

The Western Area Partnership Board Meeting
Monday 16th July 2007
Parkmore Hotel, Eaglescliffe
Minutes of the meeting

Partnership Board Members

Chair: Cllr Maureen Rigg (SBC)

Members: Geoff Turner (PC), Jennie Beaumont (SBC), Nora Rosser (PC), John Rosser (PC), Anthony Hampton (PC), Alice Newsham (YA), Alan Lewis (SBC), Jessica Frazer (YA), Philip Addison (VS)

Advisers/Observers

Zoe Rutter (SBC), Matthew Clifford (SBC), Haleem Ghafoor (SBC), Kelly Smith (SBC), Eric Jewitt (SBC), Rebecca Lax (SBC), Maurice Snowden (Older Persons Forum)

Apologies

Fiona Chesters (TVRCC), Doug Nicholson (VS), John Fletcher (SBC), Diane Simms (YA), Ian Garrett (PUB)

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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ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	COMMENTS /DECISION	ACTION	Does it need Council approval/ endorsement?	Are any other boards affected?	CONTACT
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Members of the WAPB were welcomed to the meeting.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<p>2. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies noted.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<p>3. Vice Chair Elections</p> <p>Geoff Turner was nominated and appointed as Vice Chair for the Western Area Partnership.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025

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<p>4. Minutes of Last Meetings 21-5-07</p> <p>Minutes of the 21-5-07 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>5. Matters Arising</p> <p>Nothing to raise.</p> <p>6. Draft Sustainable Community Strategy/LDF Process/Awareness Raising & LAA Indicator Priorities – Haleem Ghafoor & Matthew Clifford</p> <p>Haleem undertook a presentation on the draft Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) aspects and Matthew Clifford covered the LDF process. The draft SCS document will run from 2008 to 2021. Following the presentation some of the comments noted were:</p> <p>The terminology of some documents can be quite hard to understand</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Matthew Clifford & Haleem Ghafoor SBC

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<p>With regards to the Arts & Culture theme it was noted that one of the things the Tees Valley lacks is a venue for classical music, the full size for an orchestra.</p> <p>All ideas may cost money so should we keep this in mind and tone down our views?</p> <p>Concerns were expressed around the low numbers of housing and does it incorporate all housing associations or just the Council? The Council doesn't own houses anymore and yes it is all housing associations and social landlords.</p> <p>There are issues in the rural parishes within the Borough regarding development and sustainability. Transport to villages is a major problem and impacts on younger people, i.e. cost and timetable. There needs to be much more awareness across the strategy of rural areas and their needs as well as urban, could this be included under community cohesion.</p> <p>SBC doesn't have a rural strategy in its own right.</p>						

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<p>7. Extended Schools – Eric Jewitt & Rebecca Lax</p> <p>Eric introduced the Extended Schools item and highlighted the main points that were noted in the report that was circulated.</p> <p>The main issue was in connection with transport as some children like to go to different clubs/activities which are not in walking distance. Has the Extended Schools programme considered using the Community Transport section for this?</p> <p>Any thoughts/comments please pass them on to Rebecca or Eric.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Eric Jewitt SBC
<p>8. Thematic Updates</p> <p>a. Childrens Trust Board (CTB)</p> <p>NR informed the Board that the CTB have got £110k available for summer activities, this was announced 5 weeks before the summer holidays. Stockton’s Youth Justice Board have been given a 5 star rating and there is only 8 in the country. The Children’s Services will be inspected the first</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Nora Rosser Longewton PC

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10. Date and Time of Next Meeting Monday 24 th September 2007 at 6pm, Elementis Chromium, Urray Nook.		Noted	No	No	No	