

Minutes
The Western Area Partnership Board (WAPB)
28 September 2009, Challoner House, Challoner Road, Yarm

Chair:

Councillor Maureen Rigg (Stockton Borough Council)

Members:

Geoff Turner (Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe Parish Council) **Maurice Snowden** (Over 50's Assembly) **Tony Hampton** (Kirklevington Parish Council) **Jennie Beaumont** (Stockton Borough Council) **Ian Garrett** (Cleveland Police) **Marjorie Simpson** (Yarm Town Council) **Jennifer Pinkney** (Yarm & Willey Flats Residents Association)

* Members are representing their nominating body.

Advisors:

Zoe Rutter, Andy Whinnerah, (Stockton Council) **Tracy Roberts** (Stockton Residents & Community Groups Association), **Diane Patterson** (Tees Credit Union)

Observers:

Apologies

Members:

Alan Lewis (Stockton Council) **Doug Nicholson** (Friends of Tees Heritage Park) **Karen Baker** (Yarm Residents Group), **Nora Rosser** (Long Newton Wilson Centre), **John Rosser** (Long Newton Parish Council), **Philip Addison** (Yarm Fellowship Hall)

Advisors/ Observers:

Gareth Carson (Stockton Council)

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<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Members were introduced and welcomed to the Western Area Partnership.</p>		No
<p>2. Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>		No
<p>3. Declarations of Interest</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>		No
<p>4. Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the last meetings held on 20 July 2009 were agreed as a true record.</p>		No
<p>5. Matters Arising</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>		No
<p>6. Area Partnership Allocation – Diane Patterson</p> <p>Diane noted that there had been a delay in the commencement of the ‘New You’ programme, this was due to a number of issues that were beyond their control. However, things are now progressing and a Loans Officer and a Financial Inclusion Officer have now been appointed. The Financial Inclusion Officer will dedicate 2 days per week to the Western Area to engage with people who may be in financial difficulty. Tees Credit Union now have a collection point in Stockton which is open on a Saturday morning.</p> <p>Diane circulated some information regarding licensed lenders which the board received very well. A leaflet has now been produced promoting the ‘New You’ programme which will be</p>		No

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<p>distributed to all house holds in the Western area between 5th and 13th October. International Credit Union Day is on 15th October.</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p> <p>Contact: Diane Patterson, Tees Credit Union (01642) 753153</p>		
<p>7. Parks Regeneration Programme/ Spaces for Play</p> <p>This item will be presented at a future meeting.</p>		No
<p>8. Area Partnership Review – Zoe Rutter</p> <p>ZR highlighted the report that was circulated to the Board prior to the meeting regarding the area partnership review. The purpose of the report was to provide an update on progress on the improvement plan. This was detailed in full in the report. ZR informed the Board that option 3 was chosen as the preferred minute's template by all area partnerships and will be implemented with immediate effect.</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? Yes – all</p>		No

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<p>Contact: Zoe Rutter, Stockton Council (01642) 526025 zoe.rutter@stockton.gov.uk</p>		
<p>9. Thematic Updates a. Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP)</p> <p>GT attended the last meeting of the SSP which was the AGM. Geoff Lee was elected as Chair and Jane Humphreys was elected as Vice Chair.</p> <p>b. Children & Young People (CYP)</p> <p>AW informed the Board that the CYP Review has now finished and has been presented to the Council's Scrutiny Committee, as a result of this further work is now required to answer the questions that were raised.</p> <p>Aw informed the Board that the final submission of the business plan will be submitted to Big Lottery by the end of the week for the Myplace funding.</p>		
<p>10. External Funding Opportunities</p> <p>ZR highlighted the following funding opportunities that have been emailed to WAPB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hardship fund • RIEP Efficiency Funding. ZR informed the Board a bid has been made to this fund and was successful. The funding will be used for a number of bus tours across the Borough followed by a range of themed seminars and a showcasing event to finish off. Geoff Turner has been nominated by the Chair as one of the Community Champions for this and Philip Addison will also be asked on his return from holiday. 		No

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<p>11. Any Other Business a. Third Sector Strategy</p> <p>Members were provided with a draft copy of the Third Sector Strategy which is currently out for consultation. Members were asked to feed any comments back to Alison Agius or ZR no later than Friday 9th October.</p> <p>b. Community Champions</p> <p>Chair informed the Board that Carol Pedlow from Eaglescliffe has been nominated for a Community Champions Award.</p>		
<p>11. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the WAPB will be held on:</p> <p>Monday 26 October 2009, 6pm at the Long Newton Wilson Centre, Darlington Road, Long Newton</p>		No