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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 LSP Coordinator (01642) 526498
<p><b>2. PRESTON HALL AND PARK PROJECT AND FUNDING APPLICATION</b></p> <p>Members were informed of the draft development plan for proposed improvements to Preston Park and Hall. Funding applications are being submitted to the Parks for People grant fund and to the Heritage Lottery Fund Consultation on the draft development plan is ongoing and members were requested to complete the questionnaire included in the papers for the meeting or log onto <a href="http://www.stockton.gov.uk">www.stockton.gov.uk</a>. Members were informed that the current consultation has already identified that the lack of facilities for young people needs to be addressed on the masterplan.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Mike Bowron Principal Development Officer (01642) 526028

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<p><b>3. DEVELOPMENT OF THE OLDER PEOPLES STRATEGY</b></p> <p>Renaissance was provided with an overview of work undertaken to review and analyse current data and policy information to support the development of an Older People Strategy for Stockton. This work represents the first stage of the strategy development and offers Renaissance the opportunity to actively contribute to the process.</p> <p>The development of an Older People’s Strategy has been initiated by the recognition that services need to adapt to the significant changes in demography with a rising older people population. This shift will have an impact across the whole range of services, with implications for all partners to review and address.</p> <p>The first stage of strategy development, was shown to members presenting an analysis of current demographic data and its implications for future development of services in Stockton, within the context of current national policy direction. This analysis has been shaped via the ‘seven dimensions of independence’ originally developed by the Audit Commission, which have been adopted by a wide range of policy-makers and local agencies to support planning and delivery of services.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Ruth Hill Head of Adult Strategy (01642) 527055
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<p>Preliminary work has also mapped the Council services and their focus for Older People. This consultation is ongoing and Renaissance members can request further input via Ruth Hill on this process. The outcomes of the completed consultation activity will be assimilated into the continued refinement of the Older People Strategy.</p> <p>The Strategy will identify long-term priorities for service development over the 2007-2022 period, but will also identify the high level actions required to inform service planning in the period 2007-2010. A final copy of the Strategy will be circulated to Renaissance in Autumn 2007 for agreement.</p> <p>It was noted that it is critical to get views from families and older people on this strategy and input would be welcomed from all sources.</p> <p>Renaissance noted the work in progress and agreed to offer any responses to this first stage of work, to feed into the final stages of the strategy development.</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>	
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<p><b>4. LAA PROGRESS UPDATE</b></p> <p>Stockton's Local Area Agreement has been in place since March 2005 and is currently monitored on a 6 monthly basis. Members were presented with the results of the 2006/07 year end progress.</p> <p>The year end report shows that 81% of targets are either on track or have been achieved. All of the Community Strategy themes are showing a minimum of 76% on track to achieve or already achieving targets. The only exception to this is the Children and Young Peoples theme, where stretching targets were missed in the area of Educational Attainment. However, all attainment targets have shown an improvement in performance from last year.</p> <p>Overall the information shown to members highlighted a very positive position. It was noted that we need to continually ask if targets are challenging enough.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	<p>Jenny Haworth  Asst Chief  Executive  (01642) 527005</p>
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<p><b>5. NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PROGRAMME 2006/08 6 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT</b></p> <p>The Board were updated on the progress of Neighbourhood Renewal within the Borough, with specific reference to the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund 2006/08, the development of Area Partnership priorities, and the Safer Stronger Communities Fund.</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Renewal Fund 2006/08:</u>  Programme is monitored on a 6 monthly basis with progress report to Renaissance every 6 months, however to further align our work with the Local Area Agreement, central progress monitoring will now take place six monthly with some package leads continuing to monitor quarterly on a risk basis.</p> <p>Some examples of key achievements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Safer Communities – The Volume Crime Coordinator has been very successful. The post, which is now held within the Council, has secured 8 ASBO's. The Officer also helps train Police Officers on the ASBO/CRASBO process.</li> <li>➤ Children and Young People – Twister Arts has 170 young people enrolled on its project who are participating in accredited training throughout the 2006/07, many of whom are now classed as 'low or non achievers' at school or post school age. The programme has supported parenting, working in a</li> </ul>						<p>Dawn Welsh  Neighbourhood  Renewal and  LSP Manager  (10642) 526011</p>
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<p>positive and flexible way with nearly 30 teenage parents.</p> <p>➤ Healthier Communities and Adults - Community Alcohol Counselling Service has held 227 counselling sessions with 70.5% of clients successfully reducing their alcohol intake. The service has also expanded its drop in sessions.</p> <p>At the end of the financial year 2006/07, there was an underspend total of £146,480 to be re-allocated in the existing financial year, and the Regeneration Sub Group gave preferential approval for extensions to existing thematic packages and projects that could be delivered by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007. The previously agreed roll forward of £119,654; and the newly agreed roll forward of £55,589 brings the total to be rolled forward into next year to £175, 243. The NRF spend for 2006/08 to date is within the recommended 5% roll forward target provided and approved by Government Office North East (GONE).</p> <p><u>Neighbourhood Renewal Targets</u>  The 2006/7 targets were approved by each of the thematic partnerships through this year's Local Area Agreement (LAA). These key targets have been streamlined to ensure that reporting on progress is aligned within key service plans. In addition these targets include actions that aim to tackle the floor targets and deliver the strategic aims of Neighbourhood Renewal</p>						
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<p>(NR) as well as responding to local priorities.</p> <p>The summary below for each theme details how well each theme is performing for all the Neighbourhood Renewal targets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Regeneration &amp; Transport: 89% to targets are either on track or have been achieved.</li> <li>• Safer Communities: 100% of targets are either on track or have been achieved.</li> <li>• Liveability: 67% of targets are either on track or have been achieved.</li> <li>• Children &amp; Young People: 80% of targets are either on track or have been achieved.</li> <li>• Healthier Communities &amp; Adults: Where data is available performance is on track.</li> </ul> <p><u>Area Partnership Priorities</u></p> <p>A proportion of the NRF was ring-fenced in 2006/07 and 2007/08 specifically for the Area Partnerships, who were tasked to prioritise issues within their areas with reference to the relevant Local Action Plans, Neighbourhood Renewal Floor Targets and community views. The following allocations were given to each of the Area Partnerships:</p> <p>Central Area Partnership Board - £87,444p.a  Eastern Area Partnership Board - £43,950p.a  Northern Area Partnership Board - £18,606p.a</p>						
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<p>These allocations were calculated according to the proposed Neighbourhood Renewal areas based on a total allocation of £150k per annum for the Area Partnerships. This was then split according to the population that the Neighbourhood Renewal areas represent.</p> <p><u>Cleaner Safer Greener Element (CSGE)</u>  Progress on CSGE is reported to the Area Partnerships annually or as appropriate. Some examples of schemes being developed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Improvements have been carried out in Durham Road Cemetery to improve safety for those visiting this facility; these include the installation of a CCTV camera.</li> <li>➤ Extensive improvements have been carried out in Primrose Hill Park to improve safety and to reduce the fear of crime for the users of the park. Similar work has also been carried out in Great North Park and works will be carried out in Tilery Park in 2007/08. A new children's play area has been installed in Newham Grange Park and the rationalisation of the shrubbery areas within the park has created a more visually pleasing area in which the users can feel safe.</li> </ul> <p><u>Neighbourhood Element</u>  Members were informed that the St Ann's Development</p>						
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<p>Board had been established and there has been substantial progress made to develop this initiative to date through the Board.</p> <p>To assist in developing interventions for the area a number of sub-groups have been established including 'Liveability' (covering Crime, Environment, Housing, and Transport), 'Aspirations' (covering Children &amp; Young People and Economic Regeneration), and a Health sub group, which addresses health issues raised by the Board.</p> <p>To support the developments in the second year, an event was held with the St Ann's Development board to determine key priority areas for 2007/08. As a result, some of the interventions currently being developed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Tilery Park Ranger</li> <li>➤ Youth Consultants</li> <li>➤ Health in the Curriculum Project</li> </ul> <p>The Board raised that it is often difficult for young people with disabilities to get work experience. It was raised if it would be possible to incorporate into the agreement with providers to provide work experience to young people with disabilities.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Element funding is part of the Safer</p>		<p>Noted. Dawn Welsh to raise this with the Neighbourhood Element Team</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	
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<p><b>7. COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (CPA) INFORMATION AND JOINT AREA REVIEW (JAR)</b></p> <p>Members were informed that Stockton Council and key public sector partners are currently preparing for two important inspections, the CPA and JAR. Both inspections help to improve services and, if the Council continues to perform strongly, can potentially unlock the door to extra funding from the Government. The inspectors will seek a wide range of views from Stockton Renaissance members in the coming months.</p> <p><u>Corporate Assessment</u>  This takes place once every three years with independent inspectors from the Audit Commission examining how well the Council is working to serve the Borough's residents and where this can be improved. The first task is to carry out and submit a 'self assessment' of how the Council is performing, together with supporting evidence. The Council's performance will be assessed against three key headline questions underpinned by five core themes.</p> <p><u>Joint Area Review</u>  Members were informed that JAR is an inspection of how well all services work together to improve outcomes for children and young people. It will include council and health services, police, probation, and publicly funded</p>		Noted	No	No	No	<p>Jenny Haworth  Assistant Chief Executive  (01642) 527004</p>
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<p>services provided by the voluntary sector. JAR will focus particularly on outcomes for those who are more vulnerable and need support from children's services.</p> <p>The Corporate Assessment and JAR are two of the most important components, which contribute to the CPA of the Council. This also takes into account how well the Council uses its resources, and inspection results for adult social care, housing, environment, culture and benefits. It also enables people to measure how well their local council is performing overall and compares different councils against each other. Stockton is currently the highest ranked council in the country under CPA.</p> <p>Members were informed that two surveys will be distributed to them over the coming months, which will contribute to the inspection judgements.</p>						
<p><b>8. REDUCING WORKLESSNESS – STOCKTON EMPLOYABILITY CONSORTIUM DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE</b></p> <p>The draft terms of reference for the Stockton Employability Consortium was provided to members. The aim of this Consortium is to provide a strategic focus to improve employability and to develop stronger and more effective partnership working between different services and agencies.</p> <p>The membership of this group has developed out of</p>		Noted	No	No	No	<p>Mark Rowell  Funding and Business Team  Manager  (01642) 526052</p>

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<p>the original Neighbourhood Renewal Employment and Health Working Group and has now been expanded to include a cross section of individuals who are involved with the “worklessness” agenda, now more commonly referred to as “employability”.</p> <p>Once the Consortium is formally established it is the intention to develop an employability strategy for the Borough in line with the Regional Employability Framework and the five key areas of Engagement – the ‘available’, Action Planning – the ‘persuadable’, Employability Services – the ‘willing’, Job Placement – the ‘able’, and Aftercare and Retention – the ‘successful’. The group will report primarily, to the Economic, Regeneration and Transport Thematic Partnership, but also to other thematic partnerships as appropriate. Specific focus will be on the main gaps in provision or where activity is limited and the pursuit of delivery from March 2008 onwards, post current Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and Deprived Area Fund allocations.</p> <p>The proposed membership of the group included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council Members X 2</li> <li>- Council Officers X 4</li> </ul> </li> <li>● North East Employer Coalition</li> <li>● Job Centre Plus</li> <li>● Learning &amp; Skills Council</li> </ul>						
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stockton Education and Training for Adults Group</li> <li>• VCS Representative/Deliverer</li> <li>• North Tees Primary Care Trust X 3</li> </ul> <p>It was proposed that the membership from the VCS be increased. After further discussion it was agreed that 2 additional VCS representatives to be included on the membership, bringing the total of VCS representatives on the Consortium to 3 members.</p> <p>It was also highlighted that throughout there will be vast VCS involvement through delivery of the packages and the VCS will form an essential key part of providing expertise and feedback.</p>						
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**Attendance:** Cllr K Lupton (Chair), Cllr Laing, George Garlick, Ann Baxter, Paul Thomas, Geoff Harrison, Olive Milner, Cllr Gibson, Cllr M Rigg, Tina Williams, Stephen Bray, Alex Bain, Jim Beall, Graeme Oram, Toks Sangowawa, Saade Sangowawa, Jeremy Garside, Cllr A McCoy, Mike Picknett

**Advisors:** Jenny Haworth, Dawn Welsh, Julie Derbyshire (SRCGA) Sarah Upex, Jan Doherty, Hilton Heslop, Mark Rowell, Ruth Hill, Mike Bowron, Paul McGee, Jane Edmends, Marilyn Davies

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs Fletcher, Dave Brunskill, Chris Willis, David Whiting, Neil Schneider, Frank Cook  
 Cllr Cook, Tony Campbell