

Minute/Decision Summary –Unconfirmed (DRAFT)
Meeting- Stockton Renaissance
Date – Tuesday 12th May 2010
Castlegate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton-on-Tees

ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	COMMENTS/ DECISION	ACTION	Does it need Council approval/ Endorsement?	Are any other boards affected ?	CONTACT
<p>1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex, Area Partnership Board Coordinator, SBC
<p>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (DOI)</p> <p>Members were advised to declare DOI at the start of the meeting before any items are discussed.</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex, Area Partnership Board Coordinator, SBC
<p>3. MINUTES OF THE STOCKTON RENAISSANCE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON 2ND MARCH 2010</p> <p>Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Sarah Upex, Area Partnership Board Coordinator, SBC
<p>4. ECONOMIC CLIMATE UPDATE</p> <p>Richard Poundford (RP) gave an update on the current economic climate.</p> <p>RP explained that the recession was not over yet and that there challenges still facing Stockton, and that the presentation was to provide a rounded picture for Stockton</p>		Noted	No	No	No	Richard Poundford, Head of Regeneration & Economic Development

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<p>using a variety of sources.</p> <p>RP informed members that some of the statistics included in the presentation are not up to date as some data can be delayed before it is made available, however a wide range of sources have been used to make up the presentation i.e. trend data, wider impacts such as business, people and place, general information in press etc;</p> <p>RP discussed the total JSA claimants in Stockton for the past 18 months. In October 2008 there were 4,286 and despite an increase the figure was now reducing, where in March 2010 it was 6,692. RP also discussed the vacancies unfilled slide and explained that the figures do not account for those vacancies not advertised by Job Centre Plus .</p> <p>RP described how as a result of business closures there had been large job losses for example as a result of the closure of Corus, this had directly affected 18 Stockton based companies. RP also reminded members of a number of Stockton based companies closing i.e. Zavvy, Swallow Hotel, Woolworths etc; RP stated however that employment rates had improved and that in Sept 09 there were 86,000 people employed compared with 83,600 in March 09.</p> <p>RP also explained some of the wider implications which affect the economy for example the number of households accepted as homeless by the Housing Options team. The number of homeless people had reduced as a result of the prevention agenda through helping people avoiding</p>		Noted	No	No	No	
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<p>becoming homeless for example by having the affordable homeshow where over 150 households attended.</p> <p>RP also explained how house prices have begun to rise again, and average sales have dropped however there is a steady increase again. Furthermore, with recent investment brought into the borough new house builds have started again in Stockton.</p> <p>RP talked through some of the support in place through the recession for example 1100 businesses have benefited from business rate relief, Kickstart funding, the creation of 1200 jobs etc; There was further details provided on signs of recovery through inward investment i.e. new jobs are being created, JSA claims are reducing etc; Some examples of local interventions were given for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the Communities Fund over 1700 clients have been engaged of which 322 have secured employment, 76 of which are sustainable jobs. • 84 of those who have secured employment through the Communities Fund had been out of work for over 1 year and 32 for over 3 years; • the Enterprise Gateways have engaged over 300 people; • The new Range store has employed 81 new staff, of which 11 were from the Communities Fund clientele; <p>RP also gave some examples relating to other interventions taking place across the borough including:</p>			No	No	No	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'My Place has been confirmed to go ahead; • The Heritage Lottery have confirmed £1.7million for the Tees Corridor; • Work with the Billingham Forum is well underway <p>In terms of next steps RP explained some of the work taking place i.e. the local economic assessment; the worklessness assessment and work & skills plan, the 14-19 year old agenda which is being built in as part of the Building Schools for the Future programme and the £8m pipeline investment for the Tees Valley.</p> <p>Ken Lupton (KL) commented on the presentation and noted that there was a lot of good work taking place across the borough.</p> <p>There was a discussion relating to the 700th anniversary of Stockton Market, where members thanked Suzanne Fletcher on her valuable contribution and hardwork towards organising the celebrations.</p> <p>Stockton Soapbox is being organised as part of the Markets 700 year celebrations on the 12th and 15th May 2010. It gives local people the opportunity to have one minute speaking about their vision for Stockton. If anyone is interested they need to contact Sue-Barker Schneider at the Council.</p> <p>KL thanked RP for his presentation.</p>						
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<p>5. SIX MONTH UPDATE ON THE ALCOHOL STRATEGY 2009-2012</p> <p>Members were provided with an update on the Action Plan that accompanies Stockton’s three year Alcohol Strategy 2009-2012. The strategy was launched in September 2009</p> <p>JH gave an overview for each of the actions from the Action Plan’s strands which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention • Treatment • Control • Young People <p>JH explained that where there is data not included this is because the baseline from the 1st quarter has not been received yet.</p> <p>There was a number of queries and discussions which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The price of alcohol and whether supermarkets have a social responsibility relating to this; • There was a query relating to the project for young people and whether this was linking in with the mental health trust? JH replied yes and that the project was working with arrange of partners. • There was a discussion about how housing benefits can be paid directly to landlords to avoid tenants spending their rents; 						<p>Joanne Heaney Modernisation Manager, Alcohol</p> <p>Emma Champley Joint Strategic Commissioner</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that we need to teach young people how to learn to manage their responsibilities and not do this for them, • The need to engage with licensees to tackle issues around the levels of alcohol intake and pricing; <p>Emma Champley (EC) informed members that they were not at present able to get data on drinking habits at a ward level, however they are working with the Community safety team and Alcohol Learning Centre to identify areas where there is higher levels of alcohol intake to develop some interventions to put in place there.</p> <p>EC proposed that the partnership considers starting a debate about minimum prices for alcohol, maybe at a future meeting. Partnership members agreed.</p>		<p>Members to discuss minimum prices for alcohol at a future meeting.</p>			
<p>6. PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE STOCKTON RENAISSANCE PARTNERSHIP BOARD</p> <p>Members were presented with a report to request for a change in the Stockton Renaissance terms of reference to give the ability to co-opt voting members.</p> <p>DW explained how the proposed terms of reference will provide increased expertise in areas and strengthen the overall membership.</p> <p>Members agreed the change to the terms of reference.</p> <p>It was felt it was important that it is clear who members are</p>		<p>The Board approved the amended terms of reference.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Dawn Welsh, Partnerships & Engagement Manager</p>

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representing at the meetings. RP queried why there was no faith representation. DW informed members that work was taking place with the Faith Network to determine how they wish to be represented at Renaissance in the future.						
8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS Jane Humphreys (JH) informed members of the date for the Adult Social Care inspection which is taking place on the 12 th -14 th July and then the 19 th July 2010. Members were informed that their organisations may be contacted and requested to complete a questionnaire or take part in the inspection during that time.		Noted	No	No	No	Jane Humphreys Corporate Director

Attendance: Cllr Lupton (Chair – SBC)), Graham Prest (Vice Chair – Health & Wellbeing Partnership), Darren Best (Safer Stockton Partnership), Cllr Laing (SBC), Tony Campbell (Business Forum), Cllr Mrs Fletcher (SBC), Paul Thomas (Central Area Partnership Board), Val Scollen (Community Empowerment Network), Cllr Jim Beall (Health & Wellbeing Partnership), Cllr Cook (SBC), Geoff Harrison (Northern Area Partnership Board), Dave Pickard (Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership), Graeme Oram (Western Area Partnership Board), Cllr McCoy (Health & Wellbeing Partnership), Neville Anderson (Trade Union Council), Alex Bain (Community Empowerment Network), Jane Humphreys (Children’s Trust Board)

Advisors: Ruth Hill, Lesley King, Dawn Welsh, Haleem Ghafoor, Paul Dobson, Julie Derbyshire, Alison Agius, Eddie Wrigley, Julie Danks, Emma Champley, Richard Poundford, Chris Willis

Observers: Shanim Akhter,

Apologies:

Cllr Rigg (Western Area Partnership Board), Neil Schneider (Local Public Service Board), Mike Lakinski (Economic Regeneration & Transport Partnership), Steve Boyd (Observer), Chris Livingstone, Sarah Upex (Advisor), Stephen Hume, Steve Boyd (Observer), Paul Chapman