

## **CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA**

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**DATE:** 11<sup>th</sup> September 2008

**REPORT OF CORPORATE  
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

### **CABINET DECISION**

**Access and Communities – Cabinet Member – Councillor Coleman**

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD ELEMENT DELIVERY PLAN 2008-10 AND BEYOND**

##### **1. Summary**

This report presents the Neighbourhood Element Delivery Plan 2008-10 for the St Ann's area, covering the Portrack and Tilery and Mount Pleasant neighbourhoods. The Delivery Plan itself identifies progress and achievements to date, outlines priorities for 2008/9 and explores the future options available to the St Ann's Board and Cabinet when the Neighbourhood Element funding included in the Area Based Grant ends in March 2010.

##### **2. Recommendations**

1. That Cabinet agree the attached Neighbourhood Element Delivery Plan for the St Ann's Development Board area.
2. A performance management framework approach to support the delivery plan will be developed for 2008-10.

##### **3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)**

The proposed Delivery Plan will support the St Ann's Development Board to continue to improve the quality of life for residents in their area. It will also support consideration of the longer-term sustainability of the Neighbourhood Element programme, including future funding options. Neighbourhood Element funding is a part of the Council's Area Based Grant and as such the Neighbourhood Element delivery plan, developed by the St Ann's Development Board, needs to be approved by Cabinet.

##### **4. Members' Interests**

Members (including co-opted Members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (paragraph 8) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with

knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest (paragraphs 10 and 11 of the code of conduct).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting considering the business is being held -

- in a case where the Member is attending a meeting (including a meeting of a select committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under statutory right or otherwise, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence as the case may be;
- in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at the meeting;

and must not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (paragraph 12 of the Code).

Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc; whether or not they are a Member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting (unless the interest arises solely from the Member's membership of, or position of control or management on any other body to which the Member was appointed or nominated by the Council, or on any other body exercising functions of a public nature, when the interest only needs to be declared if and when the Member speaks on the matter), and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room, subject to and in accordance with the provisions referred to above.

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### RECOMMENDATIONS

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### DETAIL

4. In 2005 Stockton Borough Council was allocated funds to work with Local Strategic Partnerships (LSP's) to undertake neighbourhood level regeneration in the Borough's most deprived areas, working towards one of the previous national core outcomes for Local Area Agreements.

"To improve the quality of life for people in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods and ensure service providers are more responsive to neighbourhood needs and improve their delivery".

5. The funds allocated were as follows; 2006/7 £412,000, 2007/8 £516,000 2008/9 £412,800, 2009/10 £258,000
6. The funding was also deliberately tapered to encourage mainstreaming of successful interventions as a managed process.
7. The funding allowed LSP's to decide how the funding should be spent and whether it chose to build on what works locally. The guidance however suggested a Neighbourhood Management model should be considered. The Guidance identified some key principles as follows;
  - Focus on neighbourhood level service interventions and engagement;
  - Management and Co-ordination of resources and services.

8. Stockton Renaissance chose Portrack & Tilery (incorporating the Southern part of Mount Pleasant) to benefit from the Neighbourhood Element funding. This area was prioritised due to its ranking as the most deprived neighbourhood in the borough.
9. Through the development of the St Ann's Development Board, in June 2006, substantial progress has been made. The board is made up of the following representation:
  - 2 community representatives from the Tilery, Portrack, Queens Park, Mount Pleasant and Victoria areas
  - 2 local Ward Councillors
  - 2 members to represent young peoples views
  - 2 Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) members
  - 1 Faith Representative

## DELIVERY PLAN FOR 2008 AND BEYOND

10. The document sets out the:
  - Background to the Neighbourhood Element (NE) Initiative, the strategic and local context
  - Details and progress of the St Ann's Development Board, governance and priority setting
  - Key programme achievements to date, intervention performance, survey results and the impact on narrowing the gap data
  - Priorities and work programme for 2008/9
  - Expenditure for 2008/9
  - Options and next steps for the Board and mainstreaming of successful interventions.
11. This document is seen as a "living" document that will be refined and updated particularly as the work on possible future options progresses, including funding arrangements, the development of the St Ann's Development Board and as the local context evolves.
12. Some of the key achievements under the various sub groups for the Board in Year 1 and 2 to date include:

### Liveability

13. Neighbourhood Enforcement Officers (Year 1 & 2)  
Four Officers are deployed to cover an area that incorporates the Neighbourhood Element area and a contact number is being promoted for these officers.  
**Mainstreaming-** The Council has agreed the mainstreaming of the Neighbourhood Enforcement officers from 2009/10.
14. CCTV (Year 1 & 2)  
The Board purchased two fixed and two mobile CCTV cameras (the latter to be responsive to hot spots areas). Up to the end of 2007/8 this has resulted in 23 CCTV review requests with 18 positive results (78.26%) including incidents such as drug dealing, public order and assault. Crime statistics from April – September 2006 and 2007 also show that Dwelling Burglaries are down by 57% in Mount Pleasant, and Criminal Damage is down by 59% in Tilery.
15. Off Road Motorbike Support (Year 2)  
The use of mini motorbikes riding illegally through estates was a concern for many residents throughout the NE area. Working closely with Cleveland Police, Operation Dakar was developed, with match funding provided from Stockton Police. This has resulted in 28 Section 59 notices issues (these allow for a warning and subsequent seizure of vehicles) and 8 bikes seized against a target of 4. There has been a reduction in the number of

complaint calls of 38% against a target of 20%, however during the peak period may-aug the calls reduced by 65%.

16. Think B4U Drink (Year 2)

£5,000 NE funding was made available to help produce material specifically for the NE area, which resulted in 9 alcohol confiscation notices issued to underage drinkers and 19 ASBO 13 issued (compared to 21 issued in previous years)

#### Aspiration

17. Routz2work (Year 2)

The Board identified that unemployment was a significant issue within the NE area. In particular they sought to develop an intervention that would provide young people with the aspiration to secure employment or training on leaving school. This project resulted in 109 Young People engaged to date and 35 young people achieving their Oxford Cambridge and RSA Examinations (OCR) Preparation for Employment units 3&4

18. Jobs and Training Fair (Year 2)

A Jobs and Training Fair was held at the Willows on Valentines Day 2008, providing information and advice on employment and training, CV workshops and job searches. Community STEPs managed to secure 7 appointments with residents to identify suitable training employment and grants.

#### Health

19. Dental Health (Year 2)

Tees Community Dental services are working within Tilery Primary School to carry out a tooth-brushing scheme with children whilst they are at school. Achievements include;

- 100% of children at Tilery Primary School have received prevention packs and support to encourage effective plaque removal
- 100% of children have received a prevention pack to encourage continuation of the tooth-brushing scheme during the summer holidays.
- In 2006 77% of pupils aged 5-6yrs had tooth decay, compared to the Stockton average of 25%. The average plaque levels of all the children who took part in the project has dropped by 28% against a target of 20%.

**Mainstreaming-** Two of the teaching staff have now been trained to deliver the sessions.

20. Healthy Lifestyles (Year 2)

The Look Lively intervention developed by the Corner House and the Preventions Unit has been supported by NE funding of £50,000 along with £15,000 match funding from the PCT. A total of 104 children benefiting from the project and were given access to new community health opportunities

Positive Approach to Mental Health (Year 2)

21. Tilery Primary School was awarded £23,610 to help support their residential trips and to carry out further work to improve the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL). 36 Parents / Carers have attended a SEAL family workshop, 57 Parent / Carers have attended SEAL assemblies where the children show their Parents / Carers what they have been learning about in school and cover topics such as bullying and as of June 2008, 77 children from Tilery Primary School have attended a residential visit.

22. Running alongside this project is the work of Newtown Community Resource Centre, which was given £26,390 to implement Drama Groups and Art and Craft sessions within the NE

area. This has included the Victoria Drama Group and Passport2fun at the Children's Star centre in the Town Centre.

23. Further details on the key success and key achievements are detailed in the delivery plan under the section progress and achievements to date.

### Priorities for Year 3

24. The programme is now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year, and following a priority setting day in November 2007, a range of new and existing interventions have been continued. This includes continuation of current health projects for an additional 6 months, a range of Children & Young People interventions and Liveability interventions including the continuation of the Off Road Motorbike scheme and Victoria Environmental Improvements.
25. A full breakdown of expenditure for 2008/9 is given on page 30 of the Delivery Plan.

### NEXT STEPS

26. The Board is entering an important phase in 2008/9 where it must consider the longer-term sustainability of the programme and of the board itself. As a rolling delivery plan, at this stage only a framework for the future can be provided.
27. The Delivery Plan has been taken to the St Ann's Development Board for their consideration at their August 2008 meeting. Subject to Cabinet agreement the Board will now need to consider the Delivery Plan further and in particular areas of sustainability. The key areas to focus will be on:
- Mainstreaming of interventions;
  - Board continuance & governance; and
  - Funding
28. It is proposed that officers work with the Board to consider a way forward on these sustainability areas through a sub-group. Further details on each of the strands are detailed in section 6 of the Delivery Plan.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Grant exit arrangements are being considered and we will look to try to identify potential alternative funding arrangements.

### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Service Level Agreement between the Board and the Council will need to be reviewed.

### RISK ASSESSMENT

This report is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

### SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

- Economic Regeneration and Transport
- Safer Communities
- Children and Young People

- Healthier Communities and Adults
- Environment and Housing

Supporting Themes: -

- Stronger Communities
- Older Adults
- Arts Leisure and Culture

The Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-21 2008 will be considered for implications relating to the Delivery Plan.

### **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- An Equalities Impact Assessment is currently being undertaken.

### **CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS**

Consultation has taken place with the ward councillors for the Neighbourhood area and the St Ann's Development Board members.

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#### **Background Papers:**

No background papers.

#### **Property:**

No implications in relation to Council property.