

**Minutes**  
**The Western Area Partnership Board (WAPB)**  
**27<sup>th</sup> September 2010, 6 p.m. at Challoner House Community Centre.**

**Chair:**

Cllr. Maureen Rigg **(MR)** Stockton Borough Council (SBC)

**Members:**

Phillip Addison (PA) – Yarm Fellowship Committee, Cllr. Jennie Beaumont (JB) –SBC, Marjorie Galloway (MG) – Preston on Tees Parish Council, Bill Johnson (BJ) – Yarm Residents Group, Cllr. Alan Lewis (AL) – SBC, Marjorie Simpson (MS) – Yarm Town Council, Jennie Pinkney (JP) – Willey Flats Regeneration, Maurice Snowdon (MS) – Over 50's Assembly, John Rosser (JR) – Long Newton Parish Council and Steve Owens (SO) – Cleveland Fire Brigade

Members are representing their nominating body.

**Advisors:**

Sophie Richardson **(SR)** –SBC, Tracy Roberts **(TR)** – Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association, Daniel Steer (DS) - SBC and Steve Thompson **(ST)** – University of Teesside.

**Apologies**

**Members:**

Doug Nicholson – Tees Heritage Park and Ian Garrett – Stockton Police

**Advisors**

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

DOI – Declaration of Interest

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<p><b>3. Declarations of Interest</b> None declared</p>		No
<p><b>4. Minutes of Last Meeting</b> Minutes of the last meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2010 were agreed as a true record.</p>		No
<p><b>5. Digital Media</b> Steve Thompson from the Institute of Digital Innovation at Teesside University provided the Board with an update on Digital Media support. Steve can work with Community Groups to encourage and support the use of digital media and social media to link young people and older people. Steve is looking to carry out some pilot activities in relation to heritage within the borough using sound and images. Steve is a community resource looking to create new partnerships and linkages with history and heritage. There are no costs associated as Steve is funded through the University. Any History Groups or other groups within the Western Area should contact Steve. Steve can also train volunteers and provide skills to enable them to run and support digital media project</p> <p><b>Comments and Decisions</b> The Board to discuss any potential projects or groups that Steve could work with and feedback at the next meeting.</p> <p><b>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</b> No</p> <p><b>Are any other boards affected?</b> No</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Steve Thompson – Teesside University s.d.thompson@tees.ac.uk</p>		Noted

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<p><b>6. Tacking Crime and Disorder Magazine</b>  Daniel Steer from the Anti Social Behaviour Team attended the Board to provide an overview on the Tackling Crime and Disorder Magazine.  Every household in the borough has been sent a magazine which includes a questionnaire. This is sent every three years and provides information on crime and anti social behaviour throughout the borough. Questions were raised over why Yarm had an increase in Anti Social Behaviour. DS informed the WAPB that this is due to the Town Centre effect and that issues which occur on the high street on an evening may skew the figures for the rest of the area.</p> <p><b>Comments and Decisions</b>  Board members were encouraged to complete the questionnaire if they had not already done so.</p> <p><b>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</b>  No</p> <p><b>Are any other boards affected?</b>  No</p> <p><b>Contact:</b>  Daniel Steer -SBC – Anti Social Behaviour  01642 527613  <a href="mailto:Daniel.steer@stockton.gov.uk">Daniel.steer@stockton.gov.uk</a></p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p><b>7. Community Cohesion Strategy</b>  Andy Whinnerah from the Policy and Development team provided an overview of the current Community Cohesion strategy. The current version of the Community Cohesion strategy and action plan was written in 2009 and has a closing date of 2012. Although a lot of the actions have been met or are on track it is important that the Community Cohesion strategy is refreshed with a view to bringing it up to date to better meet the needs of today and to anticipate future needs. AW is looking to involve as many partners as possible over October and November to look at the strategy and action plan and make whatever changes are necessary to bring it up to the required standard. The Community Cohesion strategy and action plan covers all areas of</p>		<p>Noted</p>

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<p>endeavour within the borough that contribute to all communities realising their potential and living together in harmony and this is an essential tool in the promotion and monitoring of those endeavours. AW would like to invite those with legitimate interest in the strategy to join him in refreshing the strategy, enabling it to continue to be the contemporary, vibrant and relevant document that it is intended to be.</p> <p><b>Comments and Decisions</b>          Interested members should sign up to attend one of the focus groups</p> <p><b>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</b>          No</p> <p><b>Are any other boards affected?</b>          No</p> <p><b>Contact:</b>          Andy Whinnerah – SBC Policy and Development          01642 528955  <a href="mailto:Andy.whinnerah@stockton.gov.uk">Andy.whinnerah@stockton.gov.uk</a></p>		
<p><b>8. Communities Fund</b>          A final copy of Tees Achieve and Tristar Homes joint Communities Fund project was circulated prior to the this meeting for comment Some of the costs can not yet be calculated as it is uncertain how many leaflets will be delivered and how many people will require money advice. The Western Area Partnership have £11,041 remaining.</p> <p><b>Comments and Decisions</b>          The Board agreed the final project</p> <p><b>Does it need council/ Cabinet approval/ endorsement?</b>          No</p> <p><b>Are any other boards affected?</b>          No</p> <p><b>Contact:</b>          Hazel MacGregor – Tees Achieve          01642 527907</p>		<p>Agreed</p> <p>SR to send out offer letter and grant claim forms</p>

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<b>9. Date of Next Meeting</b> The next meeting of the WAPB will be held on Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2010, 18.00 Challoner House, Wiley Flats, Yarm		No