

**The Western Area Partnership Board Meeting**  
**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008**  
**Conference Room 2, Municipal Buildings**  
**Minutes of the meeting**

**Partnership Board Members**

**Chair:** Cllr Maureen Rigg (SBC)

**Members:** Geoff Turner (PC), Cllr Alan Lewis (SBC), David Scott (PC), John Rosser (PC), Tony Hampton (PC), Nora Rosser (VS), Jennie Beaumont (SBC)

**Advisers/Observers**

Philip Addison (Friends of Tees Heritage Park), Tracy Roberts (SRCGA), Maurice Snowden (Over 50's Assembly), Rob Farnham (SBC)

**Apologies**

Alice Newsham  
Diane Simms

CS =	Community Sector
PCT/PUB =	Primary Care Trust/Public Sector
PS =	Private Sector
Stockton Police/PUB =	Stockton Police/Public Sector
SBC/PUB =	Stockton Borough Council/Public Sector
VS =	Voluntary Sector
JS+/PUB =	Job Centre Plus
CPF =	Community Partnership Forum

YA =	Youth Assembly
RC =	Rural Community Sector
BS =	Business Sector
PC =	Parish Council

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<b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b>  Members of the WAPB were welcomed to the meeting.		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<b>2. Apologies</b>  Apologies noted.		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<b>3. Minutes of Last Meetings 20-02-08</b>  Minutes of the meeting held on the 20 <sup>th</sup> February 08 were agreed as a true and accurate record.		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<b>4. Matters Arising</b>  Chair informed the Board that she has received a		Noted	No	No	No	



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<p>representatives from the five Local Authorities, the Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit and the bus operators was established in December 2006 and an external Project Director was appointed in May 2007. The Local Authorities, the Joint Strategy Unit and the bus operators have since worked in partnership to prepare a revised Major Scheme Business Case, incorporating additional information requested by the DfT. The revised business case was submitted to the DfT in February 2008 and a decision is expected by the end of August 2008. The project will be delivered through one or more Statutory Quality Partnership schemes, in line with the draft Local Transport Bill published in May 2007. The preferred delivery timescale assumes a project start in 2008/09 and completion during 2011/12. The detailed implementation programme is currently being developed in partnership with the bus operators.</p> <p>The next steps in the process are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carrying out detailed design and consultation for “Year 1” schemes (i.e. those schemes programmed for implementation during 2008/09); and</li> </ul>		Noted	No	No		



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<p>Quality Partnership, a bus route was not found to be well used could a bus operator remove it? Rob advised that a financial penalty would be imposed on the operators if a service was either removed or reduced in frequency in contravention of the legal agreement. By the same token, penalties would also be imposed on a Local Authority if it did not comply with its obligations under the Statutory Quality Partnership, for example maintenance of passenger waiting facilities at bus stops.</p> <p><b>6. Thematic Updates</b> <b>a. Children's Trust Board (CTB)</b></p> <p>NR gave an update to the Board on the CTB and she informed the Board that a Youth Café is due to open in Ingleby Barwick.</p> <p>NR informed the Board that Stockton Library Service are working very closely with children and young people. They are empowering them to make decisions, how to use the Library, buying books etc. NR has copies of the Children's Plan and the Parenting Strategy if anybody would like to see them.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		<p>Nora Rosser Long Newton Wilson Centre</p>



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<p><b>e. Economic Regeneration &amp; Transport Partnership (ERTP)</b></p> <p>PA gave an update to the board on the last ERTP, the main item on the agenda was a presentation by Chris Livingstone on Regional Employability Framework. An update on the Local Area Agreement was provided too.</p> <p><b>f. Environment Partnership</b></p> <p>MR informed the Board that she was unable to attend the last meeting but the main item on the agenda was the Waste Management Strategy. A lengthy debate around Waste Management took place.</p> <p><b>7. Any Other Business</b> <b>a. SBC Consultation Plan</b></p> <p>ZR informed the Board that the consultation plan was circulated for information only and an updated copy would be circulated every quarter.</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>Philip Addison FTHP</p> <p>Maureen Rigg SBC</p> <p>Zoe Rutter SBC</p>



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<p><b>b. Friends of Tees Heritage Park (FTHP)</b></p> <p>PA informed the Board that the FTHP AGM is taking place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am at Preston Park.</p> <p><b>c. Elections – Community Empowerment Network</b></p> <p>TR informed the Board that Doug Nicholson, Nora Rosser and Jenny Pinkney have been elected to represent the voluntary and community sector in the Western Area. David Thornton was also elected but has passed away since being elected.</p> <p><b>d. Unlocking the Talent of our Communities – Tracy Roberts</b></p> <p>TR circulated a copy of the above white paper, for information, for members to read.</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>Philip Addison FTHP</p> <p>Tracy Roberts SRCGA</p>

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<b>11. Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting</b>  Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2008, 6pm at Elementis Chromium, Urlay Nook.		Noted				