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ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	COMMENTS/ DECISION	ACTIO N	Does it need Council approval/ Endorsement?	Are any other boards affected?	CONTACT
1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES The Chair welcomed Val Scollen (Community Sector Representative) to the Board.		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex, Area Partnership Board Coordinator, SBC
2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST Declarations of Interest (DOI) will now be a standard agenda item at Renaissance Partnership Board meetings.		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex, Area Partnership Board Coordinator, SBC
3. MINUTES OF THE STOCKTON RENAISSANCE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER 2008 Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record.		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex, Area Partnership Board Coordinator, SBC
4. IPSOS MORI STOCKTON-ON-TEES SURVEY RESULTS Members were presented with the Stockton Residents Survey for 2008. Members were informed that 1,818 residents aged 16+ were interviewed for this survey, with the data weighted to reflect overall population profile. The interviews were carried out between 18 th June 2008 – 27 th August 2008 and highlighted the following results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 84% of residents are satisfied with Stockton Borough as a place to live and 66% are proud of their local area • 63% think the Borough is a place where people from 		Noted	No	No	No	Ashley Ames, IPSOS Mori

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<p>different backgrounds get on well together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 64% are satisfied with the way the Council is running in the Borough – eight percentage points more than in a similar survey in 2006 and significantly higher than the average for similar councils elsewhere in the country 						
<p>Members were informed by Ipsos Mori of the key messages from the survey and the need to ensure that positive findings are communicated internally and externally (along with the ongoing challenges).</p>		Key messages noted	No	No	No	
<p>Members were informed of the ‘top ten’ services residents, which residents consider the most important:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Refuse collection 2. Community safety 3. Parks and open spaces 4. Road maintenance and repairs 5. Street cleaning 6. Leisure centres 7. Pavement maintenance 8. Support services for elderly people 9. Secondary schools 10. Traffic flows 		Top ten services were noted	No	No	No	
<p>Members were also informed of some clear and consistent priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community safety (requires partnership work to improve public confidence) Decisions around recycling (including service 		Noted	No	No	No	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provision/ messages around climate change activity) • Localised issues (shopping/town centres in Billingham/Thornaby and leisure facilities in South Stockton) • Issues for specific communities (for example leisure facilities for younger people and bus services for older residents) <p>Members were informed of the five issues which are most important to Stockton-on-Tees in the next five years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community safety • Creating jobs • Regenerating run down areas • Attracting new businesses to the area • Town centre improvements <p>Members were informed that there are further results at a more local level, which are available.</p>		<p>Top five issues noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	
<p>5. SIX MONTH UPDATE ON THE COMMUNITY COHESION STRATEGY</p> <p>Members were informed of what makes a cohesive community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared sense of everyone’s contribution • Sense of individual rights and responsibilities • Those from different backgrounds have similar opportunities and the same life chances • There is a strong sense of trust in localities • There is a focus on common values • There are strong and positive relationships between all people and all organisations in an area 		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Sarah Woodhouse, Community Cohesion Coordinator, SBC</p>

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<p>Members were informed that the Community Cohesion Strategy and Action Plan were approved April 2008. There are 8 key themes in the Action Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote equality of opportunity • Enhance community belonging and pride • Meet the needs and aspirations of local people • Celebrate diversity and commonality • Create boundaries • Reduce conflict and tension • Myth bust • Empower communities 		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>There are a total of 75 milestones to monitor in the Action Plan of which 59 are on track/ongoing and 16 have been completed. Some of the key achievements, which have been achieved include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stockton Renaissance and the Voluntary and Community Sector Compact • Offensive Incident Group established • Re-launched policy and procedure for Offensive Incidents 		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>Members were informed that there are a number of key issues for Stockton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Population – mixed and varied between wards • Resident satisfaction – this is improving and is very high with the local authority as a whole, but there is still work to do in this area • Levels of deprivation 		Key issues for Stockton were noted.	No	No	No	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low crime but higher perceptions of crime and anti social behaviour <p>A discussion took place regarding the possibility a myth busting exercise to be carried out during elections. It was noted that there is a need to be factual in the way that information is circulated. It was raised that Stockton News is a crucial mechanism to get this information out.</p> <p>Members were informed that the action plan will continue to be delivered and a future report will be taken to Renaissance on year-end progress.</p>		Sarah Woodhouse to look into mythbusting during election time.	No	No	No	
<p>6. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGIES FOR TEES VALLEY & STOCKTON BOROUGH</p> <p>Members were informed that green infrastructure is a network of linked, multi functional green space in and around the Region's towns and cities. The types of spaces and features include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotments, • Green corridors, • Brownfield sites, • Playing fields and; • Cultural and natural features. <p>Green infrastructure functions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active and passive recreation; • Social venue/meeting place; • Cultural/event venue; • Focus for community engagement; and 		Noted	No	No	No	Graham Clingan, Strategy & Development Manager, SBC

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage conservation. <p>Members were informed of the wide range of key benefits/outcomes of green infrastructure, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved health (physical and psychological); • Community cohesion; • Greater 'sense of place' and pride in local area; and • Improved image. <p>Members were informed that the Tees Valley Green Infrastructure Network is made up of 17 key green infrastructure corridors identified at a Tees Valley scale. Members were informed that for the Tees Valley Green Infrastructure Strategy Implementation Plan, One NorthEast are currently funding the preparation of a business case to demonstrate how investment in green infrastructure can contribute towards the regeneration of the Tees Valley. £5million Single Programme funding is expected from 2009/10 onwards. The Tees Valley Green Infrastructure Strategy should form a key component of the sub-region's Growth Point bid.</p> <p>Members were informed that the Green Infrastructure Strategy for Stockton Borough will link to the 2008-2021 Sustainable Community Strategy and its supporting themes. Mapping work is currently being conducted to map existing green infrastructure and functions, to identify issues to be addressed – local and strategic, to set priorities for enhancement and development of green infrastructure and to develop an action plan to identify delivery partners, funding targets and milestones and monitoring and review. Members were</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
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<p>informed that the framework for planning all the Borough's green spaces and green infrastructure highlights that at a borough scale, more corridors are emerging which need to be improved to make areas more accessible to people.</p> <p>Members were informed that a review of the existing Open Space Audit data and other existing spatial data held by the Council and its partners is scheduled and will be supplemented by additional green infrastructure mapping as required. A review of the Borough's Local Wildlife Sites and a Landscape Character Assessment are proposed.</p> <p>Members were informed of the timescales for the Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June – Dec 2008: Mapping and data analysis • Oct 2008 – Jan 2009: Presentations to LSP, thematic partnerships and Area Partnership Boards • Nov 2008 – Feb 2009: Community consultation on green infrastructure mapping and identification of local issues and opportunities • March – April 2009: Consultation on draft Strategy • May 2009: Publish final version and Action Plan. <p>Members were informed of the various organisations, which are to be involved at various stages in the Strategy. A number of further organisations were suggested: Tees Valley Access Forum, RSPB, Tees Valley Nature Reserve and the Health and Wellbeing Partnership.</p>		Graham Clingan to contact these organisations.	No	No	No	
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<p>7. PLANNING POLICY ON STUDENT ACCOMMODATION IN STOCKTON</p>						<p>Rosemary Young, Spatial Plans Manager, SBC</p>
<p>Members were informed of the interim policy guidance on student accommodation in the Borough which has been produced to inform decisions on student accommodation planning applications currently under consideration with immediate effect and with a longer-term view to including policies on this issue in the Core Strategy and Regeneration Development Plan Documents.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Agreed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No</p>	
<p>Members were informed that at present, Stockton Borough Council does not have any planning policies to guide officers when dealing with planning applications for student accommodation. The Local Plan contains no specific targets or precise allocations for this particular use and previous applications for student accommodation indicate that there is no clear consensus about the amount and type of accommodation that is required. Members were informed that it was uncertain what impact student accommodation is having on existing residential areas around the Borough, but this study has shown that it is not a significant issue.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">No</p>	
<p>It was noted that National Government policy on housing does not offer any particular guidance on student accommodation. The adopted Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) emphasises the importance of the region's further and higher education establishments to the economy but offers no direct guidance on the provision of student accommodation.</p>						
<p>Members were informed that at present, an approximate total of 1,700 students require accommodation, 512 of whom are in</p>						

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<p>university accommodation, leaving 1,188 students using the private sector. With the potential of 382 bed spaces at Rialto Court on Bridge Road, this leaves a remaining demand currently for a further 806 students to be accommodated. In addition, there are currently two planning permissions for purpose built student accommodation; at North Shore, an outline permission for 520 bed spaces, and at Dovecot Street; a full planning permission for 36 bed spaces. Members were informed that if both of these applications are implemented, there will be an additional 556 bed spaces in purpose built accommodation. Added together with the existing purpose built accommodation, a total of 1,450 purpose built bed spaces will be available to students. This will leave a maximum of 250 students to be accommodated elsewhere.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>Members were informed of the following applications for student accommodation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase 2 of the Rialto Court (226 bed spaces); • The Rocket building (204 bed spaces); and • The outline planning application at the Former Supreme Knitwear (206 bed spaces). 		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>It was noted that subject to planning approval, these developments would result in a further 690 bed spaces coming forward. Whilst it is by no means guaranteed that they will all be approved and built out, it is worth considering the impact on supply if they did.</p>						
<p>A number of issues were raised around terraced properties which have been used by students, becoming family homes again rather than shared accommodation. Also the issue of</p>						

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<p>these homes being low cost was raised. However, the difficulty of influencing landlords was also raised.</p> <p>It was also noted that if further student accommodation was approved at North Shore, it is essential that these students do not become isolated and the right services and transport links have to be located close by. The impact that students bring to towns was also discussed in terms of economic benefit and vibrancy. The importance of retaining them in the area was discussed.</p> <p>Members were informed that this interim policy guidance is needed to address an urgent situation due to a spate of planning applications and to give clear guidance for perspective developers through statutory planning policy in the future.</p> <p>It was recommended that the draft Student Accommodation Study be accepted as interim policy guidance which can be used to determine planning applications with immediate effect and endorsed the policy recommendations.</p>						
<p>8.ANY OTHER BUSINESS None</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex Area Partnership Board Coordinator

Attendance: Cllr Lupton (Chair), Jane Humphreys, Paul Thomas, Alex Bain, Geoff Harrison, Cllr McCoy, Dave Brunskill, Cllr Laing, Cllr Mrs Fletcher, Jim Beall, Tony Campbell, Tina Williams, Dave Pickard, Cllr Gibson, Neil Schneider, Ian Harrington, Neville Anderson, Cllr Cook, Val Scollen,

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Observers: Paul McGee, Kevin McAuley,

Apologies: Cllr Cunningham, Julie Derbyshire, Chris Livingstone, Cllr Mrs Rigg, Rev David Whiting, Ed Rowley, Phillipa Corner, Doff Pollard, Jan Doherty, Sue Daniels, Jeremy Garside, Elizabeth Shassere, Julie Nixon, Jonathan Lamb, Chris Willis (Vice Chair), Val Goodrum, Paul Burns, Graeme Oram,