

Minutes
The Western Area Partnership Board (WAPB)
26th April 2010, Conference Room 2, Municipal Buildings, Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees

Chair:

Councillor Maureen Rigg (Stockton Borough Council)

Members:

Maurice Snowden (Over 50's Assembly), **Philip Addison** (Yarm Fellowship Hall), **Jennifer Pinkney** (Yarm & Willey Flats Residents Association), **Geoff Turner** (Egglescliffe & Eaglescliffe Parish Council),

Members are representing their nominating body.

Advisors:

Zoe Rutter, Gareth Carson, Melanie Greenwood, Sophie Richardson (Stockton Council), **Tracy Roberts** (SRCGA)

Apologies

Members:

Marjorie Simpson (Yarm Town Council), **Laura McGuinness** (North Tees PCT), **Doug Nicholson** (Friends of Tees Heritage Park), **Jennie Beaumont** (Stockton Borough Council), **Tony Hampton** (Kirklevington Parish Council), **Bill Johnson** (Yarm Residents Group), **John Rosser** (Long Newton Parish Council), **Alan Lewis** (Stockton Borough Council)

Observers

Alison Agius (Catalyst)

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ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	ACTION
<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>No declarations of interest were made.</p>		No
<p>4. Minutes of Last Meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 March 2010 were agreed as a true record.</p>		No
<p>5. Matters Arising</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>		No
<p>6. Stockton Borough Council's Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) – Melanie Greenwood</p> <p>Melanie highlighted the report that was circulated prior to the meeting. The key aims of the action plan are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce greenhouse gas emissions from within the Stockton Borough Council area through reducing energy use, better waste management, the use of sustainable transport and green procurement • To raise awareness of the factors which cause climate change 		No

DOI – Declaration of Interest

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To involve communities and encourage them to take necessary actions to tackle climate change • To provide a framework to adapt to the inevitable impacts from climate change • To demonstrate the social, economic and environmental benefits of taking climate change actions <p>The Council currently have excellent recycling facilities and are due to introduce the use of electrical vehicles. The Council are always actively seeking ways to become more sustainable and how they can take any suggestions / ideas forward.</p> <p>Melanie explained about mitigating against emissions in the home, in terms of transport, in terms of business and in the community. Adapting to climate change was also discussed and how the Council will respond to change.</p> <p>Melanie informed the Board about Feed in Tariffs or the Clean Energy Cash Back Scheme, which it is also referred to as, and that this scheme is about energy suppliers making regular payments to householders and communities who generate their own electricity from renewable sources.</p> <p>Melanie informed the Board of the 'watts going down campaign' which was launched in 2009 allowing home electricity monitors to be borrowed free of charge from any of the borough's libraries.</p> <p>A question was raised in connection with electrical vehicle use and charging points, are the car manufacturers contributing to this initiative? Nissan, ONE North East and other agencies are working in partnership around this issue.</p> <p>Chair informed the Board that the Greener Living Roadshow is taking place on Sunday 4th July at Ropner Park.</p> <p>Comments and Decisions None</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p>		<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>No</p>
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<p>Contact: Melanie Greenwood (01642) 526596 Melaine.greenwood@stockton.gov.uk</p>		
<p>7. Thematic Update a. Economic Regeneration & Transport Partnership (ER&TP)</p> <p>An update on the ER&TP was circulated prior to the meeting. The main items for discussion were 14-19 Reform Programme and a review of the achievements of the ER&TP.</p> <p>b. Health & Well Being Partnership (H+WBP) – Maureen Rigg</p> <p>MR informed the Board that at the last meeting of the H+WBP (26th April) the main item for discussion was tackling health equalities. MR advised the Board that the ‘healthy heart initiative’ is now available across the Tees Valley in an attempt to tackle heart problems and heart disease. This initiative is free of charge and can be accessed via your GP.</p> <p>c. Children’s Trust Board (CTB)</p> <p>Chair informed the Board that we now have a vacancy on the CTB due to Nora Rosser standing down from the Western Area Partnership. The Board agreed that due to such low attendance at this meeting this item would be added to the next agenda to seek nominations for the CTB from the Western Area Partnership.</p> <p>d. Youth</p> <p>GC informed the Board that the youth clubs in the western area are doing well and they have got a good programme of activities at the moment, some of these activities include kayaking, mountain biking, paint balling and a residential trip at High Force. Layfield Youth Club have been running some football clubs thanks to the Play Outdoor funding. A ‘bush’ course has been available for the young people attending Layfield and Kirklevington</p>		<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>ZR to add to the next agenda.</p> <p>No</p>

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<p>Youth Clubs. GC informed the Board that the youth review is still ongoing and is due to report in October.</p> <p>e. Arts & Culture Partnership (A&CP)</p> <p>Members raised concerns over the Western Area Partnership having no representation on the A&CP, GT agreed to explore the A&CP and their remit and feedback at the next meeting.</p>		
<p>8. External Funding Opportunities</p> <p>a. Youth</p> <p>ZR informed the Board that the following external funding opportunities are available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Booster • Enterprise Awards • Green Exercise for People 50+ <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p> <p>Contact: Zoe Rutter, Stockton Council (01642) 526025 zoe.rutter@stockton.gov.uk</p>		<p>No</p>
<p>9. Any Other Business</p> <p>a. Tax Office Closure</p> <p>ZR has recently circulated an email regarding the reduced hours of the tax office on Teesdale. PA asked members if they would support his proposal to writing a letter objecting the reduced hours, Board agreed to this proposal.</p>		<p>Chair to write a letter to the tax office.</p>

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<p>10. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the WAPB will be held on:</p> <p>Monday 24th May, 6pm at Challoner House, Turton Road, Yarm</p>		No