ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	COMMENTS/ DECISION	ACTION	Does it need Council approval/ Endorsement?	Are any other boards affected?	CONTACT
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.		Noted.	No	No	No	Sarah Upex LSP Coordinator (01642) 526498
2. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 5 TH JUNE 2007, 10 TH JULY 2007 & 4 TH SEPTEMBER 2007 The minutes of the meetings held on 5 th June 2007, 10 th July 2007 & 4 th September 2007 were agreed as a true and accurate record.		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex LSP Coordinator (01642) 526498
3. FINAL DRAFT SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY 2008-2021 Members were presented with the final draft Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) 2008-2021 and the emerging early draft Local Area Agreement (LAA) 2008-2011 priorities following the second phase of consultation. Members were informed that a comprehensive engagement process on the draft SCS priorities, agreed at the Renaissance meetings in May and September 2007, has now taken place along with consultation on its delivery plans, the LDF and LAA priorities. All comments from both phases of consultation (over 600 comments were received) have been formally logged onto a database and have been used to inform the final draft SCS. The consultation and engagement process has been cited as best practice both locally and nationally and a case study has		Agreed. Renaissance approved the final draft Sustainable Community Strategy 2008- 2021.	No	No	No	Dawn Welsh, Neighbourhood Renewal and LSP Manager (10642) 526011

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been provided upon the request of the 'Association of North East Councils' to share with other local authorities in the region.						
The consultation sessions also concentrated on which of the ambitions we should focus on, which will form the priorities for the SCS first three year delivery plan (the LAA). Some examples of emerging LAA priorities to date include more activities for children and young people, improved local transport networks and affordable housing. Further consultation on the LAA indicators will take place following the Governments Comprehensive Spending Review and publication of the final set of 200 national indicators. The 'place shaper' government guidance on LSPs, SCS and LAA statutory elements, will also be considered and any required changes will be identified. Due to timescales involved, Renaissance agreed at its April 2007 meeting that any minor changes from this guidance will be authorised with the Chair and Vice Chair of Renaissance.			No	No	No	

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4. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF)					Rosemary
CONSULTATION UPDATE					Young, Spatial
Members were informed of the ongoing consultation relating to					Planning
the Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD)					Manager
Preferred Options, the Regeneration DPD Issues and Options,					(01642) 526054
and associated documents.					
Preferred options for the Core Strategy Development Plan					
Document (DPD)					
The Core Strategy DPD is a key document in the new LDF					
and will set out the main elements of the planning framework					
for the Borough. It will have a spatial vision and strategic	Renaissance	No	No	No	
objectives for the area, a spatial strategy, core policies and a	noted the				
monitoring and implementation framework with clear	report				
objectives for achieving delivery. It must be kept up-to-date					
and, once adopted, all other development plan documents					
must be in conformity with it. The Core Strategy should reflect					
both national and regional planning guidance.					
The initial consultation stage on this document was					
undertaken last year on issues and options for the Core					
Strategy. Responses were considered, and the Council has					
now prepared its Preferred Options for the Core Strategy					
DPD. A six-week consultation exercise is currently ongoing,					
with the deadline for comments to be received by Friday 9th					
November 2007.					
Additionally, the Core Strategy is accompanied by a					
Sustainability Appraisal and an Appropriate Assessment.					
Under the new planning legislation, local development					
documents prepared by the Council must contribute to the					
achievement of sustainable development. At the heart of					
sustainable development is the simple idea of ensuring a					

better quality of life for everyone now and for future generations. Comments on both these documents will also be welcomed.		
Issues and Options for the Regeneration DPD The main role of the Regeneration DPD is to allocate sites to show where development will take place over the next 10 – 15 years. This may include allocations for housing, employment, transport infrastructure and other services and facilities required to meet the Borough's needs up to 2021. The Regeneration DPD will provide more detail as to how the vision, objectives and policies in the Core Strategy will be implemented.		
The Regeneration DPD issues and options paper is accompanied by a scoping report for the Sustainability Appraisal.		
Again, a six-week period of public consultation, asking for views on issues and options for the Regeneration DPD, began on 28 September, with the final date for accepting comments being Friday 9 November 2007. All comments will be considered, if further consultation is needed for the Options, then this will take place during May-June 2008.		
Members were informed that there are a range of documents available from libraries, the planning department and on the Stockton Council website. There is also a range of different ways to comment on the documents, including on-line consultation forms, via email or via letters.		

S. LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (LSP) IMPROVEMENT PLAN SIX MONTH PROGRESS UPDATE Members were provided with an update on progress to date on the LSP Improvement Plan. Stockton Renaissance adopted the Improvement Plan in response to recommendations from the Peer Review in January 2007 and it reflects the future role of LSPs as outlined in the Local Government White Paper and Local Government and Public Involvement Health Bill. The Improvement Plan will initially run from April 2007 to March 2008 and will be subject to a review and any appropriate amendment when the anticipated national guidance on Place Shaping LSPs and LAAs is published in the Winter of 2007. It was agreed that Renaissance Members would receive six monthly updates on the Improvement Plan. Key achievements made to date on the Improvement Plan, include: • Consultation on the draft Sustainable Community Strategy has been carried out and has involved consultation with the area partnership boards, thematic partnerships, older people's forum, BME network and various other forums. Two events have been held with the area partnership boards and Community Empowerment Network, which are being used locally and regionally as a model of best practice • The thematic reporting mechanisms have been strengthened and a 'thematic/area partnership question time' is to be piloted at Renaissance	Renaissa recomme 1. The on developm of the LSI Improvem Plan 2. Deskto Healthche audit to be carried ou any arisin actions fro this to be incorpora into the Li Improvem Plan	nded: going lent nent p leck e ut and g om ted SP	No	No	Dawn Welsh, Neighbourhood Renewal and LSP Manager (01642) 526011
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 Thematic partnership cross working has also been strengthened with a governance healthcheck currently being rolled out. A meeting of the thematic lead officers has been arranged to enable the partnerships to share best practice and latest partnership developments. A Renaissance pack has been circulated to all Stockton Councillors with information on the LSP and its structure. A successful Area Partnership Board event was held on the 20th July 2007, where representatives from the various thematic partnerships reported on the overall progress of the Community Strategy outcomes at an individual area partnership board level where possible Work is currently ongoing to produce a Roles and Responsibilities Agreement for all members of the Renaissance family to sign up to. It was noted that the annual review of the Improvement Plan will be taken to the March 2008 Renaissance meeting. Renaissance Members agreed that Dawn Welsh, the Neighbourhood Renewal and LSP Manager, complete a desk based piece of work to pick up, and include in the Partnership Improvement Plan any additional arising actions from a governance healthcheck for the Partnership. 	Noted	

6. FINAL DRAFT OF THE STOCKTON RENAISSANCE AND VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR COMPACT Stockton Renaissance members were presented with the final draft of the refreshed Compact between Stockton Renaissance and the Voluntary and Community Sector. At the 3 rd July 2007 Renaissance meeting, the board agreed the process for refreshing the existing Compact, which had been agreed in 2004. Members were informed that the Compact covers a variety of factors, including consultation, representation of the third sector, elections and mandates, managing conflict and dissemination of information. The drafting work on the Compact had been jointly led by Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association and the Council, in consultation with a cross agency project group and it is planned that all partner's work towards the principals set out in the refreshed Compact The National toolkit on Compacts had informed the draft, as had the Association of North East Councils. The draft Compact has been consulted on and informed by the 'Together We Engage' event, Youth Assembly and the Community Empowerment Network. The Compact will be jointly reviewed annually by the LSP and third sector umbrella organisations.	Renaissance recommended the refreshed Compact document	No	No	No	Dawn Welsh, Neighbourhood Renewal and LSP Manager/Julie Derbyshire, Chief Executive, SRCGA
The Compact will be widely circulated via the CEN and partners and published on the Stockton Renaissance and CEN websites.					
It was commented that the document sets out a good working relationship with Stockton Renaissance, voluntary and	Noted	No	No	No	

community sector and other public sector bodies. It was noted that those involved should be commended.					
The final draft of the Compact was agreed.	Noted	No	No	No	
7. REGENERATION STRATEGY Stockton Renaissance members were informed that the Regeneration Strategy 2007-2012 takes the 'place' theme as its key emphasis, and sets out a programme of physical development across the Borough, which will drive economic and social regeneration. It is one of a number of daughter strategies to the Sustainable Community Strategy, and in particular is consistent with the emerging Local Development Framework. The Regeneration Strategy collates the vision of the many regeneration projects, which have already been endorsed and considered by Stockton Council and the LSP, and those which will continue to be in the future. The strategy provides a longer-term direction that demonstrates Stockton's strategic fit both nationally and regionally.	Renaissance recommended the Regeneration Strategy for the Borough 2007-2012	No	No	No	Sharon Thomas, Housing Regeneration Manager (01642) 526073
Members were informed that there is no statutory requirement to publish a Regeneration Strategy. However, with such scale and ambition to our regeneration vision it is an opportunity to bring everything together and demonstrate both locally, sub regionally and nationally, that Stockton-on-Tees is a Borough of exciting and transformational change. Members were shown a DVD demonstrating the vision for the Regeneration Strategy and the vision for the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees.	Noted	No	No	No	

The Regeneration Strategy sets out the achievements made			
by the Borough and its partners in regeneration over the last			
10 – 15 years. It then sets out the significant opportunities			
that exist in terms of redeveloping and transforming the			
Borough and sets Key Ambitions for doing this.			
Key achievements, which have been made in the Borough,			
include:			
£43million investment in Wellington Square			
 Major housing regeneration schemes are currently 			
ongoing and have already re-housed over 600 families			
The Teesdale development provides premium			
business facilities in the Tees Valley and 6,000 jobs			
The improvement plans for the Tees Barrage will			
make it the best in the UK and one of the top 5 in			
Europe.			
Construction are on site to begin the development of			
the iconic footbridge			
Plans for major changes and investment in the town			
centres of Billingham, Thornaby and Stockton.			
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The individual schemes within the Regeneration Strategy have			
been subject to ongoing public consultation and publications,			
for example:			
Housing Regeneration – community open days, public positions resident design workshape and to another.			
meetings, resident design workshops, one to one sessions made available to all residents, regular			
newsletters, displays in public buildings i.e. libraries,			
sports facilities, community centres, visits to local			
schools, Member briefings, presentations to Local Area			
Partnership Boards.			

Town Centres – public exhibitions, workshops, Member briefings, specific presentations on vision and					
action plan to key stakeholders, community groups and					
Local Area Partnership Boards, agents and investors					
event.					
Progress updates on the Regeneration Strategy will be	Noted	No	No	No	
reported to Stockton Renaissance regularly.					
8. NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND (NRF) CARRY					Dawn Welsh,
FORWARD					Neighbourhood
Stockton Renaissance Members were informed of the					Renewal and
proposed process to retain any NRF carry forward from	Renaissance				LSP Manager
2007/08 for the Community Empowerment Network (CEN) for	recommended	No	No	No	(01642) 526011
2008/09.	the proposed				
	carry forward				
Members were informed that we are still awaiting the outcome	 process for the				
of the Comprehensive Spending Review, therefore it is	Community				
unclear until an announcement is made, whether there will be	Enpowerment				
any further NRF or CEN funding post March 2008. It is	Network				
therefore proposed to use the flexibility within the Local Area					
Agreement (LAA) carry over into 2008/09 to set against the					
running costs of the CEN. Any NRF thematic carry forward over £5,000 within this financial year be ring fenced (up to the					
amount of £125,000) to be allocated towards the running of	Noted	No	No	No	
the CEN during 2008/09. Any underspend below this £5,000	Noteu	INO	INO	INO	
threshold to be reallocated within the package by the relevant					
Thematic Lead Officer, with notification to the Neighbourhood					
Renewal and LSP Team.					
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However, if further funding is announced with the CSR any					
carry forward over £5,000 will go through an open					
commissioning process to reallocate the funding.					

Stockton Renaissance members endorsed this process.	Noted	No	No	No	
9. THEMATIC PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION – HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP The focus and remit of the partnership is residential properties and place. It also aims to ensure that partnership has access to, and is able to make comments on, issues that need to be addressed in the Borough and to ensure that housing and neighbourhood issues are moving in the right direction. Stockton Renaissance members were informed that the Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership is chaired independently. Current areas of work include engaging with private sector house builders to ensure they are engaged in the partnership in the future. The partnership has a strong membership and attendance is also strong. The Partnership has a wide agenda, including planning and and monitoring of the NRF outputs.	Noted	No	No	No	Stephen Bray, Chair of the Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership
 Key future challenges include; Action plans have been identified to recognise what has to be done to improve the housing offer/product. The Green Paper – provision of affordable housing in Stockton and how we create mixed income/tenure in neighbourhoods plus increasing the offer of intermediate home options Older people – changing democratic trends with the right housing solutions for them 					

 Decent homes Sustainable Development – need to address how to create strong/balanced vibrant neighbourhoods as well as eco homes. 					
10. MINUTES OF THE BILLINGHAM PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 14 TH MAY 2007, 4 TH JUNE 2007 & 3 RD SEPTEMBER 2007 Minutes were agreed.	Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526052
11. MINUTES OF THE EASTERN AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 27 TH MARCH 2007, 5 TH JUNE 2007 & 31 ST JULY 2007 Minutes were agreed.	Noted	No	No	No	Nicola Hall Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 527823
12. MINUTES OF THE WESTERN AREA PARTNERSHIP HELD ON 21 ST MAY 2007 & 16 TH JULY 2007 Minutes were agreed.	Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526052
13. MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COHESION SUB GROUP HELD ON 14 TH MAY 2007 & 3 RD SEPTEMBER 2007 (For Information)	Noted	No	No	No	Jas Lang PA to Chief Executive (01642) 527001
Any Other Business None	Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex LSP Coordinator (01642) 526498

Attendance: Cllr K Lupton (Chair), Chris Willis (Vice Chair), Cllr M Rigg, Olive Milner, Val Goodrum, Paul Thomas, Diane Patterson, Cllr Mrs A McCoy, Stephen Bray, Alex Bain, Jim Beall, Geoff Harrison, Ann Baxter, Jeremy Garside, Dave Brunskill, Graeme Oram, Cllr Laing

Advisors: Dawn Welsh, Julie Derbyshire (SRCGA), Sarah Upex, Rev David Whiting, Steve Davidson (JCP), Elizabeth Shassere (PCT), Fiona Chesters (TVRCC),

Apologies: Tina Williams, George Garlick, Cllr Cunningham