005/06 Performance Management Framework assessment. It is recognised, however that there is still much more to be done to improve the employability of many residents. A Neighbourhood Renewal Employment and Health working group has been established to commission a package of support that would help to address some of the gaps in existing provision identified through the mapping work previously carried out. Currently NRF interventions cover a wide and varied portfolio to help address the priority groups and most are delivered by organisations from the voluntary and community sector and/or in community settings. It was reported that there is currently a lot of activity going on and conscious of the need to make services offered to residents in a holistic way with a collaborative response.</p> <p>The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has</p>						
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<p>recently announced a new funding stream, the Deprived Areas Fund (DAF), which is available until March 2008. This Fund is primarily aimed at adding value to current mainstream services offered by Jobcentre Plus and it is envisaged that this will build upon the experiences, and incorporating the most effective elements of previous community based initiatives such as the Action Team for Jobs whose activities ceased operation on 30th September 2006.</p> <p>The Fund focuses on adding value to mainstream services and are geographically focussed, based on 2003 DWP data, which as a consequence, the DAF is only available to residents from the old wards of Portrack and Tilery, Mile House, Parkfield, Newtown, Victoria, Charltons, Blue Hall, Roseworth, Stainsby and Hardwick. The wards in Stockton have an indicative allocation of £138,591 for 2006/07 and £426,889 for 2007/08. It is proposed to establish an employment consortium to operate as a task group dedicated to looking at the whole employability agenda with a multi agency approach.</p> <p>Jobcentre Plus will draw together a specification(s) with assistance from Council Officers to meet their procurement obligations.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Stockton Renaissance agreed to establishment of an Employability Consortium</p>				
<p>7. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT – PROGRESS REPORT AND ANNUAL REFRESH APRIL 2007 It was noted that Stockton’s Local Area Agreement (LAA)</p>						<p style="text-align: right;">Jenny Haworth</p>

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<p>has been in place since March 2005 and is currently monitored on a 6 monthly basis. We are now approaching the end of the second year of our three-year agreement, which runs to March 2008. A full review will be undertaken in 2008 when the current agreement ends.</p> <p>Stockton's LAA was organised around four performance blocks. Until March 2006 this structure was set by Central Government, but in March 2006 gained additional freedom as a 'single pot' LAA. This has meant that we have been able to realign our performance monitoring approach to match our 5 Community Strategy outcome areas rather than sticking to the original LAA four block structure.</p> <p>The refresh for 2007/08 is a roll forward of the current agreement into the final year. The proposed refresh will prepare further for a move towards the future requirements of the new performance framework. A summary of the key changes in the roll forward for 2007/08 are detailed below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All mandatory indicators are now included in the LAA • All mandatory outcomes are now included in the LAA • Community Strategy and LAA objectives are aligned • Duplication of any LAA and Community Strategy indicators will be consolidated to use 1 indicator 		Noted	No	No	No	
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<p>the findings in the White Paper.</p> <p>Active discussions took place within the workshops and these discussions will be used to help inform the Community Strategy setting process and priorities for 2008/11.</p> <p>A draft of the Community Strategy is proposed to be brought to Stockton Renaissance in September 2007.</p> <p>The event received positive feedback from members in attendance.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>9. LSP PEER REVIEW FEEDBACK</p> <p>A review of Stockton Renaissance was carried out by the IDeA between 17th – 18th January, which took the form of interviews with members and some key stakeholders of Stockton Renaissance. The Peer Review Team also attended a Stockton Renaissance Partnership Board Meeting on 16th January 2007 in an observatory capacity, to see the Partnership in action.</p> <p>The initial feedback received has been incredibly positive. The Peer Review Team will deliver a presentation on the result of their findings at the Stockton Renaissance Meeting on 13th March 2007.</p> <p>On behalf of Stockton Renaissance all those who took part in the Peer Review were thanked.</p>						Dawn Welsh
<p>10. MINUTES OF THE BILLINGHAM PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2006</p> <p>Minutes were agreed.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter Area Partnership Coordinator

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11. MINUTES OF THE EASTERN AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 19TH DECEMBER 2006 Minutes were agreed.		Noted	No	No	No	Nicola Hall Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 527823
12. MINUTES OF THE WESTERN AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 27TH NOVEMBER 2006 Minutes were agreed.		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526052
Any Other Business		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex LSP Coordinator (01642) 526498

Attendance: Cllr B Gibson, Ann Baxter, Paul Thomas, Val Goodrum, Cllr Bob Cook, Tina Williams, Alex Bain, Jeremy Garside, Steve Davison, Cllr Suzanne Fletcher, Tony Campbell, Cllr David Coleman, Chris Willis, Supt Dave Brunskill, Cllr Mrs Cains, Olive Milner, Mike Picknett, Steven Bray, Jan Doherty

Advisors: Dawn Welsh, Jenny Haworth, Julie Derbyshire (SRCGA) Sarah Upex, Cllr M Frankland

Apologies: George Garlick, Ann Baxter, Steve Davidson, Dari Taylor, Neil Schneider, Emma Speight, Lynne Melvin, Geoff Harrison, Kellie Hopkins, Cllr Cook, Cllr Mrs Beaumont, Fiona Chesters