

Minute/Decision Summary
Meeting- Renaissance Central Area Partnership
Date –29th January 2009
Stockton Business Centre, Brunswick Street, Stockton

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),

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| <p>1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted.</p> | | No | No | No | No | <p>Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498</p> |
| <p>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Anne Howard declared an interest for agenda item 3.</p> <p>Elizabeth McClurg declared an interest for agenda item 4.</p> | | Noted | No | No | No | <p>Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498</p> |
| <p>3. SCRUTINY REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> | | Noted | No | No | No | <p>Peter Mennear, Scrutiny Officer & Cllr Cherrett, SBC</p> |

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| <p><u>Central Area Partnership Board Views on experiences of Neighbourhood Policing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Community feel more confident when they know the officers by name • Different areas/wards had different experiences and officers are more visible in some areas than others • Some members had very good experiences of neighbourhood police officers and spoke volumes of their relationship with them • It was discussed that they have limited powers and peoples perceptions of them may be hindered by this • Often too many changes and moved away from areas just as they start to build up a good rapport with the community • The work of PCSO's going into schools was praised • Communications need to be improved – residents need information about how to contact them • It was noted that local PCSO's give their email addresses to residents and there is also a 24 hour hotline to report incidents <p><u>Central Area Partnership Board Views on involvement and experiences in the area with Neighbourhood Watch</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around Ring Master and who is registered for this. • 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 | | Noted | No | No | No | |
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| <p>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 although the majority of young people consulted had chosen Hardwick as their most popular choice, it was made explicitly clear that this is only part of ongoing consultation. Members noted that the work which had been conducted to date with, and by the young people, was very valuable.</p> <p>Members were requested to contact Marc Mason if they would like to contribute to the consultation.</p> | <p>Board on consultation feedback and report back on where existing resources are currently located and what plans there are for the future</p> | | | | |
| <p>5. INTEGRATED SERVICE AREA (ISA) PROGRESS UPDATE</p> <p>Members were provided with an update on the current staffing arrangements for the Central Stockton ISA's. Central Stockton is broken down into two ISA areas, North and South Stockton of which Marc Mason is responsible for North Stockton and Jill Anderson has responsibility for South Stockton. Members were informed that a building is currently being sourced to co-locate all staff and associated facilities from the North Stockton ISA.</p> <p>Members were informed that the 'Baby P' case has delayed a lot of the work of ISA's due to an increase in referrals from services as it has raised awareness, which is a very positive thing. The case has led to some of the preventative work which had started in the ISA areas to stop and there is now a focus on certain families to stop them going into crisis. A key thing emerging from this for ISA areas is that there will now be work across different organisations including police, housing and anti social behaviour teams to see what support to give to key families.</p> <p>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.</p> | <p>It was requested that Jill Anderson be invited to a future meeting to provide an update on the South Stockton ISA</p> <p>Marc Mason to produce a boundary map to highlight North and South Central Stockton.</p> <p>Noted</p> | <p>No</p> <p>No</p> | <p>No</p> <p>No</p> | <p>No</p> <p>No</p> | <p>Marc Mason, ISA Manager, North Stockton, SBC</p> |

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| <p>It was requested that the ISA manager attend the Board meetings regularly to provide progress updates.</p> | | | No | No | No | |
| <p>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 20th 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.</p> | | Noted | No | No | No | <p style="text-align: center;">Central Area Sub Group Members</p> |
| <p>7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS <u>Thematic Partnership Feedback</u> 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.</p> <p>Anne Howard informed the Board that Cleveland Police have reintroduced their cadet scheme for 14-18 year olds.</p> <p>Cllr Laing requested that there be a future agenda item outlining the democratic decision making process and how the Board feeds into this.</p> | | Noted | No | No | No | <p style="text-align: center;">Sarah Upex Central Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498</p> |
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