#### **Minutes**

### The Western Area Partnership Board (WAPB) Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 6pm. at Eaglesciffe Village Hall, Eaglescliffe

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Cllr Maureen Rigg (MR) – Chair and Local Ward Councillor
Fiona Chesters (FC) - Tees Valley Rural Community Council, Geoff Turner (GT) - Eaglescliffe and Egglescliffe Parish Council, Marjorie Simpsor
(MS) - Yarm Youth and Community Centre, Cllr Phil Denis - Local Ward Councillor, Philip Addison (PA) - Yarm Fellowship Committee, John

Rosser (JR) – Long Newton Parish Council and Bill Johnson (BJ) – Yarm Residents Group

#### **Advisors:**

Chair: Members:

Sophie Richardson (SR), and Jane Palmer (JP) - SBC

### **Apologies**

Doug Nicholson, Jennie Beaumont

ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	ACTION	
1. Welcome and Introductions			
Members were introduced and welcomed to the Western Area Partnership.		None	
2. Apologies			
Apologies were noted.		None	
3. Declarations of Interest			
No declarations of interest were made.		None	
4. Minutes of Last Meeting			
Minutes of previous meeting on 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2011 agreed as an accurate and true record.		Noted	
5. Matters Arising			
None		Noted	
6. Planning for Housing – Jane Palmer			
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Jane Palmer attended to provide the Board on information on the Planning for Housing Core Strategy Review Issues and Options Consultation. Stockton Borough Council has to predict how many new homes will be needed in the Borough over the next 20 years and make sure we allocate enough land for them to be built on. SBC need to find land for about 2,800 houses after 2021. The Planning Service started with a long list of possible sites for new houses and took out all the ones which definitely wouldn't be suitable for building on. The consultation period on possible housing sites began on 11th July and will end on 19th September 2011. The questionnaire which was circulated is a summary of what the Planning for Housing consultation is about and the full report can be found on <a href="https://www.stockton.gov.uk/planningforhousing">www.stockton.gov.uk/planningforhousing</a> . There are also copies available in libraries and at the Planning Office at Gloucester House and Municipal Buildings in Stockton. At the end of the consultation period, SBC will work out which sites will be the best for new houses. When preferred locations have been chosen, they will be published in a Preferred Options version of the document and consulted upon again. In the future, an Independent Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate will examine the Document to ensure that it is 'sound', and the sites formally allocated.  Some of the Parish Council's within Western Area have set up small working groups to look at this consultation and to collectively respond.  MR urged members to feed this information into their groups and to get them to respond. The Board raised an issue around obtaining privately owned land. It was confirmed that SBC would only allocate sites, and that it is up to private developers to build the homes in the future.	Noted  Noted  Noted  Noted
7. Communities Fund Update  The Western Area Communities Fund Sub Group met on the 19 <sup>th</sup> July to discuss options for its remaining allocation. The Sub Group had met with Lisa Keily, Skills for Life Manager from Tees Achieve, to discuss a package of support for young people in the Western Area who are currently identified as Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEETs). Working with Connexions it is hoped that the project can target those young people in the Western area who are NEET and run an open day with taster sessions in a variety of different careers. It is hoped from the open day that young people will then sign up to a programme which will include CV writing. Further meetings and discussions will take place with Lisa Kiely and Ian Caley from	Noted  SR to arrange further meetings and discussions.

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Connexions.		
8. Yarm and Eaglescliffe Area Action Plan		
The Board had expressed their concerns back in October 2010 when the Yarm and Eaglescliffe		Noted
Area Action Plan was incorporated into the Regeneration and Environment Development		110.00
Plan Document. Further to this meeting in October, members of the Western Area		
Partnership Board have been circulating a petition around community groups and		Board agreed to keep the item on the agenda and to
residents. So far not as many signatures had been collected as initially hoped.		monitor number of signatures received.
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9. Thematic Partnership Update		
a. Representative for Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP)		
Geoff Turner was nominated to be the WAPB for SSP. Inspector Mal Suggitt discussed with		Agreed
the Chair his role on the Board and it was agreed that Mal would attend the meetings on a		Noted
quarterly basis and provide information and statistics in relation to the Western Area.		
b.Thematic Partnership Update		
MR provided an update on the Environment Partnership. The Greener Living Roadshow is not		Noted
on this year due to reduced staff.		
The ERT meeting on 13th has been cancelled and re arranged for the 27th.		
John Rosser provided an update on the Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership. Housing		Noted
Options have an issues with an increasing demand for homelessness services.		
10. External Funding		
None		Noted
11. Any Other Business		
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running through August and September.		
raining through ragadi and coptombor.		
Long Newton now has a village shop which is next to the Londonderry Arms and is open from		
7a.m. – 10 p.m.		
12. Date and Time of Next Meeting	_	
26 <sup>th</sup> September 2011, 6 p.m. at the Claireville Hotel.		

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