

## Minutes

### The Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership

Tuesday, 11th May, 2010, 02.00 p.m. at Watersports Centre Castlegate Quay, Moat Street, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3AZ

#### **Chair:**

Dave Pickard (Tristar Homes)

#### **Members:**

Michelle Street (Stockton Flats), Jeff Evans (Probation Service), Phil Toal (FHM NE), Helen Dixon (ASB Team, SBC), Susie Thompson (Fabrick), Stephen Kelsey (Stonham), Sue Thompson (National Landlords Association Teesside Branch), Val Scollen (Northern Area Partnership), Cllr Mrs Suzanne Fletcher (SBC), Lesley Wardle (Places for People), Wanda Graham (Accent NE).

#### **Advisors:**

Julie Higgins (SBC), Simon Rogalski (SBC), Caroline Wood (SBC), Regina Harrington (SBC), Tracey Oliver (SBC), Katharine Linton (SBC)

#### **Apologies**

#### **Members:**

Roy Parker (Central Area Partnership), Kathryn West (Anchor), Peter Smith (PCT/SBC), Diane Smith (Endeavour HA), Cllr Steven Nelson (SBC), Tracey Bradburn (Stonham)

#### **Advisors/ Observers:**

Linda Stephenson (SBC)

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<b>HNP</b> <b>1/10. Welcome and apologies for absence</b>	
<b>HNP</b> <b>2/10. Minutes of the last meeting - 9th March 2010</b>  <b>Comments and Decisions</b> The minutes of the meeting 9th March 2010 were agreed as a true record.	
<b>HNP</b> <b>3/10. Future Priorities for the Partnership</b>  Members were updated on the process taking place to identify the future priorities for the partnership. The partnership broke into groups to discuss the detail required for the priorities suggested at the previous meeting. It was noted that additional priorities could be added to the programme through the year if required.	Dave Pickard and Julie Higgins to form work programme for the partnership from discussions.
<b>HNP</b> <b>4/10. Housing led regeneration in Stockton-on-Tees</b>  A presentation was given by Katharine Linton from the Housing Regeneration Team on the 4 housing led regeneration schemes in the borough. Discussions included: Whether current residents of Swainby Road could return once new homes are built and the tenancy issues that would be taken in consideration by any new registered provider. Whether the road had been part of a previous regeneration or refurbishment scheme. Some of the challenges are with the properties and the layout of the estate, which include the properties being built into a bank, with steep steps up to the property, making accessibility harder, certainly not lifetime homes. The properties had not been included either as part of the Decent Standard Programme. How the success of schemes will be measured. This will be monitored and has begun at Mandale Park with the use of a satisfaction survey. TVL are also looking in a Tees valley wide research project into adjacency and displacement. A pre-designed sustainability matrix that can be used was discussed and suggested.	

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<p><b>HNP</b> <b>5/10. Refreshment Break</b></p>	
<p><b>HNP</b> <b>6/10. Homelessness Prevention</b></p> <p>Caroline Wood and Regina Harrington from the Council's Housing Options service gave an update on progress made against the Homelessness Prevention Strategy for the borough.</p> <p>The team is working towards providing an enhanced housing options service which will effectively deal with prevention issues. An overview of what had been implemented and what will be done next was given.</p> <p>It was noted that Stockton is a pilot for a project to explore the issue of Antisocial Personality Disorders. Much of this work has come out of the Bradley report reviewing people with mental health problems or learning disabilities in the criminal justice system.</p>	<p>Bring back update on the pilot on antisocial personality disorders to a future meeting.</p>
<p><b>HNP</b> <b>7/10. Terms of Reference</b></p> <p>The partnership must review its terms of reference on an annual basis.</p>	<p>All partnership members to review the terms of reference and provide any comments or suggested changes to Simon Rogalski by 11th June 2010.</p>
<p><b>HNP</b> <b>8/10. Process for nomination of chair and vice-chair</b></p> <p>The chair and vice chair must be elected every 12 months. Information on how to nominate yourself for chair or vice-chair will be sent to partnership members shortly and should there be more than one nomination for each position, a simple majority vote will be taken at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Send information to partnership members on how to self-nominate for the position of chair or vice-chair.</p>
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<p><b>9/10. Stockton Renaissance Update</b></p> <p>No update.</p>	
<p><b>HNP</b> <b>10/10. Any other urgent business</b></p> <p>Partnership members have previously been informed about the Affordable Housing Partnership Framework that the Council are proposing to implement with Registered Providers operating in the borough. The final proposed framework will be circulated shortly to all Registered Providers in the borough and the Council is asking all registered providers to sign up to the framework. The framework is being introduced to achieve consistency in the development quality and management standard of affordable housing in the borough.</p> <p>It was asked how the framework fits with the Tenant Services Authorities standards. The Council has reviewed the TSA standards to ensure the framework matches similar standards to the TSA.</p>	