

Minute/Decision Summary
Meeting- Stockton Renaissance
Date – Tuesday 9th December 2008
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ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	COMMENTS/ DECISION	ACTIO N	Does it need Council approval/ Endorsement?	Are any other boards affected?	CONTACT
<p>1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES</p> <p>Christine Willis chaired the meeting.</p> <p>Representatives from the BME Network, Azam Khan and Shanim Akhtar were welcomed to the meeting.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex, Area Partnership Board Coordinator, SBC
<p>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (DOI)</p> <p>Members were advised to declare DOI at the start of the meeting before any items are discussed.</p> <p>Cllr Rigg declared a DOI on agenda item 4 regarding Friends of Tees Heritage Park.</p> <p>Tony Campbell declared a DOI on agenda item 4 regarding Hartburn Beck.</p> <p>Tina Williams declared a DOI on agenda item 8 regarding Area Partnership priorities</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex, Area Partnership Board Coordinator, SBC
<p>3. MINUTES OF THE STOCKTON RENAISSANCE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON 4TH NOVEMBER 2008</p> <p>Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex, Area Partnership Board Coordinator, SBC

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<p>4. STOCKTON RIVER CORRIDORS PROJECT</p> <p>Members were informed that the Stockton River Corridors project is a partnership initiative between Groundwork South Tees, Stockton Borough Council, British Waterways and the Environment Agency. The project was developed in response to a need for a strategic coordination of physical regeneration projects on the ground and looks at the emerging Green Infrastructure Strategy. The project is a co-coordinating effort preventing duplication, and encouraging partnership working and awareness raising.</p> <p>Members were informed that the project is looking to re-brand Stockton River Corridors Project to “Tees Together” Partnership Initiative.</p> <p>The key projects for the project include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of Tees Heritage Park Workshops – creation of the park – Ferries, creation of footpath links, site designation • Marketing – Heritage interpretation, access and linkages • Development & Access – Quality of proposals and Local Development Framework • Cleanliness – River Stewardship Scheme • Safety, Security and Navigational issues & Coordination of Activities – Users guide <p>The key projects will also identify linear access through the Tees Corridor and will link with the Connect 2 project.</p> <p>Members were informed that an action plan has been</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Anne-Louise Orange, Groundwork South Tees
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<p>developed for the project.</p> <p>The timescale for delivery highlights that from 2009 onwards practical delivery will begin. However, in the wider context, there will be a number of 'Quick Wins' during this time which include the Brickie Ponds / Hartburn Beck. An access to nature bid is also being developed.</p> <p>Members were informed that the draft Action Plan is currently being endorsed by partners and will be launched in the next financial year. Members were also informed that the application for the project will be submitted January 2009.</p> <p>A query was raised on whether consultation had been carried out to provide access for wheelchairs on the site. Members were informed that consideration had been given, where possible, however consultation had not been taken by a formal group.</p>		<p>Members requested that they be updated on the action plan where appropriate.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	
<p>5. DEVELOPMENT OF OLDER PEOPLE STRATEGY</p> <p>Members were informed that the Older People Strategy was endorsed by Renaissance in December 2007 and was developed to ensure a proper strategic focus to plan for changes in demography in the area.</p> <p>The Older People Strategy is supported by an action plan, which has been revised to reflect the needs of our older population. Members were informed that a range of services and agencies are involved in the monitoring of the action plan.</p> <p>Members were informed that everything is largely achieved or on track to be achieved, as many of the targets are long term.</p>		<p>Renaissance endorsed the revised Action Plan.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Simon Willson, Head of Performance, CESC</p>

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<p>A number of the milestones are also out of date and need to be reviewed and refreshed to include for example, the impact of the recession and fuel poverty. Members were informed that there is also a scrutiny review running alongside this which will impact on the review of the action plan.</p> <p>A number of queries were raised, including that when evaluating the action plan, carers groups need to be kept involved as do community centres and the community itself. It was noted that older people also need to be kept involved to enable them to empower themselves. Members were informed that the Personalisation Agenda will enable people to make these choices, with more things based in communities and neighbourhoods.</p> <p>There was a query regarding collection arrangements from people when not needed or when a person in deceased. Members were informed that this is monitored centrally.</p> <p>Members were informed that the action plan will be refreshed in January 2009 with revised objectives that reflect any new or national policy or local issues. A stakeholder day is planned that will support this process and the development of the new action plan.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
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<p>6. AREA TRANSPORT STRATEGY (ATS) Renaissance were presented with the draft protocol covering the operation of the four Area Partnership Board Transport Strategy Steering Group meetings which had been developed following a consultation exercise. A review of the stakeholder composition of the steering groups was also undertaken as</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Bill Trewick, Technical Services.

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<p>the LAA, 33 of which are designated, 16 mandatory and 9 local measures. Members were informed that data is currently available for 40 of these measures, of these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 77.5% (or 31 measures) have already been achieved or are on track to be achieved - 22.5% (or 9 measures) have either slipped or missed their targets <p>Members were informed that this represents strong performance in the first six months of the year, however it was highlighted that most aspects of the LAA could be affected by the changing economic climate in the coming months. Members were informed that an analysis of the potential implications has been undertaken and this is feeding into improvement work around the LAA indicators.</p> <p>Information was given on progress within the LAA in relation to each of the themes in the Sustainable Community Strategy. It was noted that the thematic partnerships and thematic officers are constantly looking at performance in terms of the current economic climate.</p> <p>Members were informed that when the LAA was agreed in June 2008, there were some measures for which targets could not be set because baseline data was not available and/or final definitions for measures had not been agreed. Localities are expected to negotiate these targets with Government Office for the North East in the coming months leading to a “refreshed” agreement being signed off at the end of March 2009. The Council will lead on the “refresh” process, involving other agencies as appropriate and a revised draft of the LAA</p>		<p>Members noted the potential impact of the current economic climate on the LAA.</p> <p>LAA negotiation process was noted.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Refreshed LAA item to be included on the forward plan for Stockton Renaissance.</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p>	
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will be brought to a future Stockton Renaissance meeting.					
<p>8. TRANSITIONAL NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL PROGRAMME 2008/09 – 6 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT FOR APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2008</p> <p>Members were informed of the progress of the transitional Neighbourhood Renewal programme within the Borough, the development of the Area Partnership Priorities, and the Safer Stronger Communities Fund.</p> <p><u>Transitional NRF and Programme Monitoring 2008/09</u></p> <p>Members were provided with some of the key achievements and progress to date of the Transitional Neighbourhood Renewal Fund within the last six months, which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Communities – licensing have undertaken 35 test purchase attempts for under age sales in the first six months of the year against a target of 60 for the year • Children and Young People – over 90 children and young people have accessed the ‘Says Who’ drama group over the past six months • Environment – early indications show there has been a 4% improvement on neighbourhood recycling this year • Housing – Raising the Standard project aims to improve standards of Houses in Multiple Occupation, in the first six months, 10 properties have been improved • Economic Regeneration and Transport – the Guidance and Learning project has already achieved 132 people 					Dawn Welsh, Partnerships & Engagement Manager, SBC

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<p>trained obtaining jobs against a target of 166 for the year</p> <p>The Board was informed that thematic lead officers and thematic partnerships have been requested to evaluate the success of their packages and to implement exit strategies or consider alternative funding, for the successful interventions from their packages.</p> <p><u>Area Partnership Priorities</u> Members were informed that a proportion of the Communities Fund was ring-fenced in 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11 specifically for the Area Partnerships, who were tasked to prioritise issues within their areas with reference to community views and commission services to be delivered locally to address these priorities. Members were informed that over the coming months, work will take place with each of the Area Partnership Boards to commission services to address their priorities from their allotted money.</p> <p><u>Safer Stronger Communities Fund – Neighbourhood Element</u> Members were informed of some of the key achievements and progress for the last six months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Environmental Works – alley gates across this neighbourhood have been installed. Additional seeding will take place in the spring 2009, across the neighbourhood to replace the removed shrubbery areas • Dog Fouling Enforcement Week – 3 additional dog fouling bins have been purchased for the NE area and a dog fouling enforcement week was held. 						
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dental Health Project – 100% of pupils at Tilery Primary School are now participating in daily tooth brushing routines within their school day <p>Members were informed that work will now take place to develop the sustainability aspects of the programme and develop the priorities set by local communities. The fund will also be monitored closely to ensure that there are no overspends and that all outcomes are met.</p>		<p>Renaissance members noted the report.</p>				
<p>9.ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p><u>1. The Impact of the Credit Crunch on the Borough – Richard Poundford</u></p> <p>Richard Poundford informed the Board of a report which went to Stockton Cabinet on the 4th December 2008 regarding the impact of the credit crunch on the Borough. Members were informed that the aim of this report is to provide a balanced picture of the impact of the economic slow down on the residents and businesses in the Borough. Stockton Borough Council is proactively taking on a leadership and coordinating role, working with regional and local partners to put in place measures to help mitigate some of the effects of the economic downturn and be prepared for when the economy improves in the future. The Association of North East Councils (ANEC) is having fortnightly meetings with the regional Minister to monitor the economic conditions, providing SBC with the opportunity to feed directly into central Government to influence the direction of government support.</p> <p>It was discussed that the LAA contains a range of targets</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>Sarah Upex Area Partnership Board Coordinator</p>

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<p>which could be affected by the changing economic climate and a breakdown of each of the headline targets within the LAA was provided to the Board.</p>						
<p><u>2. Future agenda item request</u> Alex Bain requested that a future agenda item to be brought to the Board regarding services for refugee and asylum seekers in the borough.</p>		<p>Helen Dean to discuss this further with Alex Bain</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	

Attendance: Chris Willis (Vice Chair), Jane Humphreys, Paul Thomas, Alex Bain, Cllr McCoy, Dave Brunskill, Cllr Laing, Tony Campbell, Tina Williams, Dave Pickard, Cllr Gibson, Graeme Oram, Neil Schneider, Cllr Cunningham, Val Scollen, Cllr Mrs Rigg,

Advisors: Dawn Welsh, Sarah Upex, Elizabeth Shassere, Julie Nixon, Helen Dean, Kellie Hopkins, Richard Poundford, Julie Derbyshire, Bill Trewick, Mark Gilson, Simon Willson, Becky Brown, Anne-Louise Orange, Alison Aguis, Steve Boyd

Observers: Paul McGee, Kevin McAuley, Doff Pollard, Jan Doherty, Kevin McAuley, Azam Khan, Shanim Akhtar

Apologies: Neville Anderson, Chris Livingstone, Cllr Cook, Ian Harrington, Helen Dean, Rev David Whiting, Cllr Mrs Womphrey, Ed Rowley, Cllr Lupton (Chair), Phillipa Corner, Hilton Heslop, Val Goodrum, Geoff Harrison, Paul Burns, Cllr Mrs Fletcher, Jonathan Lamb, Jim Beall, Ruth Hill