

Minute/Decision Summary - Unconfirmed
Meeting- Renaissance Central Area Partnership
Date – 25th June 2009
Education Centre, Junction Road, Stockton-on-Tees

Members:

Paul Thomas (Chair - Tilery Representative), Cllr Jim Beall (Vice Chair), Barbara Warren (Bishopsgarth Residents Association), Stan Slater (Stockton Physically Handicapped Group), Cllr Mrs S Fletcher (SBC), Anne Howard (Neighbourhood Watch Group), Jim Fenwick (St Ann's Development Board), Edna Chapman (St John's Living Well), Marilyn Surtees (Elm Tree Community Centre), David Headland (Salvation Army), Roy Parker (Durham Road Residents Association), Gareth Rees (Thorpe Thewles Residents Association), Cllr Cockerill (SBC), Tina Williams,

Advisors:

Sarah Upex (SBC), James Hadman (SRCGA), Jill Anderson (SBC), Dawn Welsh (SBC), Stephen Shaw (SBC), Scott Featherstone (SBC), Allison Agius (Catalyst), Graham Clingan (SBC), Kelly Smith (SBC)

Observers:

Cllr Rix (SBC), Cllr Cains (SBC), Mark Cotton (NEAS), Helen Tucker (NEAS), Ian Greeves (NEAS), Dianne Simms (SBC), Edna Marwood

Apologies:

Alex Bain (Parkfield Residents Association), Marc Mason (SBC), Mary Cartwright (NECIL), Edna Brown (Over 50's Assembly),

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ITEM/ISSUE	COMMENTS/DECISION	ACTION	Does it need Council approval/ endorsement?	Are any other boards affected?	CONTACT
<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>Cllr Cains declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 as Chair of the Tees Valley Health Joint Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>Allison Agius, Tina Williams and Jim Beall declared an interest under the Central Area Communities Fund Sub Group Update.</p>	Noted	No	No	No	<p>Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498</p>
<p>3. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 28th MAY 2009</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	Noted	No	No	No	<p>Sarah Upex Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498</p>
<p>4. NORTH EAST AMBULANCE SERVICE (NEAS) CONSULTATION</p> <p>Members were shown a DVD of the NEAS plans to become an NHS Trust.</p> <p>A number of discussion points were raised, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would ambulance workers pay be improved? The NEAS team confirmed that under the new plans, they would not be looking to increase ambulance staff's pay. 	Noted				<p>Mark Cotton, NEAS</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would the Exec Board welcome challenge and change? The NEAS noted that they welcome change and challenge on the Exec Board. - Will the services be coming from one central point or will they continue to be locally based? The NEAS noted that they are having vehicles spread out as much as possible across the county and this will increase performance times. There is the potential to close large stations and have a greater number of smaller ones. - Discussion around the control room, which has moved to Newcastle. The NEAS noted that since the control room has moved to Newcastle, there has been an increase in performance times. <p>The consultation process is being carried out by attending as many meetings as possible, rather than holding consultation events, to engage with the public and increase awareness of how to become a member of the Trust. It was noted that advice was sought from other Foundation Trusts as to the best method of consultation.</p> <p>It was noted that for the Foundation Trust to be successful, membership is vital. It was also noted that there is a representative from each of the Tees Valley Local Authorities on the Tees Valley Joint Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Members can also feed into the consultation process online at http://www.neambulance.nhs.uk/</p>	<p>Members were requested to contact the NEAS if they know of any group or organisation who would like the presentation of the plans to become a Foundation Trust.</p>				
<p>5. DRAFT STOCKTON-ON-TEES GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY 2009-2021</p> <p>Members were informed that the Stockton-on-Tees Green Infrastructure Strategy has been developed by Stockton Borough Council in conjunction with a number of partner organisations. It provides a framework for the future development and future management of the Borough's green infrastructure – helping to enhance our environment and to maximise the contribution that this makes to people's quality of life, addressing key challenges such as climate change, and to the on-going regeneration of Stockton-on-Tees. Members were informed that green infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Includes all open spaces and environmental assets - Should be planned and managed as a network - Is multi-functional - Delivers many benefits 	<p>Noted</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Graham Clingan, SBC</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plays an essential role in creating sustainable communities <p>It was noted that there will be a focus upon ten themes to achieve the green infrastructure vision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Theme 1: Image and green settings for new development - Theme 2: Natural systems to combat climate change - Theme 3: Local greenspaces for enjoyment, health and well-being - Theme 4: Destinations for recreation and tourism - Theme 5: Biodiversity, air and water quality - Theme 6: Routes for sustainable travel and recreation - Theme 7: Landscape and heritage - Theme 8: Productive landscapes - Theme 9: Promoting understanding and community involvement - Theme 10: Skills, training and employment. <p>Members were informed that between 1st July and 30th September 2009, there will be a period of public consultation on the Strategy. The final version of the Strategy (expected to be published late Autumn) will be accompanied by an Action Plan, setting out specific projects to be delivered by the Council and its partners. Policies within the Local Development Framework will also contribute towards its successful implementation. It was noted that a Green Infrastructure Task Group will be established to oversee development, delivery and monitoring of a Strategy Action Plan, and will contribute to any future review of the strategy.</p> <p>A number of key issues were discussed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transport issues for those residents who can only walk a set distance and are therefore unable to enjoy a lot of the Borough's green infrastructure. It was noted that there is currently an application being submitted for a grant from "Access to Nature". It was also raised that free and sufficient amount of parking spaces be provided at key sites and for them to be accessible. - Lack of green space in the Town Centre was raised and the importance of Trinity Gardens and the potential to build play facilities on there. There was discussion about an idea to employ a local person part time as a park warden for this area. - It was raised that many of the Borough's green spaces are not being utilised due to fear of crime. 	Noted	No	No	No	
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<p>- It was noted that the Borough's Libraries have information on walks and cycle routes throughout the Borough.</p>					
<p>A full version of the draft strategy will be available via Stockton Borough Council's Countryside and Greenspace web pages from 1st July 2009. The website for this is www.stockton.gov.uk/countrysideandgreenspace</p>	Noted	No	No	No	
<p>6. INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CENTRAL AREA PARTNERSHIP BOARD A paper, produced by a young person, was circulated to the Partnership Board following consultation with various young people. It was noted that although consultation has been ongoing, there are still more young people to consult.</p>	It was requested that Marc Mason attend the next Board meeting to provide an update	No	No	No	Jill Anderson, ISA Manager, SBC
<p>7. VOLUNTARY SECTOR SUPPORT FUND (VSSF) Members were informed that the consultation for the Voluntary Sector Support Fund is currently ongoing. It was noted that there have been a number of presentations at different forums and groups and there has been a great deal of debate at workshop sessions and notes from these sessions will be used to feed into the consultation process. However, a limited number of the VSSF questionnaires have currently been returned despite circulating nearly 600.</p> <p>The following was raised regarding the VSS consultation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Many members found the questionnaire complicated and the information was misleading, as it was thought that the funding for the CEN was ringfenced. - It was noted that the questionnaire needs clarification - It was raised that there needs to be more community involvement in this consultation process - It was noted that there are two separate issues which have been put together in one questionnaire document, when they should have been separate - Need to go to the CEN Network to get their opinions as service users 					Stephen Shaw, SBC

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<p>- It was noted that the VSSF allocation process is currently unfair as smaller organisations do not receive funding from it</p> <p>It was noted that the questionnaire had been produced in consultation with the voluntary and community sector, however the points raised from the meeting will be taken into account when producing further questionnaires.</p>					
<p>8. CENTRAL AREA SUB GROUP UPDATE Members were provided with an update on the work which the sub group have been undertaking. Sub group members have met with the three main providers</p>					<p>Kelly Smith, SBC</p>
<p>9. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT NETWORK Members requested that this item be referred to the next meeting (July 2009) to enable members to have more time to look at the discussion points on the template and to gain thoughts from their organisations and groups.</p>	<p>SU to provide members with the template prior to the July 2009 meeting</p>				<p>Dawn Welsh, Partnership & Engagement Manager, SBC</p>
<p>10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS <u>Area Partnership Board Review Recommendations – Minute Template</u> SU provided the Board with 3 options for the minute template. It was agreed that the Central Area Board would like to choose option 3, but in portrait rather than landscape. It was noted that the options are being presented to all Area Partnership Boards, and the majority option would be chosen as the Area Partnership Board minute template.</p> <p><u>Children’s Trust Board Voluntary & Community Sector Vacancy</u> It was requested that those members interested in the vacancy, to provide SU with a statement as to why they want to do this. This will then be presented to the Board at the July 2009 meeting, and voted on by members.</p> <p><u>Central Area Partnership Sub Group Feedback</u></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 Central Area Partnership Coordinator (01642) 526498</p>

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<p>Kelly Smith informed the Board that the sub group have met with the three main providers for the Communities Fund. The sub group made the following recommendations to the Board:</p>	Noted	No	No	No	
<p>1. Pilot Volunteer Bureau for Central Stockton - £30,000</p> <p>2. Future Jobs Fund – up to £65,000 or 10 jobs. The Future Jobs Fund bid is a £1.1billion package to support the creation of jobs for long term unemployed young people and others who face significant disadvantage in the labour market. It is a challenge fund which invites organisations to submit bids for funding. The fund is run by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) in partnership with the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG). The bid for Stockton’s Future Jobs Fund was oversubscribed by organisations and this would allow the Central Area Partnership Board to ‘buy in’ dedicated jobs for the Central Area.</p>	<p>Recommendations 1 & 2 were agreed by the Board.</p>	No	No	No	
<p>Kelly Smith noted that a specification would be worked up for both these recommendations and performance will be monitored by the sub group.</p>	<p>Any ideas/ Suggestions to be sent to Kelly Smith/ Sarah Upex</p>	No	No	No	
<p>It was noted that there is an allocation of around £150,000 remaining and ideas and suggestions would be welcomed for how this money might be spent.</p>					