

Minute/Decision Summary
Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership
9th March 2010

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<p>Minutes of Previous meeting Agreed as a true record.</p>			Simon Rogalski Housing Strategy Officer Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (01642) 528359
<p>Matters Arising More information regarding the private sector voluntary leasing scheme was requested. It was suggested that this becomes an agenda item for the future.</p>			
<p>Alcohol Strategy 2009/12 A presentation was given by Joanne Heaney on the findings of the Alcohol Needs Assessment and Strategy for the borough and a handout was provided. The Alcohol Service will go live in October 2010 and the Drug Treatment Plan will go live in April.</p> <p>Discussions included: Whether studies had been carried out to identify why people drink more. How the strategy fits into the worklessness agenda Ensuring any alcohol support follows victims of Domestic Abuse Whether debt has led to an increase in drinking Taster sessions – to help people see other areas (e.g. the housing sector) where they could be employed The potential need for some supported living accommodation for women misusing alcohol similar to male schemes already available.</p> <p>More information on the drug and alcohol action team can be found at: http://www.stockton.gov.uk/citizenservices/firstcontact/ads/daat/</p>		<p>Partnership members to consider how housing organisations can support the service when it goes live and feed them back to Dave Pickard.</p> <p>Partnership members to consider whether they could provide employment taster sessions to more stable users of the service.</p>	Joanne Heaney Modernisation Manager (Alcohol) Tithebarn House Stockton Borough Council (01642) 528442
<p>Choice Based Lettings in the borough Choice Based Lettings has been operating for almost a year in the borough. An overview of the Compass scheme and access to the service was provided by Maggie Gibson as well as a progress update on the allocation of homes over this period. Future enhancements include: Private Landlords - It was noted that only private landlords accredited</p>			Maggie Gibson Home Choice and Customer Support Manager Stratford House Tristar Homes Ltd (01642) 528606

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<p>through the landlord accreditation scheme would be accepted onto the CBL scheme. Mutual Exchange – Customers will be able to upload their details and requirements.</p> <p>Client feedback on the scheme has been positive up to now.</p>			
<p>Review of the Partnership over 2009/10 and priorities for the coming year A presentation was provided on the progress of the partnership over the past 12 months.</p> <p>Key priorities for the partnership were proposed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote and sustain independence 2. Meet the homelessness prevention agenda nationally and locally 3. Meet the challenges of the housing market 4. Promote sustainable communities 5. Promote financial inclusion and tackle social exclusion <p>Members were asked to consider future items for the partnership under these priorities.</p> <p>It was noted that the Partnership Secretariat had reviewed the Partnership Health check (which it must review on an annual basis) and that there were no major changes required to it.</p> <p>The Partnership's terms of reference will be circulated for review and will be an agenda item for the next meeting.</p> <p>In order to identify future meeting venues for the partnership, a questionnaire was circulated to ascertain views on meeting venues.</p>	<p>It was agreed to send out the proposed priorities with the minutes of the meeting.</p>	<p>Circulate proposed priorities by the partnership with the minutes and forward any additional priorities to Simon Rogalski</p> <p>Circulate terms of reference with minutes</p>	<p>Simon Rogalski Housing Strategy Officer Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (01642) 528359</p>
<p>Renaissance Update Dave Pickard provided an update from recent Renaissance board meetings. At the last meeting items included a presentation on Health Inequalities across the North East and the annual refresh of the Local Area Agreement.</p>			<p>Simon Rogalski Housing Strategy Officer Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (01642) 528359</p>
<p>Any Other Urgent Business None</p>			
<p>Date and Time of next meeting Tuesday 11th May, 2pm, Castlegate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat</p>			<p>Simon Rogalski Stockton-on-Tees</p>

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Present:

Partnership Members:

Dave Pickard, Tristar Homes Ltd (Chair)	Janine Browne, Stockton SDAIS	Roy Parker, R.C.A.P
Michelle Street, Stockton Flats	Linzi Hough, Accent Group	Sue Thompson, National Landlords Association – Teesside Branch
Phil Toal, FHM Northeast	Helen Dixon, ASB Team, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Cllr Suzanne Fletcher, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Chris Fixter, Jomast Properties	Stephen Kelsey, Stonham	Susie Thompson, Fabrick

Advisors/Officers

Caroline Wood, Housing Options, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Simon Rogalski, Housing Strategy and Development, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Tracey Oliver, Housing Strategy and Development, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Joanne Heaney, Drug and Alcohol Action Team, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Maggie Gibson, Homechoice, Tristar Homes	

Apologies:

Partnership Members:

Cllr Steve Nelson, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Andrea Ainsley, Places for People	Kelly Taylor, ISOS
Kathryn West, Anchor	Tracey Bradburn, Stonham	Julie Higgins, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Val Scollen, Billingham Partnership	Diane Smith, Endeavour HA	