

Minutes
The Eastern Area Partnership Board (EAPB)
27th June 2007, 9.30am at The Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby

DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY EAPB ON 31 JULY 2007

Chair:

Graeme Oram (VS)

Members:

Elaine Morris (PCT), Cllr Ross Patterson (SBC/IBIS), Geoffrey Green (TC), Carol Adams (CS), Shirley Stenburge (SBC), Tom Bowman (PC), Doug Nicholson (VS), Irene Machin (PC).

Advisors:

Nicola Hall, Haleem Ghafoor, Nigel Laws, David Bage (SBC)

Apologies

Fiona Chesters (RC), Diane Patterson (**Vice Chair**) (VS), Trevor Mortlock (Job Centre Plus), Tracy Roberts (SRCGA), Cllr David Harrington (SBC), Cllr Kevin Faulks (SBC), Jocelyn McIntyre (SBC), Dorothy Fairhurst (CS), Linda Russell- Bond (CS).

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		
JC+/PUB =	Job Centre Plus		
CPF =	Community Partnership Forum		

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1. Welcome and Introductions Members were introduced and welcomed to the Eastern Area Partnership Board.		No	No	No	No	Nicola Hall EAPB Coordinator (01642) 527823
2. Apologies Apologies were noted.		Noted	No	No	No	Nicola Hall EAPB Coordinator (01642) 527823
3. Minutes of Last Meeting ➤ Minutes of last meeting held on 5 th June 2007 were agreed as a true record.		Minutes agreed as a true record.	No	No	No	Nicola Hall EAPB Coordinator (01642) 527823

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4. Matters Arising						
Chair (GO) stated that the Eastern Area Transport Strategy Meeting (24.05.07) notes had been circulated to those in attendance at the meeting and Ward Councillors. Chair noted an amendment to the minutes, which should read 'Stuart Fetherstone' and not Fairhurst.		Noted	No	No	No	Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316
Anyone not in attendance at the meeting can request a copy of the minutes by contacting Nicola Hall.		Noted	NH to email notes to Carol Adams	No	No	
5. Thornaby Town Centre Redevelopment Update						
Nigel Laws (NL) provided an overview of his submitted report.		Noted	No	No	No	Nigel Laws Town Centre Projects Manager (01642) 527565
NL informed members that two formal objections had been received to the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO). The CPO enquiry was held on 5 th June, with the objection from William Hill being sustained. NL stated that William Hill were not represented at the Inquiry. The Inspectors decision is expected by early September. NL informed members that the Chief Executive of Stockton Council had written to the Secretary of State and Dari Taylor MP for their support for an early resolution of the CPO.		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>NL stated that Brus and Meynell Houses had now been demolished and the demolition contractors were crushing the debris on site for use in the construction process. This work was expected to be complete by the end of June 2007. NL stated that the next phase of work would be the Section 278 works, which would involve highway improvements to create a new entrance to the Town Centre and a new mini roundabout on Allensway, to create access to the new main car park on the former Brus House site. NL stated that delays had taken place and this work would be due to start mid July 2007. NL informed members that the car park would signify the start of the main scheme of work, which would take place over a 14-month period, with handover to Thornfield due for September 2007.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>NL provided an overview of the commercial tenants that were currently signed up to the scheme, explaining that this was a mix of national and local retailers. NL stated that Thornfield were currently in negotiations with the Driving Standard Agency (DSA). NL stated that there had been a recent article in the local press stating that the DSA were currently reviewing their presence in Thornaby after a water leak into a store had raised an unfound threat of asbestos in their temporary accommodation, however a meeting was being set up</p>		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>with the DSA and Thornfield in order to pre-empt this.</p> <p>NL informed members that a new planning application will soon be submitted to the Planning Department. The revised application would include the proposed extension to the front and side of the library. NL further informed members that the Golden Eagle would be demolished, and subject to planning, the site would be used for residential units and a restaurant/ pub.</p> <p>NL stated that the plans for the Town Centre were being worked up with the Disability Action Group, including the design of street furniture and the library layout, which would incorporate Access to Services.</p> <p>NL informed members that Thornfield wanted to change people's perceptions of Thornaby Town Centre and requested members' views on the possibility of new name and branding for the Town Centre. NL stated that the re-branding of the Town Centre would be done in consultation with local Ward Councillors.</p> <p>Following a discussion, members felt that the re-branding of the Town Centre should include aspects of the heritage of Thornaby, including linking with the Spitfire and keeping the name 'Thornaby'.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</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>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	

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<p>NL stated that the agents working for Midland Investments (the long leaseholders of the Tristar Neasham Site) were still working up a scheme for the site. NL stated that the Council were still trying to hold preliminary negotiations with the Agents.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>NL stated that Thornfield were still obliged to demonstrate that they had been reasonable progress to implement a link road from Allensway to Trenchard Avenue within two years of the building lease being signed off, if they fail to do this the Council can seek to progress the road itself using the bond provided by Thornfield. NL further stated that the disposal of the Northumbrian Water Authority site is now subject to further discussions involving the Council, Thornfield and Asda.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>Members felt that it was positive to see progress being made with the Town Centre.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>A query was raised regarding a new car park at Asda. NL stated that Asda were currently undertaking a three-week programme to upgrade the underground car park.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>A query was raised regarding bat activity, which was going to delay the demolition works commencing. NL responded stating that a condition of the demolition had been that no demolition would take place during May, June and July. However, with the removal of the wooden soffets during April, the Wildlife Inspector agreed for the demolition to go ahead during May and June.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>6. Consultation on the Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2021 and its delivery plans, the Local Area Agreement (priorities for 2008-11) and the Local Development Framework</p> <p>Haleem Ghafoor (HG) and David Bage (DB) gave a presentation on the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and the Local Development Framework (LDF).</p> <p>HG informed members that the SCS was a long-term strategic vision for the Borough for 2008 to 2021. HG explained that there was a statutory duty on Local Authorities to produce a SCS. HG further explained that the Local Area Agreement 2008-2011 and the LDF were the delivery plans of the SCS.</p> <p>HG explained that the SCS would comprise of five core themes – Economic Regeneration and Transport;</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</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>No</p>	<p>Haleem Ghafoor Principal Renewal Officer (01642) 528677</p>

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<p>Environment, Housing and Neighbourhoods; Safer Communities; Children and Young People; and Healthier Communities and Adults. HG further explained that there were also three additional core themes within the document – Community Cohesion; Older People; and Arts and Culture.</p> <p>HG explained the timescales for the consultation on the SCS, stating that the first phase of consultation would end on 31st July 2007. HG stated that an updated draft of the SCS would then be produced, which would incorporate comments from the first phase of consultation. A further round of consultation would take place during September 2007, where the updated draft SCS document will be brought to the Board for their final comments.</p> <p>Members were requested to submit their views on the three key questions on the Community Strategy. A discussion took place and members expressed the following views -</p> <p>1. Are the themes in the Sustainable Community Strategy the right ones? Is there anything missing?</p> <p>Members felt that there should be more of a focus on community services – each community should be</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
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<p>provided with adequate access to community services (the lack of community facilities within Ingleby Barwick was cited as an example).</p> <p>Members also felt that better use of the River Tees should be linked with increasing community pride of the area. A query was raised regarding the co-operation with neighbouring local authorities around the development and use of the River Tees. NL responded to the query stating that all Tees Valley Local Authorities come together under 'Tees Valley Unlimited' to discuss joint working.</p> <p>The Board felt that the SCS should have more links to the key themes in the Local Government White Paper, with specific reference to the transfer of assets to community ownership and that this should be a priority at the heart of the document.</p> <p>Members felt that a cross cutting theme around financial inclusion should also be included within the document, as this issue was a priority for the Borough.</p>						

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<p>2. Are the key ambitions the right ones? Is there anything missing/ anything that needs changing?</p> <p>Members felt that the key ambitions should include better access and availability of community facilities, including more locations for open spaces; a focus on the transfer of community assets to the voluntary and community sector and include financial inclusion as a key ambition.</p> <p>3. What are the priorities that we should focus on for the next three years and include in the Local Area Agreement (our three year delivery plan)?</p> <p>The Board felt that the key priorities for the Local Area Agreement should include community ownership of assets, financial inclusion and greater provision and access to local services.</p> <p>The Local Government White Paper 2006 - 'Strong and Prosperous Communities' and the Quirk Review on Community Management and Ownership of Public Assets – 'Making Assets Work', set key context in this area and arrangement of priority actions could be developed for inclusion with SCS and Local Area</p>						

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<p>Agreement.</p> <p>HG informed members that they could also submit their views on the SCS online at www.stockton.gov.uk</p> <p>DB informed members that the LDF was a key component in the delivery of the SCS, and provides a spatial vision for the Borough. DB further explained that the LDF should be viewed as a folder, which contains a number of documents including the Core Strategy, the Waste and Minerals Core Strategy and the Regeneration and Development Plan Document. DB outlined the phases of the consultation process for the LDF, highlighting that the consultation on the Core Strategy Preferred Options and Regeneration DPD Issues and Options would commence September 2007.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>David Bage Planning Officer (01642) 526051</p>
<p>7. Update on proposals for a Youth Café within the Eastern Area</p> <p>Chair (GO) provided an update following his meeting with NL regarding a Town Centre location for the Youth Café. GO informed members that it was too early in the planning process for the café to be included within the Town Centre and a perceived threat of anti-social behaviour would cause problems with other tenants.</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316</p>

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<p>GO stated that due to the Town Centre location not being feasible, other locations in Thornaby should be considered. Chair put forward South Thornaby Community Centre as an option, stated that the Centre had an extension with separate access and would only require a proportion of the allocation to kit-out the café. GO stated that the equipment that would go into South Thornaby Community Centre could be transferred into a Town Centre location at a later date, if feasible.</p> <p>A discussion took place around Robert Atkinson Centre as a venue for the Youth Café. Discussions also took place regarding the Harold Wilson Centre</p> <p>A further discussion took place regarding the staffing of the proposed Youth Café facility. GO stated that it was not an issue for today's meeting but acknowledged that the funding available for the café was capital funds only and further funding would have to be sourced to staff the facility. GO also informed members that it would be a challenge for the Children's Trust Board to ensure that the staffing of the facility would go through a commissioning process.</p>	<p>GO</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</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>No</p>	

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<p>A further discussion took place regarding Ingleby Barwick Community Centre as a location for the Youth Café. Members felt that the funding should be used to provide a facility within both Thornaby and Ingleby Barwick, as there was a need for this facility in both areas.</p> <p>GO stated that this item would be brought back to the next meeting of the Board, where members will make a final recommendation on the Board's preferred location(s) for the proposed Youth Café.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Item to be included on the July agenda.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	
<p>8. Update on consultation with Young People for the proposed Youth Café within the Eastern Area</p> <p>Mark Telford (MT) provided an update on the consultation with young people regarding the proposed Youth Café within the Eastern Area. MT informed members that he had been going into local schools and speaking to members of the School Council, as they were a representative group. MT explained that he had been asking each School Council the same set of questions including do they currently access any youth provision, if not why; do they want a Youth Café; which location would they like the Youth Café to be in; when</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Mark Telford Strategic Manager (Partnership s) (01642) 526483</p>

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<p>should the facility be open and what activities would they like to do at the Youth Café.</p> <p>MT stated he had been into Thornaby Community School and Bishopsgarth School and explained that the consultation was ongoing and other schools within the area would be covered. MR stated that from the initial round of consultation, the following views had been submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ There was a positive response to the Youth Café, most young people wanted this facility; ➤ Young people currently did not access any of the current youth facilities because they were monopolised by one group of young people; ➤ A nominal charge should be introduced for the Youth Café; ➤ The facility should not be within a school location as it would be vandalised; ➤ Thornaby Town Centre would be a preferred location, specifically the Pavillion; ➤ The Café should be within the South side of Thornaby – the Harold Wilson Centre was suggested as an option; ➤ Most young people would walk to the facility as bus fares were deemed as being too expensive; ➤ The Café should be open 5.30pm to 9.30pm during 		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>the week and Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at the weekends;</p> <p>➤ Young People would like activities such as X-boxes, DVDs, outside sports; drama and arts and healthy drop-ins;</p> <p>MT informed members that he had had an overwhelming response from young people wanting to be involved in the design and running of the café.</p> <p>MT stated that on-street consultation with young people was also taking. MT explained that Shirley Stenburge would be undertaking some of the on-street consultation.</p> <p>MT informed members that the consultation would be completed by 6th July 2007. Following the results of the consultation, MT will compile a report for the Partnership.</p> <p>Chair (GO) stated that this report would be included on the July agenda for the Board and would be used to help members to make their final recommendation for the Board's preferred location(s).</p> <p>MT clarified that the Children's Trust Board had delegated the final decision on the location of the Youth</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>Item to be included on the July agenda</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>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	

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<p>Café within the Eastern Area to the Children's Trust Management Team, who meet every two weeks.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the proposed youth café linking in with the extended schools programme.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>9. Membership</p> <p>Chair (GO) explained that Doug Nicholson, Friends of Tees Heritage Park has expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Board.</p> <p>Members agreed that Doug Nicholson would fill one of the vacant voluntary sector places on the Board representing Tees Heritage Park.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>DN nominated by Friends of Tees Heritage Park as their representative on the Eastern Area Partnership Board.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>NH to update membership list of the Board.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316</p>

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<p>10. Forward Plan</p> <p>Items included on the next agenda of the Board are –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mandale Housing Redevelopment (Katharine Linton); ➤ Preston Park Museum Development Plan (Kevin McAuley & Paul McGee); ➤ Friends of Tees Heritage Park (Doug Nicholson); ➤ Eastern Area NRF Projects Update (Diane Patterson & Sue Westerman); ➤ Youth Consultation on the proposed Youth Café (Mark Telford); ➤ Proposed location for the Eastern Area Youth Café (Graeme Oram) 		Noted	No	No	No	Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316
<p>11. Any Other Business</p> <p>Carol Adams (CA) informed members that Peter Brennan had no updates to report from the Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership, as there had not been a meeting.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316
<p>12. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next business meeting of the EAPB will be held on:</p>						Nicola Hall EAPB

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<p>Tuesday 31st July 2007, 9.30am at the Five Lamps Organisation.</p> <p>EAPB members are invited to forward any agenda items for future meetings to Nicola Hall.</p>						<p>Coordinator (01642) 527823</p>