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Meeting- Stockton Renaissance
Date – Tuesday 13th November 2007
Castlegate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton-on-Tees

ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	COMMENTS/ DECISION	ACTION	Does it need Council approval/ Endorsement?	Are any other boards affected?	CONTACT
<p>1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>		Noted.	No	No	No	Sarah Upex LSP Coordinator (01642) 526498
<p>2. BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE Stockton Renaissance members were presented for discussion, the content of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) consultation paper, including some options for change.</p> <p>Renaissance was informed that this is the first stage of consultation, therefore no changes can be made to any schools as a result of this consultation. If any firm proposals for change are made, there will be full statutory consultation in 2008 before any decisions are taken. At that stage governing bodies will be consulted again.</p> <p>It was noted that £150 million capital investment is available to transform educational opportunities across Stockton-on-Tees, following Government pressure to tackle “under-achieving” schools and to address falling rolls. A Strategy for Change is to be submitted in Summer 2008 and will set out predictions for the number, type and size of schools for 2018. ‘No change’ is not an option and the Strategy will be assessed by three government agencies; DCSF – Department for Children, Schools and Families; PfS – Partnerships for Schools; and</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Ann Baxter, Corporate Director, CESC (01642) 527049

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<p>OSC – Office of the Schools Commissioner.</p> <p>Renaissance members were informed of the various types of schools, which are; Community Schools; Voluntary Aided Schools; Foundation (trust) Schools and Academies.</p> <p>Within the document, new schools refer to an additional school or school replacement for a closing school, not a new building for an existing school. Any new school is expected to be either voluntary aided, foundations or academies. Except for academies, local authorities must normally hold a competition to set up a new school which open to anyone to bid for e.g. parents, faith groups or charities. The local authority decides the winner, however if the local authority decides to enter the competition, an adjudicator decides the winner.</p> <p>The BSF agenda for Stockton-on-Tees includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building on schools’ record of success • Enhance the partnership among schools and colleges • Implement Integrated Service Areas • Support community regeneration • Bring the 2 BSF waves together – bid has been made to Government <p>Renaissance members were informed that at the beginning of the process, difficult decisions had to be made and it was felt important that a set of principles be produced to ensure that the strategies which are being developed, are what the BSF programme is about. The principles, which Stockton has agreed with partners, include:</p>		<p>Renaissance agreed the final draft of the SCS</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting the learner first • Every school to be a good school • Schools at the heart of the community • Need for collaboration to provide all curriculum options • Optimum school size 800-1200, but there may be exceptions • The campus principle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supports collaborative working - Reduces travelling between institutions - Shared facilities <p>Renaissance members were informed that the options paper is based on 2018 student numbers, which has been predicted by the Joint Strategy Unit (JSU). The paper has two options for each Integrated Service Area, with 'no change' not an option. It was noted that other options may emerge from consultation or discussions with government.</p> <p>Renaissance members were informed that options have been produced for the following areas, and further detail of all the options for each area was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Billingham • North Stockton • Central Stockton • South of the Borough. <p>There are a number of issues in the South of the Borough, which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No deliverable option now to increase places in Ingleby Barwick 		Noted	No	No	No	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Saints is a PFI contract, not easily changed • Commissioner will not allow Conyers or Eggescliffe to be reduced in size • Eggescliffe cannot be rebuilt on site • Thornaby has too few students for two schools in separate buildings. <p>The consultation process for the Building Schools for the Future programme has included the distribution of 100,000 booklets across Stockton-on-Tees, with the response form being returned to a Freepost address, where independent analysis of the responses will take place. There is also an online response facility at www.stockton.gov.uk/bsf</p> <p>Meetings are also taking place at every secondary school with parents/carers, students and the general public. A report will be taken to Cabinet in January 2008.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
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<p>3. PLAY STRATEGY 2007-2012 ‘PLAY MATTERS’</p> <p>Renaissance members were informed that national guidance has been produced regulating the structure of the document. Prior to the Play Strategy, Stockton Borough Council had a Play Area Strategy in existence, to avoid further confusion the intention is to combine both strategies when they are reviewed in 2008/09.</p> <p>The overall aim of the Play Strategy is for play to be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locally based • Easily accessible • Develop new play facilities • Extend existing provision. <p>Renaissance members were informed that an application had been submitted to the Big Lottery Fund Children’s Play programme for a potential grant of £488,000. The application contained a portfolio of projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imagination Explorer (mobile play scheme) £200,000 • Romano Park £175,000 • Village Park £ 50,000 • Thorpe Thewles Community Play Scheme £ 25,000 <p>It is expected that an announcement will be made by December 2007 as to whether the application is successful. The £488,000 is available for Stockton Borough Council, and Stockton is not in competition with any other local authorities. However objectives for this funding have to be achieved through the development of a Play Strategy.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Martin Graham, Strategic Manager, Children and Young People, SBC (01642) 528477
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<p>Developing a Play Strategy is not a statutory requirement. However, the Children’s Trust Board recognises the value of play in supporting the delivery of key national, regional and local policies, strategies and plans.</p> <p>Renaissance were informed that the Play Strategy for Stockton-on-Tees is the result of a partnership approach involving a number of representatives from across council departments, voluntary sector organisations, Sure Start and other agencies who are committed to enhancing the quality of life for children and young people. The Play Strategy Group carried out an audit of current play provision; collated feedback and consulted with a range of children, young people and their families. The Strategy responds to what has been fed back during the consultation audit process.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
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<p>4. ESTABLISHMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>Renaissance members were informed that the Local Government White Paper ‘Strong and Prosperous Communities’ requires the establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Partnership. In Stockton it is proposed that the Health Improvement Partnership and the Adult Care Planning Partnership arrangements should be reformed to create a Health and Wellbeing Partnership, as a thematic group of the LSP, the proposed Constitution for which was circulated to Renaissance members.</p> <p>It was noted that in order to take this process forward, there has been wide ranging consultation with Area Partnership Boards, the existing members of the Health Improvement Partnership and Adult Care Partnership in order to develop plans for the new Partnership. The Board of North Tees PCT and the Cabinet for Stockton Borough Council, have agreed to recommend the draft constitution to Stockton Renaissance for approval.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Partnership aims to develop opportunities for the people of Stockton-on-Tees to improve their health and wellbeing by ensuring a joined up approach to the planning, commissioning and delivery of services, and through the generation of strategies for health improvement.</p> <p>It was noted that the Stockton Health Improvement Group (SHIG) will become the Strategic Management Team, which will look at developing the Health and Well Being strategy</p>		<p>Stockton Renaissance members agreed the dissolution of the Health Improvement Partnership and the Adult Care Partnership.</p> <p>Stockton Renaissance agreed the constitution of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Elizabeth Shassere, Acting Locality Director of Public Health</p>
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<p>drive effective achievement of targets and identify any gaps.</p> <p>Following discussion, and subject to approval from Stockton Renaissance, it is intended that the first meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership take place on 5th December 2007. Preparatory work has commenced to draw up the supporting sub structure, which will enable the Partnership to work more effectively and efficiently, and will be presented to the first partnership meeting.</p> <p>Renaissance members noted that this is likely to be an exciting partnership, driving innovative targeted work. It was also noted that voluntary and community sector representatives will be appointed to the Partnership via the Community Empowerment Network election process.</p>		<p>Stockton Renaissance approved that the first meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership take place on 5th December 2007</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>5. COMMUNITY COHESION STRATEGY Renaissance members were informed that the consultation on the Community Cohesion Strategy will be taken to the Area Partnership Boards and Thematic Partnerships to have the opportunity to feed into the action planning process. It was proposed that following the consultation, the Community Cohesion Strategy will be taken to the March 2008 meeting of Stockton Renaissance.</p>		Renaissance recommended that the Community Cohesion Strategy be taken to the March 2007 Renaissance meeting.	No	No	No	Helen Dean, Acting Assistant Chief Executive, SBC (01642) 527003
<p>6. BME NETWORK UPDATE Renaissance members were informed that four years ago, Stockton Renaissance invited the Stockton International Family Centre to map the various BME groups living within the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees, in order to establish a mechanism of engagement. This mapping exercise identified 30 BME groups in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees. This consultation led to the formation of the BME Network. The BME Network currently has an active network of 15-20 groups, which is engaged with its partners and Stockton</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Sacha Bedding Stockton International Family Centre & Julie Derbyshire, Stockton Residents & Community Groups Association

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<p>Renaissance.</p> <p>The Stockton International Family Centre has worked to establish and capacity build the BME Network, however it is now proposed to mainstream the support arrangements for the network within the wider Community Empowerment Network. This will see a four month handover process with the secondment of the BME Network Coordinator and the BME Network integrated into the core business of the Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association (CEN secretariat).</p> <p>Renaissance members were informed that this is an example of achieving a mainstreaming process.</p> <p>The BME Network and CEN Network were congratulated by Government Office North East on the transformation and it was commented that this process is what NRF is all about.</p> <p>Renaissance congratulated the BME Network and SIFC on the excellent job that they have done with the Network. It was commented by SRCGA that they now want to help strengthen the groups and wider communities over the next 12 months.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>7. 'CULTURE STOCKTON' STRATEGY 2007-2012 Stockton Renaissance members were presented with the 'Culture Stockton' Strategy 2007-2012, which has been produced by the Stockton Renaissance thematic Arts and Culture Partnership. This Strategy has been produced following the consultation carried out with the Arts and Culture Partnership on the</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Jan Doherty, Arts Development Manager, SBC (01642) 526465

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Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2021. The Arts and Culture Partnership are proposing to take the Culture Strategy to the other thematic partnerships in order to integrate the Strategy with other services.		Noted	No	No	No	
Any Other Business None		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex LSP Coordinator (01642) 526498

Attendance: Cllr K Lupton (Chair), Chris Willis (Vice Chair), Olive Milner, Paul Thomas, Alex Bain, Jim Beall, Geoff Harrison, Ann Baxter, Jeremy Garside, Tina Williams, George Garlick, Steve Davison, Cllr Fletcher, Ian Harrington, Tony Campbell, Cllr Cook, Steve Boyd

Advisors: Dawn Welsh, Julie Derbyshire (SRCGA), Sarah Upex, Rev David Whiting, Steve Davidson (JCP), Elizabeth Shassere (PCT), Fiona Chesters (TVRCC), Helen Dean, Martin Graham, Cllr Maurice Frankland, Jan Doherty, Hilton Heslop, Richard Poundford, Cllr Mrs Womphrey, Sacha Bedding

Apologies: Cllr Cunningham, Neil Schneider, Kellie Hopkins, Cllr M Rigg, Val Goodrum, Diane Patterson, Cllr Mrs A McCoy, Stephen Bray, Cllr Laing, Dave Brunskill, Graeme Oram, Ed Rowley, Julie Allport, Cath Coldbeck