

Minutes
The Eastern Area Partnership Board (EAPB)
31st May 2011, 9.30 a.m at Five Lamps Organisation, Eldon Street, Thornaby.

Members:

Chair: Graeme Oram (**GO**) – Five Lamps, Tom Bowman (**TB**) – Ingleby Barwick Parish Council, Carol Adams (**CA**) – Village Park Residents, Cllr Kevin Faulks (**KF**) – SBC, Dorothy Fairhurst (**DF**) – Over 50's Assembly

*Members are representing their nominating body.

Advisors:

Sophie Richardson (**SR**), Dawn Welsh (DW) , Garry Cummings (GC), Dave Adams (DA) – SBC and Tracey Roberts (TR) - SRCGA

Apologies:

Members:

Doug Nicholson
 Cllr Sylvia Walmsley
 Victoria Cooling
 Steve Owen
 Diane Paterson
 Cllr Harrington
 Cllr Stott

Advisors/ Observers:

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1. Welcome and Introductions Board members and advisors were welcomed to the meeting		Noted
2. Apologies Apologies noted.		Noted
3. Declaration of Interest TB declared an interest in Item 7 as School Governor		Noted
4. Minutes from previous meeting Minutes from the meeting on 29 th March 2011 were agreed as a true and accurate record.		Agreed

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<p>5. Matters Arising GO informed the Board of Stockton's success at the Voluntary Organisations Network North East Voluntary and Community Awards with Thrive, Five Lamps and Stockton Borough Council all picking up awards, showing the strength of the sector within the borough.</p>		Noted
<p>6. Community Asset Transfer Consultation – Garry Cummings and Dawn Welsh Various consultation events have been taking place regarding the Community Asset Transfer Strategy, and to date Garry has received some very useful feedback and comments.</p> <p>The term community asset transfer relates primarily to long – leasehold or freehold arrangements to voluntary or community organisations. Some of the benefits include building confidence and capacity amongst the individuals involved, and can support the creation of community leaders, and inspire others to improve their community, contribute towards efficiency savings and towards the regeneration of communities, acting as a catalyst for social, environmental and economical regeneration. Garry discussed with the Board the principles and criteria for the asset transfer.</p> <p>Stockton Council will not consider applications for transfer in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings which accommodate fixed or core services (e.g schools and social care establishments) • Assets which have, through a review, been identified as having a potential significant capital receipt and where the Council is looking at disposal. <p>The Council will consider asset transfer solutions through proactively working with the Voluntary and Community Sector, or consider applications in respect of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buildings currently delivering community-based services, where there is a demonstrable need for the building and associated services to continue. For these buildings there may be mutual benefit to explore transfer. The Council would, however, place a condition that the organisation taking ownership of the building does do for community use and continue to provide access to community and voluntary groups currently using the premises. • Buildings which have been identified by the Council as potentially surplus or where there is no clear rationale for retention due to: Cost to maintain 		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>Condition of the building Low levels of participation or utilisation Potential to use nearby facilities to provide services</p> <p>For any transfer, the Council would require a proposal outlining the business case, covering financial viability, proposed utilisation, benefits to the organisation and community and evidence of the wider community consultation and support. The decision on transfer will be made by the Council's Cabinet in all cases.</p> <p>Questions / Comments Q. When does the consultation finish? A. Garry is gathering and collating responses and will be reporting to Cabinet in July, who will agree the strategy and wider policy and process.</p> <p>Q. How long will the lease be on buildings' which are transferred? A. If buildings are transferred it will be on a 25 – 30 year lease with conditions. If they are not adhered to, the building could be recalled. The responsibility of the full building would be transferred to the organisation.</p> <p>Q. What happens if a building changes its uses? A. All buildings must be for community usage and the council would have to agree this and it would require community support and must clearly identify community benefit.</p> <p>Q. Could there be an organisation that could hold assets for the sector and provide good quality buildings? A. Some organisations are not strong enough to fully maximise and provide sustainability in the sector. This is something that can be discussed.</p> <p>All comments must be collected by the end of June, and can be fed in through the Partnership and Engagement Team, Council website or through Garry Cummings. Garry is more than happy to discuss any potential buildings with members.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>7. Extended Schools Update Dave Adams provided an update on Extended Schools. DA does not manage the Extended Schools scheme directly but does have some financial managements over it. The Local Authority were given funding to ensure that it was spent within the objectives which were set by Government and provide extended school activities. A lot of schools were already providing some form of after school activity. Extended Schools was not included in Ofsted and the Schools were not measured on their extended school curriculum. The current allocation of Extended Schools funding ceases in August 2011. There is still Extended Schools funding available but this goes directly to the Schools but is not ring fenced so Schools can spend it as they see fit. There are some redundancies due to</p>		Noted

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<p>the funding ceasing which include Parent Advisors and Extended Schools Co-ordinator.</p> <p>KF identified how disappointing it is that many of the local schools are not utilised on an evening, weekends and holiday periods. DA identified that many schools would love to run various activities and keep the schools doors open longer, however it requires staff to organise and manage, which many schools can not do without funding.</p> <p>The EAPB thanked Dave for providing the update.</p>		Noted
<p>8. Eastern Area Transport Strategy The Eastern Area Transport Strategy will be held on Monday 13th June, 6.30 p.m. at the Five Lamps Organisation.</p> <p>KF raised an issue regarding Maltby Traffic Calming and the fact it is still behind schedule.</p> <p>GO discussed the new proforma that needed to be completed and the process that the meeting will follow. Members were encouraged to return their reply slips if they have not already done so.</p>		<p>GO to raise the issue at the Pre Agenda meeting with Transport.</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>9. Thematic Partnership Update A Thematic Partnership Update was circulated to members. GO was unable to attend the Children Trust Board.</p>		Noted
<p>10. External Funding None</p>		
<p>11. Any Other Business</p> <p>GO discussed reviewing the current membership of the board and Thematic Partnership and reviewing at a future meeting.</p> <p>The new Inspector replacing Ian Garrett, Mal Suggit has yet to attend, and the Board agreed</p>		<p>SR to check Board Membership and Thematic Partnership representation and review at the next Board</p> <p>SR to send a special invite to Inspector Mal Suggit who has replaced Ian Garrett as representative from</p>

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to send a special invitation to Mal to formally meet the Board.		Cleveland Police meeting.
12. Date and Time of Next Meeting Tuesday 21 st May 5.30 p.m. at The Five Lamps, Eldon Street.		Noted