

The Western Area Partnership Board Meeting
Monday 29th September 2008
Long Newton Wilson Centre
Minutes of the meeting

Partnership Board Members

Chair: Cllr Maureen Rigg (SBC)

Members: Geoff Turner (PC), David Scott (PC), John Rosser (PC), Nora Rosser (VS), Jennifer Pinkney (CS), Tony Hampton (PC), Doug Nicholson (VS), Maurice Snowden (Over 50's Assembly), Elizabeth Benomran (PUB)

Advisers/Observers

Zoe Rutter (SBC) Tracy Roberts (SRCGA), Philip Addison (Friends of Tees Heritage Park), Jane Elliott (SBC), Rob Farnham (SBC), Haleem Ghafoor (SBC), Kelly Smith (SBC)

Apologies

Alan Lewis
Jennie Beaumont
John Fletcher
Ian Garrett
Claire Walsh
Gareth Carson

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

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

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<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Members of the WAPB were welcomed to the meeting.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<p>2. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies noted.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<p>3. Minutes of Last Meetings 28-07-08</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting held on the 28th July 08 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Zoe Rutter SBC 01642 526025
<p>4. Matters Arising</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>5. Major Bus Scheme Update – Rob Farnham</p> <p>Rob informed the Board that following his update to the Board in March this year regarding the Major Bus Scheme, the decision for conditional approval is now expected in December this year. The Department for Transport have requested further information before they will be in a position to make a decision. Rob is very hopeful that conditional approval will be granted and if this is the case then full approval will be given in March 2009 and April 2009 will be the start of a three year programme. Rob did stress that regional approval has been received. Rob informed the Board that updates will be given to the Board as and when information is received.</p>		Noted	No	No		Rob Farnham SBC
<p>6. Area Partnership Allocation – Haleem Ghafoor & Kelly Smith</p> <p>Haleem introduced the report that was circulated prior to the meeting and explained that the funding and criteria are focused around the employability agenda and that the Employability Consortium have</p>		Noted	No	No		Haleem Ghafoor & Kelly Smith SBC

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<p>been tasked with recommending the criteria to the LSP and Cabinet. Haleem explained that the Western Area Partnership have been allocated £55,361 over 3 years and will be allocated yearly as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £18,000 in 2008/09 • £18,450 in 2009/10 • £18,911 in 2010/11 <p>Kelly informed the Board that they could potentially roll forward some funds due to the lateness of the allocation, if needed. The Board requested that the full criteria be given to them before they make any decisions on how to spend their allocation. The Board also requested some more information around the employment needs of their area.</p> <p>7. Draft Core Strategy Submission – Jane Elliott</p> <p>Jane introduced the report that was circulated and informed the Board that the consultation period for this particular item is expected to begin on 20th October 2008 for 8 weeks. Representations need</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>Jane Elliott SBC</p>

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<p>to be made in writing. Further information can be found on Stockton Council's website.</p> <p>8. Thematic Updates a. Health & Well Being Partnership (H+WBP)</p> <p>MR informed the Board that the last H+WBP saw a presentation regarding the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. This detailed what we have at present, what we need and where we go next.</p> <p>b. Environment Partnership</p> <p>MR informed the Board that the last meeting focused on climate change and as a result Council officers are now going to have a meeting and plan how this will affect current services.</p> <p>c. Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP)</p> <p>GT informed the Board that a presentation was made at the last meeting regarding the Policing Green Paper.</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>d. Economic Regeneration & Transport Partnership (ERTP)</p> <p>PA informed the Board that at the last ERTTP three presentations were made as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement & Commissioning Strategy, which focused around increasing local spend, better packaging of contracts, advertisement of contracts and work with local suppliers • Communities Fund criteria • North / South Tees Industrial Framework which provides an understanding of what's available in the North & South of the Borough in connection with the chemical industry <p>e. Children's Trust Board</p> <p>NR informed the Board that the next meeting is due to take place in October. However, the Chair mentioned that we may call a special meeting of the Western Area Partnership to discuss children and</p>		Noted	No	No		
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<p>young people as we feel that it is a cross cutting theme and has an impact on everything we do.</p> <p>f. Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership</p> <p>JR informed the Board that the last meeting was cancelled.</p> <p>g. Over 50's Assembly</p> <p>MS informed the Board that at the last meeting Paul Green, Adult Protection Co-ordinator, gave a brief talk on the vulnerable communities in Stockton and what the Council should be doing to protect them.</p> <p>h. Play Partnership</p> <p>MR informed the Board that no-one attended the last meeting from WAPB as she was unable to find a substitute.</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>9. Any Other Business a. Friends of Tees Heritage Park (FTHP)</p> <p>DN informed the Board that SBC have now employed a full time manager to look at river based leisure and that a Tees User Group has been set up. DN informed the Board that Groundwork Trust are also involved in the FTHP and they have a manager in post to deal with this who would like to come along to a future meeting to discuss their involvement in the project, ZR to add this to the forward plan. The FTHP have started bidding for funding, DN will inform the Board if they are successful.</p>		Noted	No	No		
<p>8. Date & Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 27th October 2008, 6pm at Kirklevington Village Hall</p>		Noted				