

**Minutes**  
**The Eastern Area Partnership Board (EAPB)**  
**29 January 2008, 9.30am at The Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby**

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**Chair:**

**Graeme Oram** (Five Lamps Organisation).

**Members:**

**Elaine Morris** (North Tees Primary Care Trust) **Doug Nicholson** (Friends of Tees Heritage Park) **Tom Bowman** (Ingleby Barwick Town Council) **Cllr Kevin Faulks** (Stockton Council – Ingleby Barwick East Ward) **Cllr Ross Patterson** (Stockton Council – Ingleby Barwick West Ward) **Geoffrey Green** (Thornaby Town Council) **Irene Machin** (Ingleby Barwick Town Council).

\* Members are representing their nominating body.

**Advisors:**

**Nicola Hall, Rob Farnham, Jonathan Kibble, Sue Rayner, Katharine Linton, Shirley Stenburge, Sean McEneaney, Hazel Grant** (Stockton Council) **Peter Brennan** (Village Park Residents Association) **Tracy Roberts** (Stockton Residents & Community Groups Association)

**Observers:**

**Dorothy Fairhurst** (Rochester Court Residents Association)

**Apologies**

**Insp Ian Garrett** (Cleveland Police) **Beryl Robinson** (Resident of Village Park) **Trevor Mortlock** (Job Centre Plus) **Carol Adams** (Village Park Residents Association) **Cllr Tina Large** (Stockton Council – Mandale & Victoria Ward) **Mark Telford** (Stockton Council), **Linda Russell-Bond** (Thornaby Community School)

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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 19 December 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>Rob Farnham (<b>RF</b>) provided an update on the Thornaby Footbridge replacement scheme, explaining that the Council was still in discussion with Network Rail regarding the development of the scheme.</p> <p>RF explained that a report on the Connect2 project would be submitted to Cabinet for approval in April, following this and subject to Cabinet approval, a meeting of the Connect2 Project Steering Group would be set up. A discussion took place regarding representation on the Connect2 Project Steering Group from the Eastern Area Partnership Board. Members agreed that Peter Brennan would be an advisor from the Eastern Area Partnership onto the Connect2 Project Steering Group.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Members agreed that Peter Brennan would be an advisor from the Eastern Area Partnership onto the Connect2 Project Steering Group.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Peter Brennan to represent the Eastern Area Partnership on the Connect2 Project Steering Group.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Rob Farnham, LTP Manager (01642) 526729</p>
<p><b>5. School Travel Plans</b></p> <p>Jonathan Kibble (<b>JK</b>) gave a presentation on background and progress on school travel plans within the Eastern Area. JK explained that all schools within England are required to have an Authorised Travel Plan by end of 2010/11, with the exception of new developments such as All Saints.</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Jonathan Kibble, Senior Road Safety Officer (01642) 526735</p>

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<p>JK informed members that the production and ownership of travel plans lie with the individual school and the Local Authority is responsible for meeting the targets outlined in the travel plans.</p> <p>JK gave an overview of the process of developing school travel plans and explained that the plans are submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) and the Department for Children Schools and Families (DCSF) for approval.</p> <p>JK explained that within the Eastern Area, 7 of the primary schools have Authorised Travel Plans and 3 of the primary schools will be submitting their Travel Plans this year. JK stated that 4 primary schools have not started the process for developing Travel Plans; Mandale Mill Primary, Harewood Primary, Village Primary and Thornaby CE Primary.</p> <p>JK stated that Conyers had completed their Travel Plan in 2000 and Eaglescliffe were working towards completing theirs this year. Members requested that parents and Councillors from Ingleby Barwick be involved with the development of Eaglescliffe's Travel Plan.</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>JK requested that if any members of the Board have links to any of the schools that have not started the process for developing Travel Plans to contact him.</p> <p>A discussion took place around the links between the School Travel plan agenda, the Building Schools for the Future agenda and the Connect2 project. A further discussion took place around the need to purchase land in Ingleby Barwick in order to build another secondary school.</p> <p>A discussion took place regarding the responsibility of ensuring that Travel Plans are being adhered to. JK explained that there is no onus to deliver Travel Plans from the DCSF JK further explained that the Council have no responsibility to follow up on Travel Plans after completion, however work was being undertaken with schools to build monitoring and review into Travel Plans. JK informed members that information around mode of travel to school is now included within the school census, making more accurate and up to date data available.</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><b>6. Eastern Area Partnership Community Strategy Priority Reporting</b></p> <p>Nicola Hall (NH) provided an overview of the Community Strategy priority report, explaining that at an event held on 22 August 2007 members of the Board agreed their Community Strategy priorities as Children &amp; Young People and Economic Regeneration &amp; Transport.</p> <p>NH stated that a further event would be scheduled in June 2008, which will provide an opportunity for feedback on the remaining Community Strategy themes.</p> <p>NH provided an overview of progress towards the targets around Children &amp; Young People making a positive contribution and achieving economic well-being. NH stated that progress is not currently reported at an Area Partnership level, as young people do not often register their postcode when attending events.</p> <p>RF provided an overview of progress towards the Economic Regeneration and Transport themes of accessibility of local facilities and services and the sub-regional transport structure. RF explained that baselines against these indicators had now been established at an Area Partnership level.</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>Rob Farnham, LTP Manager (01642) 526729</p> <p>Nicola Hall EAPB Coordinator (01642) 527823</p>

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<p>RF explained that within the Eastern Area a baseline of 17% of residents within 30 minutes' travel time of the University Hospital of North Tees by public transport had been set, and that progress against this indicator would be monitored annually. He touched on the proposed 'super hospital' covering Stockton and Hartlepool, and stated that the Council was working with the North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust through the Tees Health and Transport Partnership to ensure that accessibility was fully considered as part of the assessment of any proposed site.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>RF explained that the Council was continuing to work with the bus operators to tackle 'gaps' in bus service provision. RF gave an overview of the MIBuS (Arriva X6) service, explaining that patronage levels on this service had exceeded those expected. RF explained that the 66 service was now being operated by A1 Coaches and was part subsidised by the owners of Teesside Park. Comment was made that the 66 was running on a reduced service.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>Cllr Ross Patterson (<b>RP</b>) explained that the Councillors within Ingleby Barwick had been fully involved in determining the route of the MIBuS service, ensuring that it served areas of Ingleby Barwick that would</p>		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>otherwise be without a regular bus service.</p> <p>RF explained that the Sub-regional Multi Modal Transport Study had been superseded by the A19/A66/A174 Development Study, carried out in partnership with the Highways Agency, which was assessing the impact of predicted new developments on the operation of the Trunk and local road networks within the Tees Valley. An 'Area Action Plan' was currently being developed, with publication scheduled for early this year. RP felt that another access point from Ingleby Barwick was required on the A19.</p> <p>RF gave an update on the Tees Valley Major Bus Scheme, explaining that the revised Business Case for the scheme was now programmed for submission to the Department for Transport (DfT) in February 2008. Subject to this submission date being met, the DfT would decide whether or not to approve funding for the scheme by August 2008.</p> <p>Graeme Oram (GO) informed members that the locations for the Speed Indication Devices (SIDs) proposed by the Eastern Area Transport Strategy Steering Group had been agreed, and that these SIDs were programmed for installation during the current financial year.</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><b>7. Children's Trust Board DVD</b></p> <p>This item will be presented at the next meeting of the Board</p>		Noted	NH to include on forward plan for February meeting	No	No	Sue Rayner, Strategy Manager (01642) 527680
<p><b>8. Update from the Children &amp; Young People's Event</b></p> <p>Sue Rayner (SR) provided an update from the Children's Trust Board Children and Young People event held on 18 January 2008. SR gave a presentation covering what young people thought was good and bad about their area. SR explained that an artist had been commissioned and had created a canvas detailing young people's perceptions of the area. SR presented the canvas to the Board.</p> <p>SR gave an update on the key achievements within the Eastern Area, including youth cafes, Thornaby Youth Providers Forum and Romano Park.</p> <p>SR explained that as a next step the Board would need to consider how they are going to progress the young people's agenda, how the Board is going to respond to the young people's views and also how the Board is going to feedback to young people.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Sue Rayner, Strategy Manager (01642) 527680

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<p>GO explained that the Board had been supporting the young people's agenda through investment in activities and parks and linking with the Police. GO stated that the Board requires more detail on the extended schools agenda in order to respond to young people.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>A discussion took place around engagement of young people, members felt that the school's youth council's would be the best option to feedback to and raise awareness of the activities the Eastern Area Partnership is undertaking to support young people.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>Members felt that the Board should respond in the same format as the young people. It was agreed that NH would send out a sheet, which would include a photograph copy of the canvas to members before the next meeting of the Board. Members to complete the sheet and respond to the issues raised by young people. This would then be created into a leaflet in order to feedback to young people. GO suggested that this item be included on the next meeting of the Board for further discussion.</p>		Noted	NH to include this item on the agenda for the February meeting. NH to circulate a sheet for members to complete including a photograph copy of the artist canvas.	No	No	





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SE explained that the Council was unable to compete with independent providers.		Noted	No	No	No	
A discussion took place around the perception that beds had been blocked for new admissions into Parkview. HG explained that a hold on placements had been put in place until the outcome of the review; this was to ensure minimal disruption to any new clients if the facility was closed.		Noted	No	No	No	
SE provided a breakdown of estimated costs to bring the home up to standard as detailed in the Cabinet report. SE explained that there were 2 options: identify resources to upgrade the facility or close the facility and resettle the current clients into alternative homes in the locality.		Noted	No	No	No	
A discussion took place regarding the projected unit costs of Parkview as varying occupancy levels. A query was raised if the costs of placements in the independent sector were equivalent in terms of care. SE explained that the independent costs were an agreed rate of residential care and did not include nursing or additional. SE explained that the independent care homes were developed with a minimum of 50 beds, which had en-suite facilities and larger rooms than		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>Parkview.</p> <p>A question was raised regarding if there was sufficient capacity within the area to resettle the current clients if Parkview was to be closed. HG explained that 7 of the 15 permanent residents had families who live around or near Thornaby.</p> <p>Comment was made that residents of Thornaby and local Councillors feel that the statistics presented were not accurate and it was difficult to make an informed decision. Comment was made that the maintenance costs should have been picked up on an ongoing yearly basis.</p> <p>SE explained that the Council's Scrutiny Executive would be analysing the information presented. SE acknowledged that a residents' petition had been logged with Cabinet.</p> <p>Comment was made around identifying other options for the facility. HG explained that options such as developing a respite facility and discharge support and assessment had been undertaken. HG provided an overview of the scheme to install a lift into Parkview, explaining that this had been put on hold until after the review.</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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SE explained that the consultation period would end on 25 February 2008 and the results would be presented to Cabinet on 13 March 2008.		Noted	No	No	No	
SE invited members to a consultation event arranged for 14 February 2008 at 6pm at South Thornaby Community Centre.		Noted	No	No	No	
<b>11. Forward Plan (February meeting)</b>						
Items included on the next agenda of the Board are – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regeneration and Development Plan</li> <li>• Consultation on the Preferred Options for the Minerals and Waste DPDs</li> <li>• Response to youth consultation</li> <li>• Children’s Trust Board DVD</li> </ul>		Noted	No	No	No	Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316
<b>12. Any Other Business</b>						
Cllr Kevin Faulks (KF) stated that he had calculated the projected costs of transporting school pupils off Ingleby Barwick over a 20-year period as around £8 million. This figure is based on existing available information from a current position. KF stated that he was frustrated that there was no support to resolve this issue.		Noted	No	No	No	Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316

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<p><b>13. Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>The next business meeting of the EAPB will be held on:</p> <p><b>Tuesday 19 February 2008, 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>		Noted	No	No	No	Nicola Hall EAPB Coordinator (01642) 527823