

Minute/Decision Summary -unconfirmed
Meeting- Stockton Renaissance
Date – Tuesday 12 May 2009
Castlegate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton-on-Tees

ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	COMMENTS/ DECISION	ACTION	Does it need Council approval/ Endorsement?	Are any other boards affected?	CONTACT
<p>1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone 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 Gibson, Tina Williams and Cllr Cunningham declared an interest in Agenda Item 4.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex, Area Partnership Board Coordinator, SBC
<p>3. MINUTES OF THE STOCKTON RENAISSANCE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON 7 APRIL 2009</p> <p>Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex, Area Partnership Board Coordinator, SBC
<p>4. REGENERATION STRATEGY PERFORMANCE UPDATE</p> <p>Progress was provided on the Council's Regeneration Strategy.</p> <p>The current economic climate was noted along with the support that the Council and its partners is providing to local business and residents during the economic downturn. The Tees Valley was not successful in its bid to be a City Region, however the Tees Valley still remains at the forefront of taking</p>		The report and progress made on the Regeneration Strategy was noted.	No	No	No	Richard Poundford, Head of Regeneration and Economic Development

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<p>forward partnership working to tackle economic and environmental challenges. The role of the Multi Area Agreement was noted. Information on the links with the Local Development Framework (LDF) and Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) was explained.</p> <p>RP explained that the contracts for the Communities Fund have been commissioned.</p> <p>Progress on Building Schools for the Future was noted, along with the Primary Capital Programme.</p> <p>RP explained that at the current time, all targets will be achieved within the Strategy, however some physical regeneration schemes have slowed down and unemployment is rising. RF noted the White Water Rafting Course as a success story.</p> <p>Cllr Beall commented that the state of the art primary school in Roseworth should be added to the success stories.</p> <p>CW explained that there had been an official opening of the new Health Centre in Eaglescliffe and Clarence Street is underway.</p> <p>Cllr Gibson noted that whilst there were success stories, it was important not to lose focus as there were still a number of issues, including rising mortgage repossessions.</p> <p>TW commented that there was still a long way to go to bring unemployment in line with the national average. RP explained</p>						
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<p>that it was still unclear how the proposed closure of Corus and resulting job losses would impact on the Borough.</p>					
<p>5. CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY ISSUES A presentation was provided on crime and community safety issues.</p> <p>There has been a 30% reduction in crime within the Borough over the last 5 years. Over these 5 years, there has been a stable trend therefore these results can be directly comparable, there has been a good reduction from last year and the previous. Stockton has the lowest total crime rates within the Tees Valley. Information was provided on a 5 year crime comparison by crime type and crime rates were provided at an Area Partnership level.</p> <p>There has been an overall reduction in crime rates across all wards, with the exception of Roseworth. It was explained that this was due to a spate of recorded shoplifting at one premise.</p> <p>It was explained that recorded crime does not tell the whole story, however within Stockton the reporting rate for recorded crime is higher than the national average for all crimes with the exception of theft from a motor vehicle. It was also explained that the results from MORI survey can be compared with the British crime survey as the same questions are asked.</p> <p>Whilst levels of crime have reduced significantly, it was noted that fear of crime has increased by 5% and this was a challenge to resolve. It was noted that part of the issue could be that the public do not trust home office figures.</p>		<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Mike Batty, Head of Community Protection, SBC</p>

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<p>The first Steering Group meeting has taken place since the merger of the Safer Stockton Partnership and Drugs Action Team. It was noted that operational details will be discussed within a range of Sub Groups and overall performance will be discussed at the full Partnership.</p> <p>A discussion took place on the merger of the Safer Stockton Partnership and Drugs Action Team, it was noted that the merger of the two Partnerships had been discussed for a long time and it was timely to integrate them at this point in time. There has been a proven track record nationally of the successful merger of the two Partnerships. It was noted that the problem of substance misuse has not gone away and as a Partnership there is a need to be more ambitious. It was discussed that a lot of funding is allocated into treatment, however there needs to be more focus on people moving through treatment.</p> <p>A query was raised around the publication of rates of crimes that are solved to reduce the fear of crime. It was explained that these figures are available and are published regularly on Cleveland Police’s website and also in local press. During April to March 2009 there has been an 18% reduction in crime, which equates to 3,183 less victims of crime. The following detection rates were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37.3% for total crime • 103.2% drugs • 93.1% for other crime • 57.6% for violence • 30.8% for robbery 		Noted	DB to provide regular updates on detection rates.	No	No	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 51.7% for sexual offences • 54.9% for theft from a motor vehicle. <p>A discussion took place around the numbers of people that are sanctioned and those that no action is taken against. It was noted that there is a need not to criminalise young people unnecessarily.</p> <p>The challenges of not getting too complacent with the successes achieved in reducing crime. A discussion took place on the impact of the current economic climate on crime rates, however it was noted that this has not currently impacted on the Borough. The Home Office are encouraging localities to promote the 'real help in hard times' campaign. Another challenge was noted around the pressure on public spending and the need to deliver the same results with fewer resources. It was explained that the CCTV infrastructure across the borough was around 15 years old and whilst it was working well, the technology had become obsolete as parts were no longer available and this would result in large scale replacements of cameras.</p> <p>A query was raised regarding if there had been a significant increase in domestic violence due to the recession. It was noted that this had not come through as a major increase on the police recoding system.</p> <p>A discussion took place that there is a higher tolerance of crime within certain areas of the Borough, including the Clarences where residents are reluctant to report crime. It was explained that the crime hotspot areas tended to be Stockton</p>						
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<p>Town Centre and Hardwick.</p> <p>The reassurance agenda was noted as a key challenge. Members broke into workshops groups to discuss the key question 'What can we do to reduce fear of crime?'</p> <p>Workshop notes are attached at Appendix 1.</p>					
<p>6.ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Innovation Fund The Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership have launched an Innovation Fund. The deadline for applications is 1 June 2009 and the focus is on empowerment, engagement and hard to reach groups. Grants of 10-50K are available.</p>		Noted	No	No	Sarah Upex Area Partnership Board Coordinator

Attendance: Dave Brunskill, Alex Bain, Paul Thomas, Cllr McCoy, Tina Williams, Geoff Harrison, Val Scollen, Cllr Gibson, Cllr Cunningham, Jim Beall, Cllr Laing, Chris Willis (Vice Chair), Dave Pickard, Fiona El-Zaghdini, Linda Evans.

Advisors: Nicola Hall, Lesley King, Elizabeth Shassere, Julie Danks, Richard Poundford, Geoff Lee, Alison Aguis, Dawn Welsh

Observers: Cllr Womphrey,

Apologies: Tony Campbell, Paul Chapman, Cllr Mrs Fletcher, Jane Humphreys, Dari Taylor MP, Val Goodrum, David Whiting, Hilton Heslop, Neil Schneider, Cllr Lupton (Chair), Neville Anderson, Cllr Cook, Graeme Oram, Julie Nixon, Sarah Upex, Julie Derbyshire, Ian Harrington, Ross Hume.