### Members:

Paul Thomas (Chair - Tilery Representative), Jim Beall (Vice Chair - Community Partnership Forum), Anne Howard (Neighbourhood Watch Group), Jim Fenwick (St Ann's Development Board), Edna Brown (Over 50's Assembly), Marilyn Surtees (Elmtree Community Centre), Barbara Warren (Bishopsgarth Residents Association), Edna Chapman (St John's Living Well), Judith Turner (SRCGA), Cllr Mrs S Fletcher (SBC), Cllr T Laing (SBC), Elizabeth McClurg (Hardwick In Partnership), Gareth Rees (Thorpe Thewles Residents Association), PC Andy Richmond (Cleveland Police), Roy Parker (Durham Road Residents Association), Mary Cartwright (NECIL)

### Advisors:

Kelly Smith (SBC), Sarah Upex (SBC), James Hadman (SRCGA), Marc Mason (ISA Manager), Peter Mennear (SBC), Cllr Cherrett (SBC)

### Observers:

Diane Simms (SBC), Karen Merrick (SBC), Cllr Rix (SBC), Edna Marwood, Andy Whinnerah

### Apologies:

Margaret Tinkler (Stillington & Whitton Parish Council), Claire Walsh (SBC), Stan Slater (Stockton Physically Handicapped Group), Jill Anderson, Elizabeth Benomran (North Tees Teaching PCT), Alex Bain (Parkfield Residents Association),

ITEM/ISSUE	D O I	COMMENTS/DEC ISION	A CT IO N	Does it need Council approval / endorse ment?	Are any other boards affecte d?	CONTACT
WELCOME AND APOLOGIES  The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted.		No	No	No	No	Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST     Anne Howard declared an interest for agenda item 3.  Elizabeth McClurg declared an interest for agenda item 4.		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498
3. SCRUTINY REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING Members were informed that Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council's Housing and Community Safety Select Committee are currently undertaking a review of Neighbourhood Policing, Neighbourhood Watch, and the Council's CCTV network. The Committee are looking at the role and contribution made by these three approaches towards reducing crime and the fear of crime.  Members were informed that the Committee is consulting interested parties in the Borough in order to assess early experiences of Neighbourhood Policing, experience of living in a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme area, opinions on the effectiveness of the Council's CCTV and what makes people fearful of crime and what can be done about this. As part of the review, the Committee is also seeking the views of members of the Area Partnership Boards.		Noted	No	No	No	Peter Mennear, Scrutiny Officer & Cllr Cherrett, SBC

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Central Area Partnership Board Views on experiences of Neighbourhood Policing     Important for neighbourhood police officers to keep the community in the loop and ensure that when an officer is on annual leave or off work due to sickness, that there is someone else picking up their work as there was						
an incident when after a burglary it was three weeks before they came out. However it was noted that there has recently been a new system introduced where police officers have area maps on a computer system which officers should be looking at every day to identify incidents which have occurred in their area.						
<ul> <li>Community feel more confident when they know the officers by name</li> <li>Different areas/wards had different experiences and officers are more visible in some areas than others</li> <li>Some members had very good experiences of neighbourhood police</li> </ul>	No	oted	No	No	No	
<ul> <li>officers and spoke volumes of their relationship with them</li> <li>It was discussed that they have limited powers and peoples perceptions of them may be hindered by this</li> </ul>						
<ul> <li>Often too many changes and moved away from areas just as they start to build up a good rapport with the community</li> <li>The work of PCSO's going into schools was praised</li> <li>Communications need to be improved – residents need information about</li> </ul>						
<ul> <li>how to contact them</li> <li>It was noted that local PCSO's give their email addresses to residents and there is also a 24 hour hotline to report incidents</li> </ul>						
Central Area Partnership Board Views on involvement and experiences in the area with Neighbourhood Watch  Discussion around Ring Master and who is registered for this.						
<ul> <li>Members were informed that there are two crime prevention officers in Stockton who will come out and visit your home and give you advice on crime prevention</li> </ul>						

<ul> <li>Need to identify which parts of the borough do not have Neighbourhood Watch schemes and why there is not a big uptake in some areas. Need to look at how people can be supported to get schemes started.</li> <li>Members were informed of the Home Office website <a href="http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/nbhwatch.htm">http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/nbhwatch.htm</a></li> <li>Members were also informed of a new service on the Cleveland Police website, which provides a monthly update of crime figures in the Borough <a href="http://www.cleveland.police.uk/news">http://www.cleveland.police.uk/news</a> resources/foi/force performance.ht</li> </ul>	Noted	No	No	No	
<ul> <li>Central Area Partnership Board views on the use of the Council's CCTV network, and whether members believe it to be an effective weapon in the fight against crime and fear of crime</li> <li>It was raised that people need to report incidents and be more vigilant</li> <li>It was recognised that there is a cost implication with CCTV and it was recognised that there is not a need for a camera on every corner and often has uses in certain places for a short term.</li> <li>The issue of portable devices was discussed. Portable devices need to be placed in 'hot spot' areas and the issue of introducing 'dummy' cameras was discussed</li> <li>Central Area Partnership Board views on what can be done to tackle the fear of crime, and whether particular crime causes the most concern</li> <li>It was discussed that the fear of crime is often an intergenerational issue, with adults and young people fearing each other</li> <li>The fear of crime is also often due to the perceptions of young people and the stereotyping of them. This is often done via the media and you often do not see the good work that children and young people do, such as</li> </ul>	Peter Mennear to report back on the number of portable devices and where they are currently located.		No	No	

organisations in the UK.

being members of St Johns Ambulance, which is one of the biggest youth

<ul> <li>It was suggested that similar campaign to the one run by the Youth Service a few years ago be reintroduced.</li> <li>There needs to be more intergenerational projects established in the Borough</li> <li>Members were informed that a draft report on the findings of the review will be presented to Area Partnership Boards and it is hoped that the finalised report will be presented to Cabinet on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009.</li> </ul>	Area Partnership Boards to identify recommendations arising from this report.	No	No	No		
4. YOUTH CAFÉ DEVELOPMENT IN STOCKTON NORTH  Members were informed that with the Integrated Service Areas now in place, each of the areas either has or will have a youth café development apart from North Stockton. Given the levels of social deprivation within the area and the relative lack of provision, Stockton Borough Council's Cabinet agreed to site further youth café provision within this area. This was be in line with other similar developments, such as Sure Start Children's Centre, which had an initial targeting at the most deprived areas, with subsequent roll-out across all four Integrated Service Areas.	Noted	No	No	No	Marc Mason, Manager, SBC	ISA
Members were informed that it was further agreed at Cabinet that consultations would take place with young people, the Central Area Partnership Board and ward councillors on possible sites and young people would then be involved, as with previous developments, on the design and services to be delivered. Consultation has been carried out with young people in the form of a questionnaire to Years 9,10 and 11 at Bishopsgarth, Blakeston and Norton Schools and to all youth clubs who operate in the area. 612 questionnaires were returned, of which 65 came from young people attending youth clubs. The results from the questionnaire highlighted that 64% of young people would use a youth café, with the most popular location being Hardwick. The most popular days for provision were Monday to Wednesday 6-8pm, followed by 4-6pm, with Saturday being the least popular. Members raised a number of issues regarding	Marc Mason to report back to the	No	No	No		

the consultation which had taken place and the areas it had been conducted in and the population distribution of young people. However, It was noted that	Board on consultation				
although the majority of young people consulted had chosen Hardwick as their	feedback and				
most popular choice, it was made explicitly clear that this is only part of ongoing	report back on				
consultation. Members noted that the work which had been conducted to date	where existing				
with, and by the young people, was very valuable.	resources are				
	currently located				
Members were requested to contact Marc Mason if they would like to contribute	and what plans				
to the consultation.	there are for the				
	future				
5. INTEGRATED SERVICE AREA (ISA) PROGRESS UPDATE	It was requested				Marc Mason, ISA
Members were provided with an update on the current staffing arrangements for	that Jill Anderson				Manager, North
the Central Stockton ISA's. Central Stockton is broken down into two ISA areas,	be invited to a	No	No	No	Stockton, SBC
North and South Stockton of which Marc Mason is responsible for North Stockton	future meeting to				
and Jill Anderson has responsibility for South Stockton. Members were informed	provide an update				
that a building is currently being sourced to co-locate all staff and associated	on the South				
facilities from the North Stockton ISA.	Stockton ISA				
Members were informed that the 'Baby P' case has delayed a lot of the work of	Marc Mason to				
ISA's due to an increase in referrals from services as it has raised awareness,	produce a				
which is a very positive thing. The case has led to some of the preventative work	boundary map to				
which had started in the ISA areas to stop and there is now a focus on certain	highlight North				
families to stop them going into crisis. A key thing emerging from this for ISA	and South Central				
areas is that there will now be work across different organisations including	Stockton.	No	No	No	
police, housing and anti social behaviour teams to see what support to give to					
key families.	Noted				
Members were informed that there are still issues when people leave the system					
as you may need a number of agencies to stay with you and support you for a					
number of years. There needs to be improvement on the follow up to ensure that					
the right support is there for individuals.					

It was requested that the ISA manager attend the Board meetings regularly to provide progress updates.		No	No	No		
6. UPDATE FROM THE CENTRAL AREA SUB GROUP  The Chair of the sub group (Jim Beall) provided the Board with a progress update on the Central Area Commissioning Sub Group. The Board were informed that the sub group met on the 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 and agreed to continue to wait until they are informed of what activities are being funded in the main Communities Fund scheme. The sub group are meeting with the successful providers/contractors in March to discuss what the Central Area Sub Group can go out to tender for which is either additional/or instead of what the main scheme is funding.	Noted	No	No	No	Central Area Group Members	Sub
7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS  Thematic Partnership Feedback  Jim Beall provided the Board with an update from the Children's Trust Board.  Members were informed that the Children's Trust Board received a presentation on what activities had been funded by the Children's Fund. A report was also presented on the performance of the Children's Plan priorities. In February 2009 there is to be a review of youth provision in the Borough. Jim also informed the group that following discussions regarding engagement of young people in Area Partnership Boards, the Central Area Partnership Board is to be a pilot.	Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex Central Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498	Area
Anne Howard informed the Board that Cleveland Police have reintroduced their cadet scheme for 14-18 year olds.  Cllr Laing requested that there be a future agenda item outlining the democratic decision making process and how the Board feeds into this.	Noted Noted	No No	No No	No No		