

**Minutes**  
**The Eastern Area Partnership Board (EAPB)**  
**25<sup>th</sup> September 2007, 9.30am at The Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby**

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**Chair:**

Graeme Oram (VS)

**Members:**

Carol Adams (CS), Tom Bowman (TC), Doug Nicholson (VS), Irene Machin (TC)

**Advisors:**

Linda Russell- Bond (CS), Nicola Hall, Nigel Laws, Haleem Ghafoor, Graham Clingan, Keith Mathews, Sarah Graham, Mark Telford (SBC), Elaine Morris (PCT), Tracy Roberts (SRCGA),

**Observers:**

Dorothy Fairhurst (CS),

**Apologies**

Geoffrey Green (TC), Shirley Stenburge (SBC), Cllr David Harrington (SBC), Insp Ian Garrett (Cleveland Police), Jocelyn McIntyre (SBC), Cllr Tine Large (SBC)

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	TC =	Town Council
VS =	Voluntary Sector		
JC+/PUB =	Job Centre Plus		
CPF =	Community Partnership Forum		

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<b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b>  Members were introduced and welcomed to the Eastern Area Partnership Board.		No	No	No	No	Nicola Hall EAPB Coordinator (01642) 527823
<b>2. Apologies</b>  Apologies were noted.		Noted	No	No	No	Nicola Hall EAPB Coordinator (01642) 527823
<b>3. Minutes of Last Meeting</b>  ➤ Minutes of last meeting held on 31 <sup>st</sup> July 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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<p><b>4. Matters Arising</b></p> <p><u>Mandale Redevelopment</u>            Chair <b>(GO)</b> noted that the Mandale Housing Redevelopment scheme was shortlisted for a national regeneration award and although the scheme was not successful, the scheme was highly commented.</p> <p><u>Eastern Area Youth Café</u>            Mark Telford <b>(MT)</b> provided an update on the Eastern Area Youth Café, explaining that there were issues with the funding for the proposed youth cafes within the Eastern and Northern areas. MT explained that the Children's Trust Management Team (CTMT) were meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2007 to clarify the funding issues and plan for a way forward, this would then be agreed by the Council's Cabinet. MT explained that the CTMT would be looking into match funding for the youth cafes and they were in negotiations with Government Office North East (GONE) to roll-forward the current capital allocation.</p> <p>MT explained that the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) would also have an impact on the proposed development of the youth cafes.</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>Northern</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316</p>

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<p>A discussion took place regarding revenue-staffing costs. MT explained that this was already identified as a challenge for the Integrated Service Area (ISA) Teams and that there would be a commissioning framework to ensure that the voluntary and community sector, as well as the statutory sector could bid in to deliver the service.</p> <p>GO stated that although this would mean a delay in the development of the youth cafes within the Eastern Area, the development of the Children's Trust and the ISA Teams, along with the review of youth services would link in with the process of the youth cafes. GO informed members that he had invited Terry Frank, Locality Manager for Children's Services to future meetings of the Board.</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><b>5. Thornaby Town Centre Redevelopment</b></p> <p>Nigel Laws (NL) provided an update on the redevelopment of Thornaby Town Centre.</p> <p>NL explained that the results of the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) were published in August and were confirmed without any changes.</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>Nigel Laws Town Centre Projects Manager (01642) 527565</p>

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<p>NL explained that it was anticipated that the leasehold for the Town Centre would be transferred to Thornfield in November 2007. NL invited the Board to nominate one member to represent the Board at a photo opportunity at the end of November to highlight the transfer of the Town Centre to Thornfield.</p>		Noted	Members interested in attending the photo opportunity to contact NL	No	No	
<p>NL explained that the timetable for construction had been revised and the first phase of work to complete the main car park would begin at the end of November 2007. NL explained that the Section 278 works to improve access to the Town Centre was currently being undertaken by the Council and would be complete at the end of October.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>NL provided an overview of the project to develop Tees Active's gymnasium and alterations to the Bowling Green. NL explained that Access to Services would be piloted in the Pavillion and work would commence on this during summer 2008.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>NL informed members that the developers had been working with the Council and local schools to develop art with a historic theme to be displayed on the pillars at Wrightson House. NL stated that an artist had also been commissioned for the unity sphere.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	

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NL gave an update on the Northumbrian Water and Tristar Neasham sites, explaining that negotiations were continuing.  GO asked NL for an update on the Golden Eagle site. NL explained that Thornfield were trying to set up a meeting with the owners of the site in order to dovetail it into the scheme.		Noted  Noted	No  No	No  No	No  No	
<b>6. Sustainable Community Strategy Draft</b>  Haleem Ghafoor ( <b>HG</b> ) presented an update on the draft Sustainable Community Strategy 2008 – 2021 'Shaping Stockton's Future'. HG attended the July meeting of the Board and explained to members that where appropriate their comments had been incorporated within the revised draft document.  HG stated that any additional comments the Board had on the draft document would be considered within the final draft of the document. HG explained that the final draft document would be approved by Stockton Renaissance and the Council's Cabinet in October 2007 and would be published and circulated in February 2008.		Noted  Noted	No  No	No  No	No  No	Haleem Ghafoor, Senior Renewal Officer (01642) 528677

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<p>MT requested that the Children &amp; Young People's Plan be incorporated into the document as a supporting strategy. MT also suggested that an explanation of the Participation Involvement and Consultation (PIC) Network should be included within the document.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed that the land around the River Tees would be too built up by 2011. It was felt that the protection of the Tees should be an ambition within the document (as well as an ambition around developing the River). It was also suggested that any proposed projects and developments along the river should be incorporated together and that the whole of the River should be seen as a single entity.</p> <p>A discussion took place and it was felt that there should be a specific policy around the protection and enhancement of open green spaces. Members' felt that green spaces should be viewed as a network, rather than pinpointing individual areas. Graham Clingan (<b>GC</b>) suggested that the document should link with the Tees Valley Green Infrastructure Strategy.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>HG to log comments.</p> <p>HG to log comments.</p> <p>HG to log comments.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	

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<p>Tom Bowman <b>(TB)</b> referred to pg 32 of the document and stated that two additional primary schools within Ingleby Barwick had been funded privately through Churches.</p> <p>GO stated that from discussions with individuals from other Local Authorities, they had not been as widely consulted on their SCS. GO stated that he had received a lot of positive feedback from those who were consulted on the document and that such a comprehensive draft document reflects the status of Stockton Council in engaging with residents and the success of the network of Partnerships across the Borough.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the Board's priorities for the next three years to be included within the Local Area Agreement (LAA). A discussion took place and members agreed that children and young people and financial inclusion were priorities for the Board for the next three years.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>HG to log comments.</p> <p>No</p> <p>HG to log comments.</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>7. Update from the Area Partnership Board Meeting and Eastern Area Partnership Community Strategy priorities</b></p> <p>Members in attendance at the Area Partnership Board meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2007 provided an update on the meeting. A discussion took place and members agreed that their Community Strategy priorities for 2007/08 were the same as last year –</p> <p><b>Children and Young People</b> Children &amp; Young People making a positive contribution</p> <p><b>Economic Regeneration &amp; Transport</b> Accessibility of local facilities and services and Sub-regional transport structure</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316
<p><b>8. Crime &amp; Disorder Audit</b></p> <p>Sarah Graham (<b>SG</b>) gave a presentation on the Crime and Disorder Audit. SG explained that the Audit is produced by the Safer Stockton Partnership and is delivered to every household across the Borough. SG provided a detailed overview and explanation of last year's priorities.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Graham, Community Safety Officer (01642) 527827

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A discussion took place regarding dwelling burglary, it was felt that young people returning home from school to an empty house were vulnerable. It was suggested that some work should be done within local primary schools to make young people aware of basic home safety issues. It was also suggested that this issue should be linked with the Parenting Strategy. SG agreed to feed back this issue.		Noted	SG to feed back the issue of young people being vulnerable to dwelling burglary	No	No	
Members were requested to complete and return the questionnaire.		Noted	Members to complete and return the questionnaire.	No	No	
<b>9. Draft Play Area Strategy 2007 - 2010</b>						
Graham Clingan ( <b>GC</b> ) provided an overview of the Play Area Strategy 2007 - 2010, explaining that the Strategy sets out the Council's approach to management and development of outdoor play facilities. GC stated that the Strategy would be presented to the Council's Cabinet in September 2007 and may be subject to further revision.		Noted	No	No	No	Graham Clingan, Countryside & Greenspace - Strategy & Development Manager (01642) 526870
GC stated that there are 38 sites across the Borough with fixed play equipment and that the Strategy does not		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>cover those play areas that are not always accessible (school playing fields etc) GC explained that the sites had been developed through a hierarchy approach and explained the difference between destination sites, neighbourhood sites and doorstep sites.</p> <p>GC explained to members that the Strategy had nine strategic objectives and provided an overview of each, explaining that these objectives would underpin the Council's approach to the future development of play areas across the Borough.</p> <p>GC informed members that the final version of the Strategy would be available on the Council's website.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the maintenance costs of play areas and the shortfall in community play spaces across Ingleby Barwick.</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><b>10. Parks Development Update (Romano Park)</b></p> <p>Keith Mathews (<b>KM</b>) gave an overview of the development of Romano Park, Ingleby Barwick. KM provided a background to the development of the park and explained that the development of the park had been done through wide community involvement.</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Keith Mathews, Countryside &amp; Greenspace - Parks &amp;</p>

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<p>KM stated that a master plan had been developed to accompany an outline planning application. KM informed members that there had been a turn around of 13 weeks for the application, and to date there had been 6 objections. KM explained that if more than 5 objections were received to a planning application it would have to go to the Council's Cabinet for consideration. KM stated that as one of the objections was unclear, it was uncertain if the application would have to go to Cabinet at this stage. KM explained that conditions on approval of the project might be placed around fencing and CCTV for the site.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Greenspace s Officer (01642) 526872
<p>KM informed members that to date the project had no funding available, however a bid for £100,000 had been submitted to Play England. KM also explained that an initial application for £280,000 had been made to Impetus Waste (the local agents for Landfill Tax), of which £80,000 would be available this financial year to develop phase one of the project. KM further stated that Stockton Council had approved £500,000 to the development of play facilities across the Borough and an element of this would be available for the Romano Park project subject to Cabinet approval.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>A question was raised regarding the development of a modular building for a Youth Café within the park. KM explained that one of the conditions on the site was that no buildings were to be erected, however negotiations could take place with the developers in order to resolve this.</p> <p>GO stated that the Board welcomed and supported the development of the facility.</p> <p>David Harrington (DH) had submitted an email comment on this item, stating that he supports the development of Romano Park and the scheme that is currently progressing through the planning process is thanks to the hard work and commitment shown to this project by Councillor Ken Dixon.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding play facilities within Teesdale.</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>	
<p><b>11. Forward Plan (October meeting)</b></p> <p>Items included on the next agenda of the Board are –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ NRF Health Package Update (Elaine Morris &amp; Edward Kundonga);</li> </ul>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Eastern Area Partnership NRF Projects Update (Diane Patterson &amp; Sue Westerman)</li> <li>➤ Building Schools for the Future Options Consultation Briefing (Lionel Danby)</li> <li>➤ Update from the Eastern Area Transport Strategy Meeting – Second Stakeholder Meeting (Graeme Oram)</li> </ul>						
<p><b>12. Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>1. Joint Area Review (JAR) – Mark Telford</b>            MT provided an update on the JAR, explaining that this was an inspection of children’s services across the Borough and was undertaken every three years. MT explained that an initial meeting with the Inspectors is being held in October to identify key areas. It was anticipated that the key areas of focus would be around Looked After children and young people, child protection registrations and special needs and learning disabilities. MT stated that the Inspectors would be undertaking field work during the first two weeks in December, where they would visits sites, services and hold discussions with providers (including those from the voluntary and community sector). MT explained that the Inspectors had requested 100 cases of children and young people who were Looked After. MT informed members that a briefing meeting would be held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2007 for those</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316

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involved in the process.						
<p><b>2. Eastern Area Transport Strategy Meeting – Second Stakeholder Meeting</b>            Invitations had been sent out for the Second Stakeholder Eastern Area Transport Strategy Meeting. The meeting is being held on 22 October 2007, 7pm, Bannatyne’s Health Club, Ingleby Barwick.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p><b>3. Stockton Renaissance Thematic Question Time</b>            GO explained that Stockton Renaissance would be piloting a thematic question time at the Renaissance Business Meetings, starting in October 2007. Area Partnership Boards have been invited to submit 3 questions to the Thematic Partnerships, with at least one follow-up question arising from either the original question or from the response given.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>GO stated that all questions needed to be submitted to the Renaissance Secretariat in writing, at least 15 days before the Renaissance meeting.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>A discussion took place and it was agreed that if members wanted to submit a question, to email or telephone Nicola Hall (<b>NH</b>) with the question. NH would then discuss any proposed questions with GO before submitting them.</p>		Noted	Members to email NH with any questions	No	No	

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<p>Irene Machin (<b>IM</b>) requested that a question around the sustainability of the number of school children being transported off Ingleby Barwick be raised. IM to email NH with the question.</p> <p>The Partnership welcomed the opportunity to submit questions to the Thematic Partnerships.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>IM to email NH with question by 28/09/07</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	
<p><b>13. Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next business meeting of the EAPB will be held on:</p> <p><b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2007, 5.30pm at the Five Lamps Organisation.</b></p> <p>EAPB members are invited to forward any agenda items for future meetings to Nicola Hall.</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Nicola Hall EAPB Coordinator (01642) 527823</p>