

Minutes
The Eastern Area Partnership Board (EAPB)
18 December 2007, 9.30am at The Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby

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Chair:

Graeme Oram (VS).

Members:

Elaine Morris (PCT) Insp Ian Garrett (Cleveland Police) Trevor Mortlock (JC+) Carol Adams (CS) Cllr Tina Large (SBC) Geoffrey Green (TC) Irene Machin (TC).

Advisors:

Nicola Hall, Rob Farnham, Graham Clingan (SBC).

Observers:

Dorothy Fairhurst (CS) Beryl Robinson (CS).

Apologies

Cllr Kevin Faulks (SBC) Tom Bowman (TC) Shirley Stenburge (SBC) Katharine Linton (SBC) Linda Russell- Bond (CS) Doug Nicholson (VS) Peter Brennan (CS) Cllr Mick Eddy (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		

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1. Welcome and Introductions Members were introduced and welcomed to the Eastern Area Partnership Board.		No	No	No	No	Nicola Hall EAPB Coordinator (01642) 527823
2. Apologies Apologies were noted.		Noted	No	No	No	Nicola Hall EAPB Coordinator (01642) 527823
3. Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of last meeting held on 27 November 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>4. Matters Arising</p> <p>Nicola Hall (NH) explained that Cllr David Harrington (DH) had resigned from the Eastern Area Partnership Board. Cllr Mick Eddy (ME) has been elected as a member of the Eastern Area Partnership Board.</p> <p>Graeme Oram (GO) provided an update on the proposed Youth Café development in Thornaby explaining that following the options appraisal; two buildings had been identified for the Youth Café – South Thornaby Community Centre and the A4E building at Thornaby Community School. GO explained that an update on the Youth Café would be provided at the January meeting 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>Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316</p>
<p>5. Recreation & Leisure Consultation</p> <p>Graham Clingan (GC) provided information on the recreation and leisure consultation, explaining that the consultation will seek people's views on a wide range of open space, sport, leisure and recreation issues.</p> <p>GC informed members that the results of the recreation and leisure consultation would inform a Green Infrastructure Strategy for the Borough, as well as providing key evidence to feed into the Local</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>Graeme Clingan, Parks & Countryside Manager (01642) 526870</p>

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<p>Development Framework Document (LDF) process.</p> <p>GC stated that the information from the recreation and leisure consultation would be used for three purposes - to help plan and manage leisure/ recreational facilities and services and making sure that these meet the needs of local people; to help identify priorities for the future; and to help secure resources to improve leisure and recreational opportunities and facilities.</p> <p>GC explained that the recreation and leisure consultation is being done in partnership with Spatial Planning, Sports Development and Arts, Leisure & Culture services.</p> <p>GC explained that the recreation and leisure consultation would begin early in the New Year and members would be able to complete a questionnaire which would be available online at www.stockton.gov.uk/leisuresurvey in the New Year. GC stated that copies of the questionnaire would also be available by post from Rebecca Richardson (rebecca.richardson@stockton.gov.uk or 01642 526050).</p> <p>GC further explained that a groups survey would also be available for community and residents groups. GC</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>	

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<p>been identified for the site.</p> <p>GC explained that the consultation would be complete by the end of February 2008 and the information would be analysed by May 2008. GC informed members that it would be at least a year before any strategy document is published.</p> <p>Chair commented that the Board had received a number of presentations on the Local Development Framework and supporting documents, and that although it is frustrating that all the documents do not appear to be joined up, the links between the documents are becoming more evident.</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>6. Update on Thornaby Station Footbridge and the Connect2 Project</p> <p>Rob Farnham (RF) provided an update on the Thornaby Footbridge Replacement Scheme, explaining that Network Rail had identified the footbridge as an area of renewal, however Network Rail's renewal funding was committed until 2010/11 to other projects.</p> <p>RF explained that Network Rail was still committed to the project and had now agreed to replace the whole of the bridge, contributing around £407,000 to the project.</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>Rob Farnham, LTP Manager (01642) 526729</p>

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<p>RF explained that the project would be delivered in partnership with the Council, who would take the lead on improving the links and access to the Bridge.</p> <p>RF explained that discussions had taken place with the Department for Transport in order to roll forward the £250,000 'Access for All' funding, which the Council had secured as part of the scheme. RF explained that the Council would like to start work next year on the access and links to the Bridge, in order for these links to be in place for when the bridge is replaced.</p> <p>A query was raised regarding the current safety of the Bridge. RF explained that the Bridge was safe, and that Network Rail would continue to be responsible for maintenance of the current structure until such time that it was replaced.</p> <p>RF provided an update on the Connect2 project, explaining that Sustrans was successful in its bid for funding for the Big Lottery's People's Millions. RF stated that as a result of this, the Council will receive £600,000 towards the cost of new pedestrian and cycle bridge links across the rivers Leven and Tees, as part of a wider proposal to connect Ingleby Barwick with Eaglescliffe, Preston Park, Thornaby and Yarm.</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>	

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<p>RF explained that the total cost of the project had been estimated at around £6million and the Sustrans contribution to the project would be spent over the next five financial years.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>RF informed members that consultation on the project had already commenced through Stockton News. RF reminded members that they could also give their views in an online consultation page on the Stockton Council website, which closes on 21 December 2007.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>RF stated that the detail design of the project was still being worked up and that a project plan was being developed, which would be shared with relevant Ward Councillors and also partners including the Eastern Area Partnership. RF advised that a Steering Group for the project would also be established in the New Year and requested representation from the Partnership onto this Steering Group.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>RF explained that the project plan would be submitted to Cabinet in Spring 2008 for approval and endorsement.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>GO commented that the Partnership supported the project and welcomed the opportunity to be involved. GO advised that representation on the Steering Group would</p>		Noted	NH to include this item on the forward plan for	No	No	

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<p>be included on the agenda for the next Partnership meeting in January 2008, where an appropriate representative from the Eastern Area Partnership would be selected to sit on the Steering Group.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding cycling in Stockton High Street.</p>		Noted	<p>the next meeting of the Partnership</p> <p>No</p>	No	No	
<p>7. Eastern Area Partnership Summary Plan Six-Monthly Update 2007/08</p> <p>GO informed members that Nicola Hall (NH) had updated the Summary Plan for the Partnership, which detailed progress on key work areas during 2006/07 and also key work areas of the Partnership in 2008/09.</p> <p>GO provided a detailed overview of the Summary Plan and stated that it was useful for the Partnership to look back and reflect on key work areas.</p> <p>RF provided an update on the Tees Valley Major Bus Scheme, explaining that the timetable for submission of the revised business case to the Department for Transport had slipped until January 2008. RF stated that the Council had already spent £70,000 during 2007/08 on advance design of infrastructure improvements (primarily bus priority measures) within the Borough.</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>Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316</p>

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<p>GO commented that the delegated budgets to the Partnership had been incredibly successful. A discussion took place and members felt that due to the success of the delegated Local Transport Plan allocation and the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund allocation to the Partnership Board, other Council departments and providers should consider delegating budgets for local people to determine how funding should be allocated within their area.</p> <p>RF supported that the delegated Local Transport Plan allocations to the Area Partnership Boards had been successful and commented that this was something that would be considered to be maintained in the future.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the future of the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, which is due to end in March 2008.</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>8. Thematic Partnership Update</p> <p><u>Health & Wellbeing Partnership</u> GO stated that there were no updates from the Health & Wellbeing Partnership; the next meeting is in January 2008.</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316</p>

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<p><u>Children's Trust Board</u> GO explained that he had been involved in the Joint Area Review Inspection through the Children's Trust Board.</p> <p><u>Safer Stockton Partnership</u> Ian Garrett explained that he was unable to attend the last meeting of the Safer Stockton Partnership due to other commitments.</p> <p><u>Economic Regeneration & Transport Partnership</u> Tom Bowman (TB) was not in attendance to provide an update.</p> <p><u>Environment Partnership</u> Irene Machin (IM) explained that she had not been able to attend the last meeting of the Environment Partnership due to other commitments.</p> <p><u>Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership</u> NH advised that Peter Brennan would be submitting an update from the Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership with the minutes of this meeting.</p>						

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<p>9. Forward Plan (December meeting)</p> <p>Items included on the next agenda of the Board are –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on School Travel Plans • Eastern Area Partnership Community Strategy reporting – Children & Young People and Economic Regeneration and Transport • Children’s Trust DVD • Youth Cafes • Roles and responsibilities of Eastern Area Partnership 		Noted	No	No	No	Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316
<p>10. Any Other Business</p> <p>1. Building Schools for the Future IM thanked GO for writing the Partnership’s response to the Building Schools for the Future consultation.</p> <p>2. St Mark’s Basin A discussion took place regarding the developments on St Mark’s Basin. RF commented that a new pedestrian and cycle route had appeared along the river frontage and that he was looking into this, as he was not aware of the development.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316
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<p>11. Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next business meeting of the EAPB will be held on:</p> <p>Tuesday 29 January 2008, 9.30am at the Five Lamps Organisation.</p> <p>EAPB members are invited to forward any agenda items for future meetings to Nicola Hall.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Nicola Hall EAPB Coordinator (01642) 527823

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2008 MEETING DATES

Formal Meetings	
Date	Venue
29 January 2008 @ 9.30am	<i>Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby</i>
19 February 2008 @ 5.30pm	<i>Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby</i>
25 March 2008 @ 9.30am	<i>Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby</i>
22 April 2008 @ 5.30pm	<i>Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby</i>
27 May 2008 @ 9.30am	<i>Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby</i>
17 June 2008 @ 5.30pm	<i>Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby</i>
29 July 2008 @ 9.30am	<i>Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby</i>
23 September 2008 @ 5.30pm	<i>Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby</i>
28 October 2008 @ 9.30am	<i>Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby</i>
18 November 2008 @ 5.30pm	<i>Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby</i>
16 December 2008 @ 9.30am	<i>Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby</i>