

Minutes
The Eastern Area Partnership Board (EAPB)
27th July 2010, 9.30 a.m. at The Five Lamps, Eldon Street, Thornaby.

Members:

Carol Adams **(CA)** – Village Park Residents Association, Tom Bowman **(TB)** – Ingleby Barwick Town Council, Doug Nicholson **(DN)** – Friends of Tees Heritage Park, Dorothy Fairhurst **(DF)** – Over 50'S Assembly, Inspector Ian Garrett **(IG)** – Cleveland Police

*Members are representing their nominating body.

Advisors:

Laura McGuinness **(LM)** – NHS Stockton on Tees, Tracy Roberts **(TR)** – Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association, Graham Clingan **(GC)** – Parks and Countryside, Rachel Cockerill **(RC)** - Regeneration and Sophie Richardson **(SR)** – Stockton Borough Council

Observers:

Apologies:

Members:

Graeme Oram – Five Lamps, Diane Patterson – Credit Union, **Cllr Sylvia Walmsley** – Stainbsy Hill Ward, **Cll Kevin Faulkes** – Ingleby Barwick East Ward

Advisors/ Observers:

Steve Owens (Fire Brigade), **Lucy Johnson** (University of Teesside), **Katherine Linton** (Housing), **Emma MacCartney** (Extended Schools)

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<p>1. Welcome and Introductions Members were introduced and welcomed to the Eastern Area Partnership Board. Inspector Garrett agreed to Chair the meeting in the absence of Chair and Vice Chair.</p>		No
<p>2. Apologies Apologies were noted.</p>		No
<p>3. Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest.</p>		No

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4. Minutes of Last Meeting Minutes of the last meeting held on the 22 nd June 2010 were agreed as a true and accurate record.	No	No
5. Matters Arising There were no matters arising.	No	No
6. Extended School Update Emma McCartney was unable to attend, but has advised the Board that a written update will be circulated with information on Extended Schools. Comments and Decisions The Board agreed that they would like a written update on Extended Schools in the Eastern Area. Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No Are any other boards affected? No Contact: Emma McCartney (01642) 527694 Emma.mccartney@stockton.gov.uk	No	SR to get written update from Emma McCartney and circulate to EAPB.
7. Thornaby Town Centre Update – Rachel Cockerill Following the administration of Thornfield Properties Plc, it was agreed by the administrator's agents that the long leasehold interest in Thornaby Town Centre would be marketed for sale. Eight offers were received and following an assessment process by Hammersons (asset managers for Thornfield's portfolio), BAE Systems Pension Funds Trustees Limited was recommended as the preferred assignee. After detailed consideration and examination of previous accounts, it was recommended via an officer delegated decision that the assignment met with landlord's (SBC) consent with	None	None

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<p>immediate effect. BAE Systems Pension Funds Trustees Limited is wholly owned by BAE Systems Plc, who are a publicly listed company (formally British Aerospace) and has a high profile as a global defence supplier to various governments including the UK and the US. Based on 2008 revenues it was the second largest defence supplier globally. On this basis BAE Systems Pension Funds Trustees Limited is considered to represent a better covenant than Thornfield Properties (Thornaby) Limited, the latter of whom is expected to be wound up once assignment is completed.</p> <p>MARKETS AGREEMENT & LINK ROAD As part of the assignment of the lease, all obligations and conditions of the Development Agreement with Thornfield are retained and transferred. This includes the Markets Agreement covering the Council's rights to continue with a market on Thursdays, and the need for the link road bond of £750k to be rolled forward for the Council's use. Should the need for the link road still exist and the necessary funds be available, the Council has until Sept 2013 to serve notice that they intend to construct the road. The bond can only be spent on the link road. Revised estimates are currently being developed by Highway's to establish the full cost implications involved in constructing the link road.</p> <p>TRISTAR NEASHAM Planning permission has been granted for Midland Investments to demolish and clear the site and construct a long stay car park. To date, Midland have agreed Heads of Terms with N Power to lease car parking spaces for office workers and legal instructions to formalise the agreement which will now be issued. Midland will then appoint their preferred contractor to clear the site and construct the car park. However if improvements to the site cannot be achieved through agreement, the Council still has the option to serve the Section 215 Notice. However to avoid this course of action due to the cost and time delays that would occur if Midland appeals the notice through the Courts. In an attempt to finalise negotiations as quickly as possible the Council plans to write to the leaseholder notifying its intent to serve a Section 215 notice should demolition not be commenced by a specified date.</p>		<p>None</p> <p>None</p>

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<p>Comments and Decisions EAPB noted that the Town Centre appears to be getting a lot busier. EAPB would like to be kept updated on whether car parking charges will be brought in.</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p> <p>Contact: Rachel Cockerill – Regeneration Assistant (01642) 527566 rachel.cockerill@stockton.gov.uk</p>		None
<p>8. Ingleby Park Update – Graham Clingan Graham Clingan from Parks and Countryside provided EAPB with an update on Ingleby Park and circulated designs.</p> <p>Two years ago the Council received Play Builders funding to design and implement play facilities across the borough. Ingleby Park was identified as a year 3 Play Builder project and to date has carried out work with Ingleby Mill School and an artist to look at the design and layout of a play facility on the land adjacent to the school. Some of the ideas the children had come up with had included picnic and relaxation areas. These ideas and consultation results had been shared with landscape designers and a scheme has been developed. Due to the current economic climate, a letter has been received asking for the Parks and Countryside Team to provide evidence to continue with their year 3 projects. Due to the potential retraction of the final year of Playbuilders funding there is some uncertainty if the scheme will benefit from the £70,000 Playbuilders funding that had been assigned to this project. However the Ward Councillors have pooled their environmental budgets together to this project to provide £55,000 of funding. GC has looked at the site and the potential loss of £70,000 and is proposing to carry out some aspects of the projects with the £55,000 that has</p>		No

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<p>been secured. This would include improving the landscape first and then to look for external funding at a later date to purchase play equipment. GC will provide the Department of Education with a letter identifying the impact if the scheme was pulled and it is hoped to get a response back in August 2010.</p> <p>Comments and Decisions TB noted that Ingleby Barwick Town Council ideally would like the full area fencing off as there are concerns it could become a hot spot for anti social behaviour. GC noted that they did not have the budget to provide palisade fencing, but they would be looking at using hawthorns for natural fencing of the area. IG stated that the Police have no issues with ASB at Romano Park. TR noted that there maybe issues with putting benches so close to water / pond area for parents with small children.</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p> <p>Contact: Graham Clingan – Countryside and Parks Development Manager 01642 (52)6870 Graham.clingan@stockton.gov.uk</p> <p>Ingleby Barwick Park – Communities Fund Update Further to a meeting with Kevin Faulks, Keith Mathews and Haleem Ghafoor, SR provided the Board with a proposal for the Communities Fund allocation agreed at the last EAPB. KM proposed to building on the Council’s success of working with children and young people in Ingleby Barwick regarding park and green space development, in particular those under the age of 18. The core of the project will be to work with a range of people identified as priority groups in the Communities Fund guidance and appoint a Ranger to undertake outreach work to engage disadvantaged groups or individuals to encourage and enable them to reach their</p>		<p>GC to take on board the comments raised by the Board</p>

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<p>potential.</p> <p>The project will aim to provide a space that will adopt an innovative new approach to design and provide challenging and rewarding opportunities with a diverse range of landscapes and equipment. By assisting with the development of the site, disadvantaged individuals be learning new skills and experiences that will help them move closer to the labour market.</p> <p>The character of the projects will depend significantly upon the nature of disadvantaged people engaged and will include elements such as the undertaking of 'countryside' management tasks e.g. - woodland management, fencing, habitat creation and developing informal landscape features for play. Not only will these benefit an individuals health and well being they will also learn a range of skills that could lead to further education, confidence and ultimately employment.</p> <p>Comments and Decisions EAPB members were happy with the proposal and requested that a completed application be brought to the meeting in August 2010.</p> <p>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement? No</p> <p>Are any other boards affected? No</p> <p>Contact: Keith Mathews 01642 (52)6872 keith.mathews@stockton.gov.uk</p>		<p>SR to bring a completed application to the EAPB in August 2010</p>
<p>9. Update on Mandale Housing Redevelopment Since the last update in March 2010 there are now only 6 households left to relocate in Phase 2. 2 are owner occupiers and 4 are owned by landlords. Due to the need to continue site assembly and ensure the developers are kept on site to deliver the scheme Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) proceedings have commenced and 2 objections received to the</p>		<p>None</p>

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<p>Mandale Phase 2 CPO. As a result a public inquiry will be held on 27th July at 10am in the Town Hall at Stockton to determine if the CPO will be confirmed.</p> <p>Residents in Phase 3 have started to be relocated and it is hoped to start demolition of some properties on Pickering Road and Scalby Square in the Autumn to allow the developers to start building new homes. Many residents have benefited from direct moves into the new Nomad homes for rent. Developers are working on the new layout of Phase 3 which has been changed following comments from the residents who currently live in Phase 3. A final plan will be brought to a future meeting.</p> <p>A 12 week project working with pupils from Thornaby Community School has now been completed. The project culminated in the pupils creating their own new estate layouts based on what they had learned from sessions with professionals such as developers, planners, urban designers and engineers. The project was a great success and as a result it will be rolled out to other schools in the housing regeneration areas. Pupils also came up with suggestions for themes for the new road names on Phase 3. The winning suggestion was famous mountains which ties in with the other road name themes across other phases which are highlands and islands, the Dales and seas and oceans. The new road names will be confirmed once the final layout for Phase 3 has been agreed.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">None</p> <p style="text-align: center;">None</p>
<p>10. Update on Thornaby Academy Lucy Johnson circulated a written update on Thornaby Academy. Maryssa O'Connor has been appointed Principal of Thornaby Academy and Claire Mason as Deputy Principal. Claire is currently Acting Deputy Head at Thornaby Community School. In total, eleven new appointments have been made to the Academy so far. Building Schools for the Future is currently in review. Government have invited all Academy schools that are due to open in September 2010 to submit reasoning as to why they require a new build or significant redevelopment to their current buildings. This document has been produced by sponsors and submitted to government. Students at the school have been issued with a new uniform free of charge. This consists of a black blazer, blue jumper, white shirt, black trousers or skirt and a PE kit too. Tie will be in the academy colours of blue and red with a different tie design for Key Stage 4 students.</p>		<p>SR to invite Maryssa O'Connor to the EAPB in September</p>

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<p>A new prospectus is being developed by the academy ready for the Autumn term</p> <p>Lucy Johnson -Project Coordinator, Academies and Trusts 01642 738463. Lucy.johnson@stockton.gov.uk</p>		
<p>11. Thematic Partnership Update SR circulated an update on Thematic Partnerships. Due to cancellations or dates of the partnerships an update could not be provided for all partnerships.</p> <p><u>Culture Partnership</u> Agenda items for meeting on 30th June 2010. No minutes have been released.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tees Valley Cultural Strategy Update • Reporting on Renaissance • Reports from Other Thematic Groups • Town Centre Vibrancy • Strategic Sports Network within Stockton-on-Tees <p>Update from minutes of meeting on 28th April 2010: The Tees Valley Cultural Strategy update is due to be signed off An event strategy in place with a brochure highlighting events across the borough, with the following events taking place in the Stockton High Street promoted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March – Farmers Market leading up to 700th Market Charted • April – Stockton Calling event begins • May – The Regatta • October / November – a programme of creative events <p><u>Environment Partnership</u> Last meeting 22nd July 2010. No minutes have been released.</p> <p>Update from the meeting on 27th May 2010: Jeremy Garside was elected Chair and Dave Munt elected Vice Chair SBC had been successful in securing funding for the recharge points for electric cars. There were only 3 successful bids in the Country. Order processed for 20 posts to be installed in</p>		<p>SR to bring update on Thematic Partnerships to next meeting.</p>

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<p>the following locations: Wynyard Woodland Park, City Training Centres, Stockton Riverside College, and Kingsway at Billingham, Durham University Campus, The Square Stockton, Thompson Street and Yarm Station.</p> <p>The Hub has been opened which is a one stop shop for walking and cycling. It is run by Stockton Active Travel a partnership between SBC, Sustrans, NHS Stockton and Big Lottery funding which finishes in 2010. Volunteers are required to run the Hub along with any donations of unwanted bicycles.</p> <p><u>Health and Wellbeing Partnership</u> Key theme for next meeting on 26th July 2010 is Smoking Update from minutes of meeting on 26th April 2010: The Audit Commission have reported on 'Tackling Health Inequalities in the North East' and made an assessment of the key challenges for the organisation to address health inequalities.</p> <p>The Alcohol Action Plan was discussed and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy was reviewed and agreed. NST will be visiting the Tees in October to assess Stockton, Hartlepool, and Redcar. The visit is to look at how well Stockton is doing. Members of the partnership may get requests to be interviewed further.</p> <p><u>Safer Stockton Partnership</u> Agenda items for meeting on 6th July 2010 are below. No minutes have been released</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hallmarks of Effective Practice • Fresh North East – Illicit Tobacco • Balance • Recorded Crime and Disorder • School of Art • The Coalition: Our Programme for Government • Counter Terrorism <p>Comments and Decisions</p>		

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<p>12. External Funding No external funding opportunities were circulated</p>		
<p>13. Any Other Business None</p>		
<p>14. Date and Time of Next Meeting The next EAPB will be held on: Tuesday 31st August 2010 at 5.30 p.m. at the Five Lamps Organisation, Eldon Street, Thornaby.</p>		