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The Central Area Partnership Board
26th May 2011, 4.00 p.m.
Stockton Business Centre, Brunswick Street, Stockton.

<p>Chair: Paul Thomas (Tilery Residents Association)</p> <p>Members: Cllr Jim Beall (Vice Chair, SBC), Gareth Rees (Thorpe Thewles Residents Association), Anne Howard (Primrose Hill Neighbourhood Watch), David Headland (Salvation Army), Jim Fenwick (Community Partnership), Edna Brown (Over 50s Assembly), Neville Anderson (Trade Union Council), Tina Williams (Community Partnership), Alex Bain (Parkfield Residents Association) *Members are representing their nominating body.</p>
<p>Advisors: Sarah Upex (SBC), Jill Anderson (ISA), John Tierney (SBC), James Hadman (SRCGA), Haleem Ghafoor (SBC), Garry Cummings (SBC), Emma Champley (SBC-DAAT), Elizabeth Marsh (SBC)</p> <p>Observers: David McCulloch (Cornerhouse)</p>
<p>Apologies Victoria Cooling (PCT), Di Simms (SBC) Roy Parker (Durham Road Residents Association), Insp Steve Young (Cleveland Police) Kim Staff (SBC), Lesley Cannon (Job Centre Plus), Judith Turner (Stillington & Whitton), Mohammed Farook (BME Network), Corrina Eastwood (Norton Grange Residents Association), Marilyn Surtees (Elm Tree Community Centre),</p>

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<p>1. Welcome and Apologies The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	No
<p>2. Declarations of Interest Cllr Beall declared an interest in agenda item 4 (Community Asset Transfer Strategy Consultation) as he will be part of the body to make a decision on this. The Board agreed that Cllr Beall could remain in the meeting whilst the item was being discussed.</p>	No
<p>3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 31st March 2011. The minutes were agreed.</p>	No
<p>4. Community Asset Transfer Strategy Consultation – Garry Cummings, Stockton Borough Council The Board were informed that the draft strategy has been developed to be proactive in terms of the Localism Bill, under which requests could now be received for asset transfers. A framework and strategy is needed to be in place to manage assets going forward. The voluntary and community sector are able to do things via managing an asset that a local authority are unable to do, including potentially accessing external funding. It was noted that a workshop session had been well attended and the strategy will be presented to all the Area Partnership Boards and Stockton Renaissance and all comments from these meetings and various other</p>	

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<p>sessions that are being held, will be fed into the consultation process.</p> <p>The following were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a number of leases in place now – a lot of them are on short term leases, but may have conditions on these leases that are prescriptive • This is a strategic and transparent approach to asset transfer • That if an asset was to be transferred, there would need to be a clear business case and rationale from whoever wanted to take the building over. A key aspect is that need to protect activities that are going on in a building. There are safeguards in place in the document to require that the business case has been through community consultation and evidence from those using the building that there is support for the proposal. • The Board were informed that if a building is identified as an asset transfer, and the Council gets a request to run a building, this would be advertised to see if anyone else was also interested to make the process open and transparent • There will be a 2 way dialogue with current users and Stockton Borough Council • It was identified that the timescales in the document are tight and these will be reviewed to allow time for business cases to be developed and reviewed • There was concern on how the community would be consulted. It was reiterated that the business cases have to demonstrate community support and consultation and would expect dialogue to be ongoing. • It was suggested that community consultation should be strengthened in the document. • It was asked if safeguards would be given to existing organisations in a building to prevent hostile takeovers. It was noted that if interest is shown in a building, need to ensure that that the existing organisation is thoroughly informed of what is taking place. It was suggested that current groups who use a centre should be included in the business case as consultees. • It was discussed that if a building is used by a VCS organisation and the current upkeep is by SBC, if they got ownership of a building, then the responsibility of the upkeep of the building would transfer to them. • It was queried whether Stockton Borough Council could take back a building as part of a redevelopment scheme. It was noted that this would be highly unlikely to occur and if a scheme has been identified for an area, would not enter into a transfer situation. • It was queried if support will be provided for organisations interested in taking over a building to point them in the right direction. It was noted that this is an area that needs to be looked at, even if it is just signposting people. <p><u>Actions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Consultation to be strengthened in the document 	

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<p>5. Update on Drugs and Alcohol – Emma Champley, Strategic Commissioner for Drugs and Alcohol Action Team</p> <p>Recent Developments – Drugs and Alcohol The Board were informed of the recent developments on drugs and alcohol. There have been changes locally and nationally for where responsibility for drugs and alcohol sits from GP commissioning and changes to public health. It was noted that the National Treatment Agency were moving into Public Health England and taking on responsibility for alcohol. There is a big difference in terms of funding for drugs and alcohol; there is a ringfenced budget for drugs, however funding for alcohol is not ringfenced and the funding comes from the PCT. It was noted that the differentiation in funding is vast. It was noted that this may change as more public health will be based in the local authority.</p> <p>The Board were informed that the Drug Strategy for 2010 replaced the previous 2008 Strategy and includes a reference to alcohol; however it is not a significant reference. It is also focussed on leaving treatment and a proposal for payment by results which will come into force April 2013. There is also an Alcohol Strategy for Stockton which covers the period 2009-2012.</p> <p>Minimum Pricing for Alcohol The Board discussed the number of units for men and women per week which constitute hazardous and harmful drinkers. It was noted that in Stockton there is an estimated 28,000 hazardous drinkers, 1,100 harmful drinkers and 4,000 dependent drinkers, based on public health statistics. It was noted that £2-4 million per year is spent on alcohol admissions in Stockton from the health budget. There is a concern on the age of people attending hospital with liver failure as are now seeing people in their 20's and 30's. Across Cleveland Police area, 45% of arrests are alcohol related.</p> <p>It was noted that BALANCE (the regional alcohol office) are raising the debate on alcohol minimum pricing. It was noted that alcohol is now 70% more affordable now than it was in 1980.</p> <p>It was noted that in terms of pubs and clubs, the majority would support minimum pricing as this would stop the pre loading of drinkers which happens before they go out. A paper has been presented to a number of different boards including the Health and Wellbeing Partnership, Safer Stockton Partnership and Stockton Renaissance to get support to do something locally. All the Boards supported minimum pricing, but raised that something could only be done locally if there was a bye-law for the Tees Valley. Stockton Renaissance board members said that if other Tees Valley authorities supported this then would have discussions with them on a way forward.</p> <p>The following discussion took place regarding drugs and alcohol:</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was asked if the information on drugs and alcohol is presented to young people. It was noted that there is a lot of work done in secondary schools with the Community Safety team, young person's team and the ROACH team around risk taking behaviour. It was requested that further information be provided to the Board on educational activity. <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma Champley to provide information on drink driving limits for alcohol and if there are the any guidelines about amounts of alcohol in the blood/how long it takes to metabolise. • It was requested that Emma provide the Board with information on age/frequency of educational activities and what was actually done in terms of education/who provided it as well. • It was requested that the alcohol audit tool is circulated to the Board. 	
<p>6. Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) – Elizabeth Marsh, Stockton Borough Council</p> <p>The Board were informed that the bid was submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) on 24th December 2010 and was approved on 11th March 2011, with permission to start granted on 14th April 2011. This is a five year programme of spend, however HLF reserve the right to withdrawn funding if a spend of 20% is not achieved by the end of Year 2. The Board were informed of the funding breakdown of the scheme which is approximately £3.3million:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1,740,400 - HLF • £290,050 - One North East Single Programme • £290,050 – SBC • £945,850 <p>It was noted that the scheme focuses on the area around the junction of Dovecot Street and the High Street. The Board were shown on a map the 12 priority and 4 reserve projects included within the reserved bid. It was noted that there is flexibility to amend this list and suitable projects within the scheme area that are ready to proceed will be considered on their merits.</p> <p>It was noted that the funding pot is split with 8.2% of the funding for building repairs and works to shop fronts/roofs of occupied buildings. No funding is for the restoration of architectural features. 50.2% is allocated for bringing vacant spaces back into use. 24.2% is for public realm improvements and has been allocated for improvements between Prince Regent Street and the High Street. 5% for complementary initiatives including training and community engagement activities. 13% is for staff costs and overheads for a project officer for 5 years of the scheme.</p>	

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<p>The Board were informed that the approval of the THI and the proposals for the scheme are on the Stockton Borough Council website and will also be in Stockton News. It was queried how much the owner of a building would have to contribute towards a grant. It was noted that there is a set percentage of contribution from owners. However it was noted that the grant does not fund fitting for the project, it is only for the 'first fit'.</p>	
<p>7. Update from Voice Box – John Tierney, Stockton Borough Council John informed the board that the young people from Voice Box had successfully submitted a bid to the Big Lottery Fund for a project called 'Who Do You Think You Are?' which among other things will look at DNA testing to see where the young people originated from.</p>	
<p>8. Feedback from other Partnerships from Board Members The thematic template for the Board was circulated and an update provided for the thematic partnerships.</p> <p>Health & Wellbeing Partnership - Jim Beall informed the Board that changes are on the horizon for the Health and Wellbeing Partnership if the Health Bill goes forward. Provision for setting up statutory Health and Wellbeing Boards and it has been discussed as how this might look in Stockton. Currently putting in place a shadow arrangement until a decision has been made and fully progressed.</p>	
<p>9. Any Other Business The Board were informed that SRCGA have moved premises to Marlborough House on Yarm Road.</p> <p>The Board were reminded that the Central Area Transport Strategy meeting is taking place on 23rd June 2011.</p>	
<p>10. Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Central Area Partnership Board will be held on: Thursday 30th June 2011, 10am, Stockton Business Centre.</p>	No