

Minute/Decision Summary to be confirmed
Meeting- The Billingham Partnership
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Members: Manager: Kevin Pitt Chair: Geoff Harrison Kevin Bowler (KAB), Michele Smith (VS), Joe Maloney (VS), Ken Ellis (VS), Ged McGuire (CS), Hillary Aggio (PUB), Gil Smith (BS), Bert Smailes (VS), Colin Stratton (BS), Edna Brown (VS), Roger Black (BS), Fred Gook (VS), Jane Dobson (PUB), Val Scollen (CS), Ray McCall (CS),
Advisors/Observers: Zoe Rutter (SBC), Louise McDonald (SBC), Adam Johnson (Health Trainer), Kelly Brown (SRCGA), Tracy Roberts (SRCGA)
Apologies: Cath Coldbeck Jim Scollen Barry Woodhouse

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		
VS =	Voluntary Sector		
JS+/PUB =	Job Centre Plus		
CPF =	Community Partnership Forum		

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<p>Election of Officers – Kelly Brown</p> <p>Nominations were received as follows:</p> <p>Chair – Geoff Harrison Vice Chair – Roger Black Deputy Chair – Ray McCall Treasurer – Liz Smith</p> <p>These were accepted by the Board.</p>						
<p>1.Introductions and Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Introductions and apologies were noted.</p>		Noted				Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<p>2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 3rd March</p> <p>Minutes of the 3rd March were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>		Noted				Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025

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<p>3. Children’s Workforce Development Agenda – Tracy Roberts</p> <p>TR informed members of a new role, which she has adopted. The group were informed that Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association have been commissioned to undertake a piece of work on behalf of the SBC Children, Education & Social Care for Children’s Workforce Development Council, which fits in to the Children’s Trust Board priorities, to map the VCS organisations/groups who run activities for babies, children, teenagers and families or if you are in a group working with the age ranges from babies to up to 25 year olds. This work is taking place to ensure that these organisations/groups have the support in ensuring that they have the various policies and procedures in place.</p> <p>Members were requested to let TR know of any useful contacts that members may be aware of.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Tracy Roberts SRCGA 01642 733912

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<p>4. Major Bus Scheme Update – Rob Farnham</p> <p>Rob referred to the briefing note that was circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. Rob gave a brief overview of the background to the scheme and went on to inform the Board of the scope of the project. The scheme was focused on “core” bus routes within each of the five Tees Valley Authority areas, and has the support of the two principal bus operators (Arriva and Stagecoach). The proposals offer significant potential benefits to users, non-users and transport providers. The total cost of the scheme been estimated at £61.2 million. £40 million has been allocated to the proposals through the Regional Funding Allocation (RFA) process, with this funding supplemented by local contributions from the five Local Authorities, the bus operators and private developers. An outline Major Scheme Business Case</p>		Noted	No	No		Rob Farnham SBC 01642 526729

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<p>was submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) in October 2006. A steering group, comprising 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</p>						

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<p>being developed in partnership with the bus operators. The next steps in the process are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrying out detailed design and consultation for “Year 1” schemes (i.e. those schemes programmed for implementation during 2008/09); and • Reviewing and developing governance proposals further as the project moves towards the delivery phase <p>Rob circulated a table summarising the key milestones for the project, together with the provisional timescale associated with each task. Rob informed the Board that he would be happy to come back later in the year to give a more detailed update if members would find that useful, Members agreed that this was a good suggestion.</p> <p>It was noted by the Board that the elderly and disabled must be consulted with when designing the new buses.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				

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<p>5. Matters Arising a. Town Centre Redevelopment</p> <p>Louise informed the Board that Halladale are still in negotiations with potential anchor stores, regarding possible leases and store configuration requirements. The Council hope this work could be completed by the end of the year however, Halladale do have 24 months to carry out this work as per the legal agreement that is in place. Following completion of the masterplan there would be an opportunity for the public to participate in a (Council led) consultation on the public realm element of regeneration works. Halladale would then seek planning permission for their scheme before commencing work on site. The Board asked if they could have further detail regarding the regeneration/sale constraints, and Louise informed the Board that she would produce a separate briefing note on the Town Centre which would include the long stop dates, long stop dates are the</p>		Noted	No	No		<p>Louise McDonald SBC 01642 528942</p>

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<p>dates by which something has to be achieved. The Board decided that it would be useful for Halladale to come to a joint meeting of the Partnership and Town Council to talk to the Board about the redevelopment of the Town Centre.</p> <p>b. Billingham House</p> <p>Louise informed the Board that the refined Section 79 Notice, which sets out the agreed programme of works which should achieve the demolition of Billingham House by 31st December2008 remains in place. The Council wrote to Bizzy B in mid March to remind them of the agreed demolition programme. The first step of this programme required Bizzy B to erect hoarding and secure the site from unauthorised access by 31 March 2008. Their local agent contacted the Council to propose a deviation from the programme which after careful consideration the Council did not find to be acceptable. On</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>		

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<p>Health and Safety Executive with regards to the issue of asbestos and the danger of the site with regards to child safety. Louise also circulated a separate community briefing note on Billingham House.</p> <p>c. Forum</p> <p>Louise informed the Board that the scheme design “consultation” continues which will be followed by detailed design work through summer 2008. Pre Planning discussions are anticipated to be held early next month and the procurement strategy is underway. Louise reported that work is currently underway to design and produce banners that will be placed on the exterior of Billingham Forum during April (hopefully) advertising the exciting refurbishment plans.</p> <p>Louise also informed the board that repair works to the ice rink roof will be undertaken shortly.</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>		

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<p>d. John Whitehead Park</p> <p>Louise informed the Board that the third phase of the shrub removal programme is ongoing and the grass seeding has commenced. SBC Horticultural Services team have now completed the “gapping up” of the hedges. Louise informed the Board that the new play area is now complete and the handover meeting took place on Friday 4th April formally opening the play area. KAB informed the Board that SBC are currently working with the café operator and if the current operator decides that he does not want to stay in the Park then SBC Catering will move in. KP asked if the lease was up for sale would this go through the compulsory competitive tendering process? Louise advised that she would check and feed back. KAB informed the Board that SBC are looking to install public toilets in the Park, he will keep the Board informed of any progress.</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>		

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<p>information. KP informed members that he had raised the issue of the cost viability of the local Post Offices and if the closures were being made due to legislative process rather than commercial viability with Frank Cook MP who stated he would investigate this aspect.</p> <p>g. BSF Option</p> <p>KP informed the Board that he sent a written response to Lionel Danby at the request of the Board regarding the Building Schools for the Future option that has been put forward. Lionel Danby sent a written response back to KP which he circulated to members. David Campbell from Pentland Primary School has provided papers from a “Conference Against Academies” seminar which was held at the National Union of Teachers Conference 2008, this has been circulated to members for consideration. KP informed the Board that he has spoke to Frank Cook MP about Academies and</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>Kevin Pitt Manager, TBP</p>

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<p>Frank did think that they were the way forward. KP suggested that Frank spoke to the Head Teachers on this option. KP asked the Board if they would agree to the Children & Young People thematic group addressing this issue.</p> <p>6. Thematic Updates</p> <p>Nothing to raise.</p> <p>7. Information Updates a. Community Sector</p> <p>GH informed the Board that he attended the Low Grange Residents Association AGM on 3rd April and the main item was anti social behaviour in Billingham. GH informed the Board that over the next fortnight the Police will be targeting Billingham as a “hotspot” area.</p> <p>Adam Johnson, Health Trainer from North Tees PCT, informed the Board of the</p>		<p>Board agreed to this proposal.</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>Geoff Harrison Chair, TBP</p> <p>Adam Johnson North Tees PCT</p>

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<p>Health Trainer programme. The programme lasts for 12 weeks per person, is free and they do accept GP referrals. At the moment the service is only available Monday to Friday but it is potentially going to be available on weekends too.</p> <p>KAB informed the Board that Maureen Bowler and Jonathan Pounder have secured £100k to develop phase 2 of Cowbridge Beck. This phase is due to start on 28th April.</p> <p>KAB informed the Board that the North Billingham Residents Association AGM will take place on 21st April, 7pm at High Grange Community Centre.</p> <p>RM informed the Board that the Clarences are having a “clean up” day on 10th April, 11-2pm, everybody welcome.</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>07768 904260</p> <p>Kevin Bowler</p> <p>Kevin Bowler</p> <p>Ray McCall</p>

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<p>b. Voluntary Sector</p> <p>KP informed the Board that the Community Empowerment Network have recently distributed a questionnaire, can all members please complete and return as soon as possible.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that the Chair and himself recently attended a scrutiny panel meeting regarding core funding, this was found to be really useful.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that he has received an invitation to a North East Social Capital Forum on 23rd June, if anybody would like to attend please speak to KP.</p> <p>c. Business Sector</p> <p>GS informed the Board that the Billingham Business Association (BBA) are due to meet with Halladale next week. GS</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>Kevin Pitt Manager, TBP</p> <p>Gil Smith</p>

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<p>declared an interest at this point. LS informed the Board that she is due to attend the next meeting of the Billingham Town Council (15th April) to inform them of the business service charge. KP informed the Board that he has investigated the town centre boundary. The issue appeared to be confusing and he could not provide any actual evidence of when the boundary decision was made. KAB stated that all documents are archived at Stockton Library if anybody would like to view them. KP thanked James Glancey, SBC for all his help on this issue.</p> <p>d. Public Sector</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>		Noted	<p>This matter has now been discharged from TBP.</p> <p>No</p>	No		

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<p>8. Chairs Report</p> <p>Chair informed the Board that he has attended the following meetings over the past month:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stockton Renaissance Board , 4th March • Environment Partnership, 6th March • Stockton Council’s Scrutiny Panel, 10th March • Low Grange Community Hall Management Committee, 11th March • Economic Regeneration & Transport Partnership, 12th March • Catalyst Board, 14th March • Children’s Survey meeting at Bede College, 17th March • Housing Partnership, 25th March • Billingham Network, 26th March • Stockton Renaissance Board, 1st April • Low Grange Residents Association AGM, 3rd April 		Noted	No	No		Geoff Harrison Chair, TBP

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<p>Chair informed the Board that he would seek a definition of the Housing Market Renewal Fund and the Single Housing Investment Pot, both of which were discussed at the Housing Partnership.</p> <p>Chair informed the Board that the Billingham Transport Strategy meeting will take place on Thursday 8th May, 6.30pm at the Billingham Arms.</p> <p>Chair asked if anybody had any questions for him, no questions were asked.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		
<p>9..Managers Report</p> <p>KP informed the Board that he has serious concerns over the Anhydrite Mines if the sale to NPL does not go ahead as the covenant placed on the mine by ICI would not be applied. Another meeting with Frank Cook MP and the working group will be arranged when NPL notify if they are to continue with the business plan, KP will feed back to the Board.</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>		<p>Kevin Pitt Manager, TBP</p>

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<p>KP informed the Board that as we now have a new Board membership in place we need to reform and reappoint to the Billingham Thematic Groups. KP supplied each member with a list of the Thematic Groups and asked for each member to indicate which group they would like to represent and return it as soon as possible.</p> <p>KP informed the Board that the next meeting will be the Visioning event for the Board.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>		
<p>10. Any Other Business</p> <p>Nothing to raise.</p> <p>11. Date Of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 12th May 2008 at the New Life Resource Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>				