

**Minute/Decision Summary –Unconfirmed (DRAFT)**  
**Meeting- Stockton Renaissance**  
**Date – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011**  
**Castlegate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton-on-Tees**

ITEM/ISSUE	COMMENTS/ DECISION/ ACTIONS	CONTACT
<p><b>1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES</b>  The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p>	Noted	Sarah Upex, Area Partnership Board Coordinator, SBC
<p><b>2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (DOI)</b>  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><b>3. MINUTES OF THE STOCKTON RENAISSANCE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETINGS HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2010</b></p> <p>Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record. The Chair welcomed Jim Scollen to the meeting, who is the new community sector representative on the Board.</p>	Noted	Sarah Upex, Area Partnership Board Coordinator, SBC
<p><b>4. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2010/11 ONWARDS</b>  The Board were informed of the Council's current financial position as at the end of September 2010 and the funding position of the Council following the Comprehensive Spending Review, the Council's approach to developing the Medium Term Financial Plan covering 2011 to 2015. It was noted that there has been a proactive approach to efficiency, including the role out of Efficiency Improvement and Transformation (EIT) Reviews. The budget gap and the national funding position were discussed with the Board. It was highlighted that the Council's MTFP 2011/15 has been reviewed and updated, based on the Provisional Statement for the next 2 years. Future years funding has been estimated but can only be considered indicative given lack of information available and a government review of Local Government Finance so this could change significantly.</p> <p>It was noted that the Council continue to make representation to encourage a fairer settlement for the North East. It was noted that residents are being informed of these cuts via the Cabinet report, promoted in Stockton News, internal/external events, Area Partnership Boards, information in Stockton</p>	Noted	Gary Cummings, Stockton Borough Council



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<p>1,027. In the first 12 months of delivery 378 people found work and in the first six months of Year 2 a further 265 residents have secured employment. The Five Lamps Organisation has claimed for a total of 474 jobs across both contracts which equates to 74% of the total jobs. Know How North East have recorded 157 job outcomes across both of their contracts, with a further 83 in the pipeline, pending appropriate evidence. New College Durham have claimed 22 jobs to date. However, they have a further 51 jobs to claim where they are awaiting confirmation from employers. The types of job people are moving into covers a wide spectrum of occupational areas such as office work, building operatives, retail, asbestos removal and dog groomers.</p> <p>The Board were informed that the number of people claimed who have been retained in employment at 26 weeks is 155 and equates to a retention rate of 41%. It was noted that quarterly monitoring visits are undertaken with each provider to ensure claims and expenditure are correct. The interim evaluation for the Communities Fund will commence in February 2011 and the final evaluation will take place in May 2012.</p> <p>The Board considered that the report highlighted excellent results and the case studies provided showed that it has made a real difference to people.</p> <p>It was highlighted that there may be an opportunity for the providers to continue the work of the Communities Fund with the DWP “Welfare to Work” work programme, which is currently out to tender.</p> <p>Opportunities for young people were discussed and it was noted that the ‘Stockton Wall’ provides career advice and opportunities for young people.</p>	Noted	
<p><b>6. CHANGES TO LOCAL TRANSPORT FUNDING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Transport Plan</li> </ul> <p>The Board were informed that the Council’s current LTP finishes on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 and the Department for Transport require Local Authorities to have ‘LTP3’ in place by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011. The Integrated Transport element of the LTP has been reduced by around 50% to just over £1.1M, restricting the ability to deliver road improvements, community based road safety and traffic management schemes. Funding towards public transport has been protected through the Tees Valley major bus scheme. It was highlighted that the LTP also contains capital road maintenance funding,</p>	Noted	Richard McGuckin, Stockton Borough Council

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<p>which has actually increased by £360K in the Local Government settlement of December 2010, giving the Council around £1.9m for this in 2011/12. The LTP3 document is currently out for community consultation <a href="http://www.stockton.gov.uk/citizenservices/transport/ltp/ltp3/">http://www.stockton.gov.uk/citizenservices/transport/ltp/ltp3/</a></p> <p>It was noted that the Area Transport Strategy Steering Groups, which provide delegated budgets to the Area Partnership Boards, had largely been successful, which is echoed by the Chairs of the Area Partnership Boards and it is intended to continue these to make a difference.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major Transport Schemes</li> </ul> <p>The Board were informed that the previous funding arrangements for major schemes were based around funding allocations delegated to a regional level. This system has been replaced although the new mechanisms remain unclear. What does seem clear is that all major schemes will be allocated at a national level by DfT, making it potentially difficult to manage regional priorities. The Regional Growth Fund is one opportunity that is being explored to bid for transport related projects such as the next stages of Metro.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Sustainable Transport Fund</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that in September 2010, plans were announced for a new Local Sustainable Transport Fund. The fund's aim is to challenge local transport authorities outside London to develop packages of measures that support economic growth and reduce carbon in their communities as well as delivering cleaner environments, improved safety and increased levels of physical activity. There is a mix of capital and revenue funding and have been encouraged as a local authority to bid for schemes under £5M and a bid is currently being put together for this.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the train station in Billingham and its accessibility. It was noted that this issue has been pursued and Billingham is a unique island station. The Council will continue to have dialogue with National Rail. It was noted that Disability Discrimination Act is a major issue and is a long term objective.</p> <p>There was also a discussion regarding subsidised bus routes and celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> year celebration of Port Clarence. It was also noted that Middlesbrough are currently consulting on plans for</p>	Noted	
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modernising the Transporter Bridge and the consultation is currently on line with a link on the Stockton Borough Council website.		
<p><b>7. REVIEW OF THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY 2011</b></p> <p>The Board were informed that the current Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) covers the period 2008-2021 and has served the borough well in terms of setting out the ambitions of the Renaissance Partnership in improving the overall quality of life for local people and visitors to the area. The ambitions remain as realistic aspirations in the longer term. Historically the SCS has been underpinned by the Local Area Agreement (LAA) as the delivery plan for the strategy combined with the strategic plans for the key partner organisations, for example the Council Plan, the Primary Care Trust Annual Operating Plan, the Policing Strategy and the Fire and Rescue Services annual plan.</p> <p>There are a number of challenges and changes currently facing the organisations responsible for the delivery of the SCS including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the transition arrangements currently in place relating to the PCT</li> <li>• likely future arrangements linked to health commissioning</li> <li>• changes to the function of the Health and Well Being Board</li> <li>• the termination of the LAA in March 2011;</li> <li>• the changes to the national performance framework;</li> <li>• the budget settlement being for 2 years.</li> </ul> <p>Once all of these changes have taken place it is likely that there will need to be a fundamental review of the Sustainable Community Strategy. It is therefore timely to consider a pragmatic approach to reviewing the current SCS, rather than a fundamental review at this time.</p> <p>It was noted that following the termination of the LAA it is proposed that a Sustainable Community Strategy Delivery Plan is produced for Stockton Renaissance. Given that the government settlement for public sector organisations is for 2 years and the need to clearly link actions and activity to resources it is suggested that the delivery plan should cover the period 2011-2013. The Board were informed that the SCS Delivery Plan will determine the key priorities for Renaissance across the</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>	<p>Dawn Welsh, Stockton Borough Council</p>

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improvement themes with clear actions/objectives, linking to the emerging picture of performance measures as appropriate. The delivery plan will then become the performance framework for Stockton Renaissance. It was noted that the Delivery Plan will be presented to Stockton Renaissance for approval.		
<b>8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b> None	Noted	n/a

**Attendance:** Cllr Lupton (Chair – SBC), Graham Prest (Vice Chair – Health & Wellbeing Partnership), 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), Alex Bain (Community Empowerment Network), Cllr Beall (Health & Wellbeing Partnership), Cllr Gibson (SBC), Carol Langrick (Momentum), Tina Williams (Community Empowerment Network), Cllr Rigg (Western Area Partnership Board), Jim Scollen (Community Empowerment Network), Mike Lakinski (Economic Regeneration & Transport Partnership, Dave Pickard (Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership),

**Advisors:** Ruth Hill (SBC/SPCT), Lesley King (SBC), Dawn Welsh (SBC), Sarah Upex (SBC), Paul Dobson (SBC), Julie Danks (SBC), Victoria Cooling (NTPCT), Stephen Childs (NHS), Richard McGuckin (SBC), Gary Cummings (SBC), Roland Todd (SBC)

**Observers:** Jan Doherty (SBC), Danielle Barnes (KHNE), Paul McGee (KHNE), Cllr Womphrey (SBC)

**Apologies:** Alex Cunningham (MP), Allison Agius (Catalyst), James Wharton (MP), Shanim Ahktar (BME Representative), Lesley Cannon (Job Centre Plus), Richard Poundford (SBC), Chris Livingstone (Job Centre Plus), Neville Anderson (Trade Union Council), Doff Pollard (TVRCC), Julie Derbyshire (SRCGA), Paul Burns (Arts and Culture Partnership), Lucia Saiger (Safer Stockton Partnership)