

**KEY AMBITIONS**

AMBITION	PROGRESS UPDATE
<p><b>IMPROVED CITY SCALE FACILITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackle dereliction of the urban core of the Tees Valley</li> <li>• Maximise economic assets, e.g. river, port, airport</li> <li>• To deliver city scale housing and commercial development</li> </ul> <p><b>BETTER USE OF THE RIVER TEES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major development – employment</li> <li>• Quality urban and rural environment with public access</li> <li>• Design quality</li> <li>• Iconic footbridge</li> <li>• Events – use of the river, SIRF</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>North Shore</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Committee to consider application in May 2009, reserved matters for Phase 1 to be considered in Autumn 2009</li> <li>• Construction on site to commence in April 2010</li> <li>• Funding secured for Infinity Footbridge. To be opened to the public in May 2009</li> <li>• International ‘Home Zone’ British Architecture Design competition held</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Stockton Riverside</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of Rialto Court ‘Mezzino’ student apartments</li> <li>• Planning consent received for 130,000 sq ft of offices and employment accommodation at Surtees Business Park</li> <li>• Banks Development provides 13 hectares of commercial development and 4 hectares of residential development, adjoining a 15 hectare nature reserve. Planning application received for 250 houses</li> <li>• Economic appraisal to be completed in 2009</li> <li>• 21st year of Stockton International Riverside Festival</li> <li>• Spring Festival to be held in May 2009</li> <li>• ‘Take to the Tees’ River Festival to be held in August 2009</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Green Blue Heart</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects feasibility work continues</li> <li>• Preparation of outline planning application for the Tees Yard project</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Tees Barrage White Water Course</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding secured</li> <li>• Contract to start on site March 2009</li> <li>• Course confirmed as an Olympic training camp</li> <li>• Course to be opened in Autumn 2009</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Bowesfield</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master Planning continues with private and public sector partners</li> <li>• Feasibility work commenced for a marina</li> </ul>

	<p><b><u>Durham Tees Valley Airport</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business accommodation works to commence in 2011/2012</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Northern Gateway</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feasibility and Master Planning work commenced</li> <li>• My Place bid approved, and youth provision to be developed alongside BSF Academy on the Norton Road site</li> <li>• Planning approval for 550 houses at Queen’s Park North site</li> <li>• Stockton Sports Centre demolished</li> </ul>
<p><b>VIBRANT AND SUCCESSFUL TOWN CENTRES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redevelopment improvements to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Billingham</li> <li>- Thornaby</li> <li>- Stockton</li> <li>- Yarm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Billingham Forum</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning application submitted</li> <li>• Secured £15m of investment</li> <li>• Start on site in July 2009</li> <li>• Opening in January 2011</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Billingham Town Centre</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developer to submit Master Plan in July 2009</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Billingham House</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety and site security legal notices issued</li> <li>• Asbestos stripped and removed</li> <li>• Longer term options being pursued for the building</li> <li>• Negotiating with potential developer</li> </ul> <p><b><u>John Whitehead Park</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of new multi use games area completed</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Thornaby Town Centre</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ownership transferred to Thornfield in March 2008</li> <li>• Construction commenced on site in April 2008</li> <li>• First retail units agreed in November 2008</li> <li>• Completion of the new Access to Services, fully refurbished Library, and Pavilion Leisure Centre in April 2009</li> <li>• Funding secured for further enhancements</li> <li>• Scheme to be completed in August 2009</li> </ul>

### **Thornaby Town Hall**

- Disposal of SBC's interest to private sector developer agreed
- Essential roof repair works undertaken
- Options being considered for the long term use of the building

### **Stockton Southern Gateway**

- Acquisition of Skinnergate Cycles and Archon buildings
- The Council is continuing to pursue the acquisition of the former Glynn Webb site in order to help deliver the junction improvements associated with the Tees Valley Major Bus Scheme. A Compulsory Purchase Order is also being prepared by Officers in case the site cannot be acquired by negotiation.

### **Stockton Town Centre**

- Production of seasonal 'Stockton Sparkles' town centre promotional magazines in partnership with Castlegate and Wellington Square Shopping Centres
- Big Lottery Grant Delivery plan approved to refurbish 32 Dovecot Street as a multi-purpose community facility
- Refurbishment works completed at The Shambles, Stockton High Street

### **Stockton Townscape Heritage**

- Public realm works completed in the Cultural Quarter - new paving, landscaping and lighting at Green Dragon Yard in August 2008
- Planning consent received for public art feature at Green Dragon Theatre
- Stockton Heritage in Partnership (SHiP) Co-ordinator appointed in November 2008
- Funding secured from Heritage Lottery, and target properties agreed

### **Stockton Town Centre Action Plan**

- Stockton-Middlesbrough Joint Retail Study completed
- Study commissioned for Stockton Town Centre, to be completed in 2009
- The early findings of the study to be reported to the next Cabinet cycle
- Economic appraisal to commence

### **Splash**

- £2.5m funding secured
- Extension started on site
- Completion by November 2009

### **Markets**

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First year of the Christmas Market Festival held in November 2008</li> <li>• Proposals for the Year 2 and 3 programme being developed</li> <li>• Monthly Farmers Markets held</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Yarm and Eaglescliffe Area Action Plan</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area Action Plan being developed to include traffic management and parking, future redevelopment opportunities and planning obligations</li> <li>• Consultation on preferred options will commence in January 2010</li> </ul>
<p><b>A TOP LOCATION FOR BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF GROWTH SECTORS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemicals</li> <li>• Logistics</li> <li>• Offices</li> <li>• Increase in Small to Medium Enterprises</li> <li>• Tackling worklessness</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Chemicals</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North &amp; South Tees Industrial Development Framework to be completed by September 2009</li> <li>• To secure funding with the North East Process Industries Cluster as part of their Innovator Connector Investment Plan</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Logistics</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'The Northern Gateway' deep-sea container terminal is being developed by PD Ports</li> <li>• New industrial/distribution units built at Wynyard Park</li> <li>• Industrial/distribution facilities to be provided at Durham Tees Valley Business Park</li> <li>• 18 residents trained towards LGV drivers licence, and 14 have secured jobs</li> <li>• To secure funding to develop the digital technology and media industry within Thornaby Town Hall</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Tourism</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saltholme International Nature Reserve (SINR) opened in March 2009. Developing SINR as a potential hub for nature based tourism in the Tees Valley</li> <li>• Yarm Visitor Guide produced in 2007</li> <li>• Stockton/Middlesbrough Visitor Guide produced in 2007 and 2008</li> <li>• Two new websites went live in January 2009 - <a href="http://www.bitetoeat.co.uk">www.bitetoeat.co.uk</a> and <a href="http://www.visitstockton.co.uk">www.visitstockton.co.uk</a></li> <li>• Familiarisation visit held in December 2008 for 15 national group travel operators</li> <li>• Ticketmaster sales increased</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Enterprise</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with Business &amp; Enterprise North East to deliver a wider range of business support services in the Borough</li> <li>• Since April 2006, NRF supported projects have so far helped create 134 new businesses</li> <li>• £2,645m funding secured to further support enterprise in the Borough over the next three years</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Routes into Enterprise projects will commence in April 2009, to support enterprise within schools and colleges, establish neighbourhood enterprise gateways, provide start-up grants and workspace, and intensive support to existing small young businesses</li> <li>• Business Centre and industrial units at Primrose Hill is now complete</li> <li>• Business units/offices have been developed at Bowesfield, Preston Farm, and Teesdale</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Employability</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioning of £7.2m of Stockton's Communities Fund to tackle worklessness and skills levels, with delivery commencing in April 2009</li> <li>• Stockton Employability Consortium established in October 2007</li> <li>• Since April 2006, NRF has supported 250 people into employment</li> <li>• Training or employment for 135 residents, through targeted training and recruitment clauses within development agreements and contract documentation</li> <li>• Continue to secure training and job opportunities through public procurement routes</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Local Development Framework</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Core Strategy Development Plan Document will be adopted as Council policy in December 2009</li> <li>• The Regeneration Development Plan Document will move to the Preferred Options consultation in January 2010</li> </ul>
<p><b>VIBRANT AND SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality/choice of housing across the Borough</li> <li>• Affordable housing</li> <li>• Tackling deprivation</li> <li>• Local governance and third sector engagement</li> <li>• High quality/safe local environment</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Quality/choice of housing across the Borough</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandale continues to be one of the best performing housing sites in the region</li> <li>• Continue to improve the quality and mix of housing in Mandale, Hardwick and Parkfield</li> <li>• A number of plots have been swapped from private to social rented to keep the build programmes going and the additional social housing is helping to relieve the pressure on the Housing Register</li> <li>• The Tees Valley has successfully been included in the Government's Growth Point programme, which will provide significant inward investment to fund infrastructure works</li> <li>• The Tees Valley Housing Recovery Task Force has been established to assess the impact and explore potential means of mitigating some of the effects of the current economic climate</li> <li>• A Tees Valley Strategic Housing Market Assessment was carried out to ensure that new housing offers a choice of size and tenure for current and future residents</li> <li>• Carried out an option appraisal of Local Authority housing stock to determine the long-term viability of the properties - exploring the stock transfer option</li> <li>• A new state of the art primary school has been built at Hardwick</li> <li>• Allocation in principle of £30m PFI credits for Extra Care Scheme in Billingham in conjunction with Health Services</li> </ul>

- Developed a sub-regional choice based lettings allocation policy

#### **Affordable housing**

- Securing provision of new quality affordable housing in partnership with the Homes and Communities Agency, and Registered Social Landlord partners
- Bid approved for SBC, Fabrick, Hartlepool Housing and Endeavour to become the Home Zone Agents for Tees Valley and County Durham
- Implementation of an Affordable Home Ownership Register, which enables the Local Authority to match eligible households to new housing schemes in their chosen area
- Production of a Home Ownership Toolkit, including relocation equity share loans
- In December 2008 procured Broadacres Home Improvement Agency to assist elderly and vulnerable households to live safely and independently in their homes

#### **Tackling deprivation**

- Continue to explore training and employment opportunities for local young people within the Housing Market Renewal schemes
- Provision of a debt advice service through the NRF transitional project funding, to reduce the incidents of rent arrears, mortgage repossessions, and homelessness
- Secured funding to work with landlords and tenants to improve the standards of the private rented housing market accommodation

#### **Local governance and third sector engagement**

- Developed and established Catalyst (a community interest company) as the key co-ordinating agency for the third sector in the Borough
- Built capacity in the third sector by undertaking a series of governance workshop events

#### **Momentum: Pathways to Healthcare - 21st Century Health Programme**

The programme has five distinct phases

- Phase One: Programme launched (April 2007- June 2007)
- Phase Two: Service development and design completed (July 2007-December 2008)
- Phase Three: Public consultation undertaken (Revised to June 2008 – September 2008)
- Phase Four: Capital planning, development and procurement is underway and business/service change models are in the process of being developed (December 2007 – Summer 2011)
- Phase Five: Building and commissioning the new hospital and community facilities will commence in 2010 – 2014

	<p><b><u>Building Schools for the Future</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategy for Change Part 1, which illustrated the Council's vision for transforming educational opportunities through BSF investment, was approved by Government in September 2008</li> <li>• Strategy for Change Part 2, outlining how BSF investment would be used to transform the Wave 6 schools, was lodged with Government in February 2009 and is awaiting approval</li> <li>• The Outline Business Case is being prepared. This is the third and final piece of documentation that has to be approved by Government before the BSF funding is released. It will indicate that the programme is affordable, offers value for money, has addressed all commercial and risk issues, is attractive to companies interested in building the schools and that it reflects the vision outlined in Strategy for Change Part 1</li> <li>• The Outline Business Case will be submitted to Government in Summer 2009, and once approved the process of procuring the LEP (Local Education Partnership) will begin.</li> <li>• Construction is expected to start on the first schools in spring 2011</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Primary Capital</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval received from the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) for the first year of the programme, and six schools will benefit from this during 2009/10</li> <li>• The revised Strategy for Change is being submitted to DCSF at the end of March 2009</li> </ul>
<p><b>IMPROVED TRANSPORT NETWORKS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New secondary road network in urban core</li> <li>• Trunk Road Strategy for A19/A66/A174</li> <li>• Bus Network improvements</li> <li>• Metro – rapid transport system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of the A66/A19/A174 traffic model, and Area Action Plan drafted to identify capacity in and around the A66/A19/A174. Agreement of the action plan and funding opportunities to be progressed</li> <li>• The Tees Valley Major Bus Scheme to be awarded programme entry by the Department for Transport in April 2009, giving the green light for spending to start on the much needed bus network. For Stockton, this means over £17m of investment over the next three years</li> <li>• Tees Valley Metro draft business case to be submitted to the Department for Transport. Pump prime funding for 2011 onwards is being pursued with the Regional Transport Agency.</li> </ul>