

**Minutes**  
**The Western Area Partnership Board (WAPB)**  
**26<sup>th</sup> July 2010, 6 p.m. at The Wilson Centre - Long Newton**

**Chair:**

Councillor Maureen Rigg **(MR)** Stockton Borough Council

**Members:**

Marjorie Simpson **(MS)** (Yarm Town Council), Jennifer Pinkney **(JP)** – Willey Flats Residents Association, Phillip Addison **(PA)** – Yarm Fellowship, Cllr Alan Lewis **(AL)** – Eaglescliffe, Geoff Turner **(GT)** – Egglecliffe Parish Council, Bill Johnson **(BJ)** – Yarm Residents Group, Doug Nicholson **(DN)** – Friends of Tees Heritage Park, John Rosser **(JR)** – Long Newtown Parish Council

Members are representing their nominating body.

**Advisors:**

Sophie Richardson **(SR)** – Stockton Council and Tracy Roberts **(TR)** – Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association

**Apologies**

**Members:**

Cllr Jennie Beaumont - Yarm, Inspector Ian Garret - Police

**Advisors**

Gareth Carson – Children, Education and Social Care and Steve Owens – Fire Brigade

ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	ACTION
<b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b> Members were introduced and welcomed to the Western Area Partnership.		No
<b>2. Apologies</b> Apologies were noted.		No
<b>3. Declarations of Interest</b>		

DOI – Declaration of Interest

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None declared		No
<p><b>4. Minutes of Last Meeting</b>  Minutes of the last meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010 were agreed as a true record.</p>		No
<p><b>5. Communities Fund Allocation</b>  The Western Area Partnership currently has £37,361 remaining from its allocation of Communities Fund.</p> <p>Following on from the last Sub Group meeting a programme of activities has been worked up by Tees Achieve and Tristar Homes Limited as below.</p> <p>3 Taster sessions to be held in September with 5 tutors for 2 hours plus advice and guidance workers x 2, refreshments, materials, venue costs and publicity @£3000 per session. (This would include time for more intensive 1:2:1 advice and guidance sessions with hard to reach learners).</p> <p>The sessions could possibly be held at Challoner House and Sure Start once it is open. Preston school is another potential venue but they have recently had a fire however they could utilise the Stockton Riverside Bus near this location as an alternative</p> <p>Following on from the taster sessions Tees Achieve will run up to 5 x 10 week x 2 hour courses @£2000 each. This costing allows for classes to run on small numbers (e.g. 6 learners, rather than 12 that we normally have as a minimum)</p> <p>The work will be targeted at those most in need. With information available through Tristar. However there would be a charge as it would potentially take them around half a day to track the information from their database to identify customer profiles followed by door knocking and follow up calls.</p>		Noted

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Finally, if the board agrees, Tees Achieve plan to hold a Showcase Community Event following the delivery of the courses. This would be a celebration event showcasing the work that learners had produced through the courses delivered. Learners would be involved in the organisation of the event, through a steering group, and would gain valuable transferable skills as a result. Tees Achieve held an event at The Arc recently where 1000 people attended. The event could be linked to a nominated charity if the group wishes. The cost for this could be up to £10,000 depending on the venue (possibly Preston Hall), entertainment, food etc but could be scaled down to £6000-£8000 if required.

Costs:

£9,000	Taster Sessions
£10,000	For costs
£500	Tristar
<u>£6000</u>	<u>Celebration Event</u>
£25,500	Total

**Comments and Decisions**

The Board discussed the proposals and agreed they were happy to go ahead with the Taster Sessions, For Costs and Tristar contribution. However they wanted the celebration event scaling down and to utilise the remaining funding to run specific courses such as Food Hygiene and First Aid. WAPB agreed a budget of £2500 on the celebration event.

**Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?**

No

**Are any other boards affected?**

No

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SR to arrange a WAPB Sub Group meeting with Tees Achieve to investigate running courses from local centres and utilising remaining funding.

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<p><b>6. Thematic Updates</b></p> <p>GT provided feedback on the Children’s Trust Board and identified it was difficult to input into this group due to the high level of Officers who attend this group.</p> <p>JR was unable to attend the Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership</p> <p>PA has now been added to the mailing list for the Culture Partnership however the last meeting was cancelled.</p> <p>MR attended the Play Partnership last Thursday and the meeting was dominated by the news that Play Builders funding for year three which has not been committed would be withdrawn. The Parish Council is still looking to use its own funding to make improvements on Amberly Way play area, and no other areas in the Western Area should be affected.</p> <p>MR attended the Health and Wellbeing Partnership which provided a review of smoking cessation, which identified that Stockton had improved, however not as fast as some of the other authorities. It was also noted that almost 20% of pregnant women in Stockton are still smoking on the day they give birth. The group discussed the role of Trading Standards in relation to the problem of illicit or counterfeit tobacco which has recently been on the increase. The Health and Wellbeing Partnership are hoping to bring information to all the Area Partnership meetings in the Autumn which will focus on illicit tobacco</p> <p>The Environment Partnership was cancelled</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>SR to add Illicit Tobacco item to the forward plan for meeting in September 2010.</p>
<p><b>7. External Funding Opportunities</b></p> <p>None</p>		

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<p><b>8. Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>Future Meetings</b>  The Board will discuss holding WAPB meetings bi monthly at the meeting in September.</p> <p><b>Friends of Tees Heritage Park</b>  Doug Nicholson has met with FTHP to discuss 5 gates to the River. Each gateway feature will be designed or sculpted. One gateway will be at Preston Park, with the artist looking to get a taste of what the community wants. DN would like to open the invitation out to groups to feed in their thoughts and views of what the gateways will look like.</p>		<p>WAPB members are to email SR with any potential groups who would be interested, which can be passed on to DN</p>
<p><b>9. Date of Next Meeting</b>  The next meeting of the WAPB will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010, 18.00  Challoner House, Wiley Flats, Yarm</p>		<p>No</p>