

Minute/Decision Summary –Unconfirmed (DRAFT)
Meeting- Stockton Renaissance
Date – Tuesday 7th December 2010
Castlegate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton-on-Tees

ITEM/ISSUE	COMMENTS/ DECISION/ ACTIONS	CONTACT
<p>1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>	Noted	Sarah Upex, Area Partnership Board Coordinator, SBC
<p>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (DOI) Members were advised to declare DOI at the start of the meeting before any items are discussed.</p>	Noted	Sarah Upex, Area Partnership Board Coordinator, SBC
<p>3. MINUTES OF THE STOCKTON RENAISSANCE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON 6TH JULY 2010</p> <p>Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	Noted	Sarah Upex, Area Partnership Board Coordinator, SBC
<p>4. THE CHANGING PUBLIC SECTOR LANDSCAPE Neil presented to the Board the key headlines and impact for the Borough from the Comprehensive Spending Review and an update on organisational changes across the public sector.</p> <p>The Board were informed of national policy announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unprecedented scale and pace of change - It was seen that in the first 200+ days of the Coalition, the following has taken place: CAA, RDAs, RSSs, PCTs, GOs, Audit Commission, Place Survey, ID Cards, housing targets and free swimming have been cut - A lot of things have come in: Free Schools and Academies Bill, LEPS, Localism and the 'Big Society' <p>The impact in the North East was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GONE and One North East have been axed - 'Liberating the NHS' – scrapping of PCTs - Regional Tourism 	Noted	Neil Schneider, Chief Executive, SBC

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uncertain future for: Independent Safeguarding Authority, Student Loans Company and the Football Licensing Authority, to name a few - Local Enterprise Partnership – the Tees Valley was one of the first in the 24 to be successful across the country. <p>The Board discussed the impact in Stockton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding is uncertain for North Shore and Thornaby Academies - Free school application for Ingleby Barwick - Wynyard Hospital has been cancelled - TVU funding cut from £7m-£2m - Tees Valley Bus Network project go ahead - £35m PFI street-lightning scheme cancelled - Playbuilder capital retained <p>The CSR impact on Stockton Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7.1% cuts each year for 4 years - £27m reduction by 2014 for Stockton - £16m in efficiencies since 2008 - Managed £3.3m of in-year cuts - 375 employees have left since Jan 2010 – 54 have been replaced mainly on a temporary basis - EIT reviews have been accelerated and brought forward - There is uncertainty of grants of around £10m <p>There have been a number of housing benefit and welfare reforms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The removal of 5 bedroom LHA – max 4 bed payable (affects 30 Stockton families - £36 pw) - Removal of £15 excess payment to customers where LHA exceeds rent charged (affects 1,400 private tenant households) - Have extended the shared room rate for LHA to all single claimants under 35 (affects 400 claimants – loss of up to £36 pw – total loss in Stockton c. £789k per year) - Abolition of Housing Benefit to Universal Credit 	Noted	
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<p>The wider public sector impact on organisations was discussed:</p> <p>DWP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 26% reduction over 4 years achieved through reductions in corporate functions/no redundancies planned 10/11 - Retain local JCPs, possible expansion of service to include other department, such as HMRC - Network review complete – DWP region covers NE, Yorks and Humber, DWP district will cover Durham and Tees Valley <p>NHS Foundation Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health has received an average real increase of 1.3% - NHS nationally needs to find £15-£20bn of efficiency savings by 2014/15 - Savings expected to come from improving productivity, best practice and cutting administration - Equates to c £200m across Teesside - Trust estimates CIP target for 2011/12 of £16.5m <p>Mental Health Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4.5% of annual efficiency targets already planned for next 4 years – but impact of budget cuts in services that interact with a Trust concern <p>Cleveland Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Home Office subject to 15% cut - Working on 20% cut, frontloaded across 4 years – expect a report in Feb 2011 on headline savings - Police Authorities likely to go <p>Cleveland Fire Brigade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cuts backloaded over 4 years – average £2m+ each year <p>Probation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ministry of Justice facing around 23% cut - Probation Trusts still to be notified of share of cuts 	<p>Noted</p>	
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<p>- Voluntary redundancies agreed</p> <p>It was noted that it had to be recognised that there was some positives in the Stockton economy, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stockton has been recognised as the most enterprising place in the North East - Highest set-up rates in the country - Tees Valley Unlimited – successful LEP bid, only one of 24 in the country approved - Opportunities to bid for £1.5bn Regional Growth Fund <p>It was discussed that the money nationally for physical regeneration has been cut by half in the CSR, so there is a smaller pot nationally. The delivery of ambition in Stockton is more challenging, but this will not dampen ambition or resolve.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the Sustainable Community Strategy and its relevance in terms of the impact in changes in priorities. A core task for Stockton Renaissance will be to challenge how relevant the SCS is in this challenging landscape by working through the Area Partnerships and Thematic Partnerships.</p> <p>It was discussed that there is such uncertainty with grants, that it is very difficult to know which grants are at risk. It was noted that there is a potential impact on services.</p> <p>It was requested that the VCS are made aware and kept informed of what is happening. It was noted that there is a piece of work ongoing to look at where grants are and where there are commissioning opportunities so that services have a combined understanding of what the impact could be.</p>		
<p>5. UPDATE FROM BALANCE ON MINIMUM PRICING</p> <p><u>Minimum Pricing</u></p> <p>The Board were informed that they would be asked to give a view as to whether a Minimum Price Per Unit of Alcohol is a policy that the Partnership would support either locally or nationally. It was noted that policy debates are currently on-going regarding local and national approaches to addressing alcohol harm. The business plan of HM Treasury confirms that a review of “alcohol taxation to tackle problem drinking” will be complete by March 2011. Additionally, the Home Office, has recently</p>	<p>Noted</p>	<p>Emma Champley (SBC) & Colin Shevills (Balance)</p>

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<p>reviewed licensing. A range of organisations have stated support for a minimum price, including the British Medical Association, the Royal College of Physicians and the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence.</p> <p>It was noted that alcohol consumption has more than doubled in the last 40 years. In the North East, almost one third of men and a quarter of women admit to drinking over the Government's recommended limits. As consumption increases, so does alcohol-related harm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alcohol-related hospital admissions have increased by 116% since 2002/3, with the North East having the highest rate in England - 46% of all violent crime is alcohol-related - The number of deaths from alcohol liver disease rose by almost a third between 2004 and 2008, with liver specialists reporting seeing younger people than ever before - Alcohol-related issues cost the North East economy around £1.3bn a year in costs to the NHS, alcohol-related crime and disorder and impact on the economy <p>The Board were informed that in terms of consumption, Stockton is fairly typical of the North East as a whole. Almost 9 out of 10 drink alcohol, with most of it purchased from supermarkets and consumed at home. Some 22% of residents admit to drinking to get drunk and around a third have been in a risky situation because of alcohol, figures which are higher amongst the young. As in the rest of the region, Stockton's levels of alcohol related crime and disorder appears to be falling.</p> <p>It was noted that the World Health Organisation in its new strategy recommends that a package of measures is required to address alcohol harm, including educating individuals and regulating availability. A key part of that package is affordability and price. It was anticipated that a minimum price of 50p per unit would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduce the number of deaths from alcohol-related causes by more than a quarter - Reduce the number of crimes by 46,000 - Reduce hospital admissions by almost 100,000 - Save the country an estimated £1bn a year <p>The price of drinks in pubs and clubs would remain largely unaffected by the introduction of a minimum</p>	<p>Noted</p>	
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<p>Community Strategy, with Renaissance identifying where alcohol fits within the Strategy.</p>		
<p>6. JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT</p> <p>The Board were informed that the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is a process that PCTs and local authorities have a duty to work on together to describe the health and wellbeing needs of the populations they serve. It has a key role to play in identifying the strategic direction and is the responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership which has representation from a wide range of local partners.</p> <p>It was noted that the main areas to focus on to help us address health inequalities over the next ten years or so include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Making healthy lifestyle choices easier, including stopping smoking, promoting safe, sensible drinking and increasing physical activity - Helping people identify sooner if they are at risk of cardiovascular disease, cancer, and other illnesses so they can get the right care and treatment quickly to prevent them getting ill - Improving access to, and quality of, care and treatment for people if they do get ill - Supporting people in old age and with long-term health conditions to live independent, good quality lives <p>The Board were informed that street level data is also available, which helps to target work.</p> <p>The Board were informed that the reference document has useful information and detail and provides the opportunity to influence commissioning priorities and decisions.</p> <p>The following was discussed by the Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poverty in health – need to target marginalised people on how to deal with and deliver poverty in health. Go and engage with communities and ask them what their needs are and be committed to doing this and making a difference. - How people make the right choices is key 	<p>Noted</p>	<p>Ruth Hill (SBC/PCT)</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is important to include the wider determinants of health in the discussions including poor housing and unemployment - Suggested to look at different things in a different way to target the inequality gap. Need to target hard to reach and change the approach <p>The Board were informed that feedback is welcomed on this document and the document is refreshed annually.</p>		
<p>8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS None</p>	Noted	n/a

Attendance: Cllr Lupton (Chair – SBC), Neil Schneider (Local Public Service Board), Darren Best (Safer Stockton Partnership), Cllr Laing (SBC), Tony Campbell (Business Forum), Cllr Mrs Fletcher (SBC), Paul Thomas (Central Area Partnership Board), Cllr Cook (SBC), Val Scollen (Northern Area Partnership Board), Graeme Oram (Western Area Partnership Board), Cllr McCoy (Health & Wellbeing Partnership), Jane Humphreys (Children’s Trust Board), Darren Best (Cleveland Police), Lucia Saiger (Safer Stockton Partnership), Alex Bain (Community Empowerment Network), Cllr Beall (Health & Wellbeing Partnership), Cllr Gibson (SBC), Carol Langrick (Momentum), Tina Williams (Community Empowerment Network), Paul Burns (Arts and Culture Partnership)

Advisors: Ruth Hill (SBC/SPCT), Lesley King (SBC), Dawn Welsh (SBC), Sarah Upex (SBC), Paul Dobson (SBC), Eddie Wrigley, Julie Danks (SBC), Allison Agius (Catalyst), Colin Shevills (Balance), Emma Champley (SBC), Julie Higgins (SBC)

Observers: Jan Doherty (SBC)

Apologies: Graham Prest (Vice Chair – Health & Wellbeing Partnership), Alex Cunningham (MP), James Wharton (MP), Shanim Ahktar (BME Representative), Mike Lakinsi (Economic Regeneration & Transport Partnership), Lesley Cannon (Job Centre Plus), Cllr Womphrey (SBC), Stephen Childs, Richard Poundford (SBC), Chris Livingstone (Job Centre Plus), Neville Anderson (Trade Union Council), Dave Pickard (Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership), Cllr Rigg (Western Area Partnership Board), Doff Pollard, Julie Derbyshire (SRCGA),