

Minutes
The Eastern Area Partnership Board (EAPB)
28 October 2008, 9.30am at The Five Lamps Organisation, Thornaby

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Chair:

Graeme Oram (Five Lamps Organisation).

Members:

Carol Adams (Village Park Residents Association) **Geoffrey Green** (Thornaby Town Council)) **Insp Ian Garrett** (Cleveland Police)
Diane Patterson (Tees Credit Union) **Doug Nicholson** (Friends of Tees Heritage Park) **Tom Bowman** (Ingleby Barwick Town Council) **Peter Brennan** (Village Park Residents Association) **Philip Day** (Holmes & Middlefield Residents Association).

* Members are representing their nominating body.

Advisors:

Nicola Hall, Kelly Smith (Stockton Council) **Elizabeth Benomran** (North Tees Primary Care Trust) **Tracy Roberts** (Stockton Residents & Community Groups Association).

Observers:

Dorothy Fairhurst (Resident).

Apologies

Members: **Cllr Kevin Faulks** (Stockton Council – Ingleby Barwick East Ward)) **Irene Machin** (Ingleby Barwick Community Centre)
Cllr Tina Large (Stockton Council – Mandale & Victoria Ward).

Advisors: **Allison Agius** (Catalyst) **Shirley Stenburge, Bev Cross, Neil Pocklington** (Stockton Council).

Observers: **Beryl Robinson** (Resident).

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1. Welcome and Introductions Members were introduced and welcomed to the Eastern Area Partnership.		No	No	No	No	Nicola Hall EAPB Coordinator (01642) 527823
2. Apologies Apologies were noted.		Noted	No	No	No	Nicola Hall EAPB Coordinator (01642) 527823
3. Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of last meeting held on 23 September 2008 were agreed as a true record.		Minutes agreed as a true record.	No	No	No	Nicola Hall EAPB Coordinator (01642) 527823

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<p>5. Neighbourhood Renewal Fund DVD</p> <p>Kelly Smith (KS) provided an introduction to the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund DVD, explaining that from April 2001 to March 2008 Stockton Council had secured more than £23 million of NRF funding to improve health, education, jobs, housing, the local environment and reduce crime in the most deprived areas within the Borough.</p> <p>KS explained that a DVD had been produced to capture some of the successes of the NRF programme, with particular emphasis from the last round of funding. KS stated that the DVD features local people and service deliverers talking first hand about the impact NRF has had on their lives and neighbourhoods.</p> <p>GO commented that the DVD captured the NRF programme across the whole of the Borough and reinforced the successful partnership working that had taken place.</p> <p>Comment was made that the DVD was excellent.</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>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>Kelly Smith, Programme Coordinator (01642) 526032</p>

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<p>A query was raised if the projects highlighted in the DVD were still continuing as they were successful. KS explained that some projects that had been funded using NRF had been allocated a further year's transitional funding and some projects had been picked up through mainstream funding. GO explained that some of the projects would also be looking to the Communities Fund for additional funding.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>6. Eastern Area Partnership Priorities & Communities Fund Allocation</p> <p>GO explained that the Eastern Area Partnership had an allocation of £114,359 during 2008/2011 to address their priority areas. GO explained that the funding would be used to address worklessness and employability issues.</p> <p>GO stated that the event held at the Destiny Centre on 29 September 2008 enabled members of the Partnership in attendance to discuss priority areas. GO explained that the following priority areas were discussed:</p> <p>1. Outreach work/ out of hours support for young people providing them with information, advice and guidance on jobs and training opportunities.</p>		Noted Noted	No No	No No	No No	<p>Kelly Smith, Programme Coordinator (01642) 526032</p> <p>Nicola Hall, Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 527823</p>

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<p>Intergenerational activities for young people</p> <p>2. Ongoing support for people who are in debt to provide them with a personal advisor, action plan and skills including budgeting etc.</p> <p>Following discussions it was agreed that the above were priority areas for the Partnership. GO explained that these priorities link to the Partnerships previous priorities of outreach activities for children and young people and financial inclusion.</p> <p>A suggestion was put forward that a project around food recipe cards targeted at specific shops should be considered.</p> <p>Discussions took place on the types of interventions to be considered including healthy eating, energy efficiency/ liveability advice, intergenerational activities, targeting of school leavers, advice on how to use bank accounts.</p> <p>GO commented that it would be worth considering developing short term initiatives until March 2009 and then awaiting the outcome of the main Communities Fund before the Partnership commission their full allocation.</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>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	

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<p>KS explained that if the Partnership allocated funding under £15K it would be a shorter process for commissioning, as it would not be required to go through the 28 day tender process. KS further explained that the Partnership would have 3 years to deliver services following the start of when projects are commissioned.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
<p>It was agreed that £14,999 would be allocated towards a project around engagement of young people and £14,999 would also be allocated towards a project towards financial/ liveability advice. The rest of the Partnership's allocation £84,361 would be carried forward and following the outcome of the Communities Fund, the Partnership would then look to commission further projects from March 2009.</p>		<p>£14,999 to be allocated to a project around engagement of young people and £14,999 to be allocated to a project around financial/ liveability advice. The remaining £84,361 to be carried forward to March 2009.</p>	No	No	No	
<p>GO explained that interventions would be developed through adopting a commissioning approach. GO stated that a Sub Group would be created to take this approach forward. The Sub Group to consist of Chair or Vice</p>		Noted	No	No	No	

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<p>Chair, 2 resident representatives, 1 other Area Partnership representative and advisors as appropriate.</p> <p>GO declared an interest and as such could not be part of the Sub Group in his capacity as Chair.</p> <p>Diane Patterson (DP) declared an interest and as such could not be part of the Sub Group in her capacity as Vice Chair.</p> <p>It was agreed that Insp Ian Garrett (IG) would Chair the Sub Group and Peter Brennan (PB), Philip Day (PD) and Cllr Kevin Faulks (KF). Elizabeth Benomran (EB) to act as an advisor to the Sub Group. The Sub Group would report back to the next meeting of the Partnership.</p> <p><u>Other items discussed</u></p> <p>A query was raised regarding if the Area Partnership's allocation could be used to replace a fence in Teesdale. It was explained that the funding is to be used to tackle employability and worklessness issues.</p> <p>A query was raised regarding disabled car parking in the Holmes & Middlefield estate. It was explained that there is only one residential disabled parking bay on the</p>	<p>GO</p> <p>DP</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>The Sub Group to consist of IG, PB, PD, KF and EB (advisor)</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>NH to arrange a meeting of the Sub Group</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>NH to identify the Council's policy on residential</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>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>	

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<p>estate.</p> <p>A query was raised regarding disabled car parking facilities at Thornaby medical centre and the Town Centre. The issue of disabled car parking at the Town Centre to be raised at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was explained that car parking/ transport related initiatives could be considered for future rounds of the Partnership's allocation of Area Transport Strategies.</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding street lighting across Thornaby. It was noted that some areas of the estate do not consistently have street lights on. It was explained that the Ward Councillors are dealing with this issue.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>disabled car parking bays.</p> <p>Item to be discussed at the next meeting.</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>No</p>	
<p>7. Update from Eastern Area Transport Strategy (ATS) Steering Group Meeting</p> <p>GO provided an update following the Eastern Area Transport Strategy Steering Group meeting held on 14 October 2008:</p> <p>1. Hard Standing on Cunningham Drive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This scheme is complete. • There is a possibility of providing 'keep clear' markings adjacent to the hard standing and this 		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316</p>

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<p>would be considered as a short term solution to the parking problems at the bus stop.</p> <p>2. Hard Standing on Thornaby Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The estimated cost for this scheme is £9,250. • This cost includes the provision of a root barrier to protect the adjacent trees. • Scheme to be progressed. <p>3. Additional Road Hump on Laburnum Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme to be progressed. <p>4. SIDs on Lowfields Avenue and Broom Hill Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheme to be progressed. • Discussions around the location of the SID (it should be considered before the planned location at the start of the dip coming out of Lowfield Avenue). It was agreed that this location will be considered and reported back to the relevant Ward Councillors. • It was noted that the location of the SID is done in consultation with the supplier as there are issues around vehicle detection. Connecting the electricity supply is also an issue. 						

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<p>5. Myton Way Speed Limit Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of the existing 40 mph speed limit on Myton Way between Blair Avenue and Broom Hill Avenue was carried out. • The review concluded that, due to the potential for vehicle/pedestrian collisions, the speed limit on this section of Myton Way should be reduced to 30 mph. • This reduction has been approved in principle by the Head of Service in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport & Regeneration, and statutory consultations will be undertaken shortly. • Subject to the results of this consultation exercise, it is anticipated that the reduced speed limit will come into effect during the current financial year. <p>6. Puffin Crossing on Beckfields Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to ATS approval the scheme will be progressed through the consultation stage. <p>7. Pedestrian Facilities on Lowfields Avenue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was explained that observations had taken place on the site which identified that parents are crossing at Stonebridge Crescent rather than at the east side of Lowfields Avenue. • It was noted that the level of use does not justify 						

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<p>installing a formal controlled crossing facility and as such the scheme is no longer considered to be worth taking further.</p> <p>GO commented that it was disappointing that the Eastern Area Partnerships financial contribution through the Area Transport Steering Group allocation to the project on Cunningham Drive was not recognised in publicity for the project issued by the Ward Councillors.</p> <p>GO stated that the Area Partnerships ATS allocation was a successful example of delegating a budget to the Area Partnerships and this should continue in future rounds.</p> <p>A query was raised regarding the lack of attendance from Thornaby Councillors at the ATS meetings. Geoff Green (GG) explained that he was unable to attend the last meeting due to prior commitments.</p> <p>GO explained that following discussions at previous Partnership and ATS meetings, a public meeting had been arranged for Tuesday 2 December 2008 at South Thornaby Community Centre.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>NH to advertise the meeting nearer the date of the meeting.</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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GG informed members that Thornaby Town Council was looking into the feasibility of part subsidising a bus route within Thornaby.		Noted	No	No	No	
8. Stockton on Tees Public Transport Forum GO explained that the next meeting of the Stockton on Tees Public Transport Forum would be held on Saturday 15 November 2008 in the Winter Room, Swallow Hotel, Stockton at 12pm.		Noted	No	No	No	Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316
9. Thematic Partnership Update Health & Wellbeing Partnership GO explained that he was unable to attend the last meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Partnership due to prior commitments. Children's Trust Board GO stated that he was also unable to attend the last meeting of the Children's Trust Board due to prior commitments. GO explained that the Partnership only meets on a quarterly basis. Safer Stockton Partnership IG explained that the last meeting of the Safer Stockton Partnership focussed on the Policing Green Paper.		Noted	No	No	No	Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316

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<p>Economic Regeneration & Transport Partnership There has been no meeting of the Economic Regeneration & Transport Partnership due to the focus on the commissioning of the Communities Fund.</p> <p>Environment Partnership No updates</p> <p>Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership PB explained that he was unable to attend the last meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Partnership due to prior commitments. PB commented that he was happy to continue to be the Eastern Area Partnership's representative on the Partnership – the Eastern Area Partnership supported this.</p>						
<p>10. Any Other Business</p> <p>Members of the Area Partnership were invited to attend a stakeholder lunch for interviews for Assistant Director/ Head of Service for Children and Young People's Operational Services. The lunch is being held on 17 November 2008, 12.30pm, Education Centre, Stockton.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Graeme Oram, Chair (01642) 608316

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<p>11. Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next business meeting of the EAPB will be held on:</p> <p>Tuesday 18 November 2008, 5.30pm at the Five Lamps Organisation.</p> <p>EAPB members are invited to forward any agenda items for future meetings to Nicola Hall.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Nicola Hall EAPB Coordinator (01642) 527823