

**Minutes**  
**The Eastern Area Partnership Board (EAPB)**  
**27<sup>th</sup> September 2011, 9.30 am at Five Lamps Organisation, Eldon Street, Thornaby.**

**Members:**

Graeme Oram (**GO**) – Chair, Tom Bowman (**TB**) – Ingleby Barwick Parish Council, Diane Paterson (**DP**) – Credit Union, Cllr Steve Walmsley (**SW**), Carol Adams (**CA**) – Village Park Residents, Jill Anderson (**JA**) – SBC, and Dorothy Fairhurst (**DF**)

\*Members are representing their nominating body.

**Advisors:**

Sophie Richardson (**SR**), Tony Beckwith (TB) SBC, and Graham Clingan (GC), SBC

**Apologies:**

**Members:**

Steve McCarten – Fire Brigade, Janet Stubbs – Job Centre, Cllr Derrick Brown – SBC, Cllr Sylvia Walmsley – SBC, Tracy Roberts – SRCGA, In

**Advisors/ Observers:**

Tracy Roberts

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<p><b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b> Board members and advisors were welcomed to the meeting</p>	Noted
<p><b>2. Apologies</b> Apologies were noted.</p>	Noted
<p><b>3. Declaration of Interest</b> Tom Bowman declared an interested in Item 6.</p>	Noted
<p><b>4. Minutes from previous meeting</b> Minutes from the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were agreed subject to the following: Cllr Sylvia Walmsley and Jill Anderson had requested their apologies be noted.</p>	Agreed
<p><b>5. Matters Arising</b> Agenda Item 7, Spaces for Play will be brought to a future meeting. Agenda Item 9, Evaluation of Teesdale Park will be covered at the next meeting which will be</p>	Noted

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held at Teesdale Park.	
<p><b>6. Early Interventions Grant Consultation – Tony Beckwith</b>  Stockton on Tees Borough Council currently spends £7.5 million per year providing Early Years Services for families and the 12,000 pre school children in the Borough. In December 2010 the government announced the introduction of a new grant to Local Authorities called the Early Intervention Grant (EIG). This grant replaced a number of other separate grants which were used to fund a wider range of activities including Early Years Services. This new grant is now 25% less than the grants it replaced. This consultation looks specifically at the Early Years Services funded from this grant. The council have looked in detail at the Early Years Services they provide, the costs of these services and how they are organised, including the demand for this service across the borough. The Council want to redesign the Service and target those with the most need, and to change the way that services are delivered, working more closely with voluntary organisation, community groups, schools, parents and other organisations. People can have their say by completing a questionnaire on the back of the consultation document, attend one of the drop in sessions, provide comments on line at <a href="http://www.stockton.gov.uk/earlyyearsconsultation">www.stockton.gov.uk/earlyyearsconsultation</a>. Consultation is open from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July until Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011. Up to now the 11 Children Centres in the Borough have mostly been run directly by the Council, who work in partnership with the centres, colleagues, midwives, health visitors and Job Centre Plus to deliver a wide range of services. The Council have looked at the different options and we think that the best approach is a local partnership model where local voluntary organisations, charities, schools, parents groups and private organisation work with the Council and play a major role in running Children’s Centres.</p> <p><b>EAST</b>  Within the East the Council would provide a full range of Early Years Services for families in this area operating from two bases, which would be a Council run Centre at Footsteps Children’s Centre on Ochil Terrace in Billingham and a local delivery partnership from somewhere else in the area.</p> <p><b>CENTRAL – WEST</b>  Within Central West, the Council would provide a full range of Early Years Services for</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>families in this area operating from two bases, which would be a Council-Run service at the Redhill Children's Centre, Redhill Lane in Roseworth and a local delivery partnership from somewhere else in the area. There is currently a Children's Centre next to Frederick Natrass School on Darlington Lane in Norton.</p> <p><b>CENTRAL – EAST</b>            Within Central East, the Council would provide a full range of Early Years Services for families in this area operating from two bases, which would include a Council-Run service at the Sunrise Childrens Centre on Yarm Road and a local delivery partnership from somewhere else in the area. There is currently a Children's Centre operating out of 2 sites at The Star on Bath Lane and Newtown Resources Centre in Stockton.</p> <p><b>CENTRAL- SOUTH</b>            Within Central South, the Council would provide a full range of Early Years Services for families in this area operating from two bases, which would included a Council-Run service at a Council-Run service at the High Flyers Children Centre on Tedder Avenue in Thornaby and a local delivery partnership from somewhere else in the area. There is currently a Childrens Centre at Riverbank on Gilmour Street in Thornaby. Under this proposal the Family Centre on Baysdale Road in Thornaby would cease to operate.</p> <p>The areas highlighted as North, West and South have not been identified as target areas and therefore a different delivery model is proposed, as below:            Provide a Children's Centre in each of the 3 areas            Seek to commission the services from an outside provider (for all 3 areas or in parts) and charge for some services at these Centres. The Children's Centres could be delivered by a Community Group, a group of parents, a school or a private company. There are currently Children's Centres at:            Layfield School, Everingham Road, Yarm            Barleyfields School, Lamb Lane, Ingleby Barwick            Beckfields Community Centre in Haresfield Way, Ingleby Barwick            Elm Tree Community Centre, Elm Tree Avenue, Stockton.</p>	<p></p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>



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<p>management, at different spatial scales; from the strategic Tees Valley and Borough-wide level, through to the local, neighbourhood scale.</p> <p>The Strategy will be delivered through coordinated action at many different levels and by drawing on a wide range of resources. This will be achieved by:            Working in partnership across the public, private and third sectors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promoting community participation</li> <li>• Developing and delivering a robust Action Plan which evolves over time to reflect emerging priorities and opportunities.</li> <li>• Delivery through other plans and strategies</li> <li>• Utilising a wide variety of funding opportunities and delivery mechanisms – both to develop green infrastructure and to ensure its long-term sustainable management.</li> </ul> <p>The Stockton on Tees Green Infrastructure Steering Group will oversee the implementation of the Strategy. All major projects and activities will be set out in the Strategy Action Plan, with a wide range of organisations and agencies involved in that process. The Action Plan will include details of funding and delivery mechanisms, with many project likely to be dependent upon securing external funding.</p> <p>Stockton Council’s Countryside and Greenspace Team is to produce a Green Infrastructure Delivery Plan identifying the Council’s priorities under the Green Infrastructure Strategy. The plan will be prepared on an area by area basis. It will be informed by previous consultation and research work and will also capture other project proposals that have come forward through the Council’s on-going work with local communities. Policies within the Local Development Framework and other strategies and plans will contribute towards the successful implementation of the Strategy. The significance of green infrastructure has already been identified in the Core Strategy, and green infrastructure was identifying as an overarching theme in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noted</p>

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<p>the Environment Development Plan Document Issues and Options Consultation (December 2010). The Stockton on Tees Green Infrastructure Steering Group will develop a Communications Plan for the Strategy and work to ensure a broad network of partners is kept informed of developments and given the opportunity to contribute to the on going delivery of the Strategy. Progress reports on delivery of the Strategy and Action Plan will be provided to the Environment Partnership and the other thematic and area partnership boards under Stockton Renaissance, and Cabinet as appropriate. This strategy has already gone through the consultation process and will be presented to Cabinet in November 2011.</p> <p>The draft can be download from the website and any final comments should be passed to Graeme within the next few weeks.</p> <p>Comments from the Board:  It was noted that there is a lot of green space in Stockton, Thornaby in particularly is lucky to benefit from several parks. The Board raised concerns about Government Planning Policy and hoped that the planned changes would not impact on the green infrastructure in Stockton. The Board thanked Doug Nicholson and Ray Morton for their involvement in improving green space within the Eastern Area. GC identified that there are many active groups all over the borough and it would be very beneficial if these groups started a Park Forum to share information.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p><b>9. Teesdale Park Evaluation</b>  This item will be brought to next meeting which will be held at Teesdale Park</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>10. Thornaby Light and Thornaby Community Fund</b>  There is just over £2000 remaining in dormant Thornaby Light and Thornaby Community Fund. The Board agreed to use the dormant funds, to help support voluntary and community groups within Thornaby. The Board agreed to develop a small funding pot of up to £250 for groups in Thornaby with projects or schemes that would benefit the community.</p>	<p>SR to liaise with Tracy Roberts from Stockton Residents and Community Groups Association to develop guidance and send out to all community groups within Thornaby,</p>
<p><b>11. Community Asset Transfer Report</b></p>	

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<p>A copy of a report summarising the results of the consultation process was circulated. There will be a workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> October on Commissioning and TUPE and further workshops to support on marketing and business planning is being considered to increase the knowledge and expertise in the sector and to support organisations during any asset transfer processes</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>12. Thematic Partnership Update</b>            The Board identified that as a Board Member, Mal Suggit would be best placed to be the Board's representative on the Safer Stockton Partnership, as he will be attending these meetings through his role within Cleveland Police.</p> <p>The Board would like to find out who are their reps on the other partnerships.</p> <p>Diane Patterson would like to attend the Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership</p>	<p>SR to discuss with Mal Suggit</p> <p>SR to circulate thematic partnership membership at next meeting.            SR to arrange and pass on Diane Paterson's details if the Board is not already represented at this partnership.</p>
<p><b>13. External Funding</b>            None</p>	
<p><b>14. Any Other Business</b>            DN circulated a new leaflet regarding the process of Teesdale Park. 6ft high cast iron gateways have now been erected, which include a tag, which are compatible with smart phones and provide information on the site. DN is working closely with Enforcement to use reference points on the gateposts so that areas of the park can be identified more easily on a map.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p><b>15. Date and Time of Next Meeting</b>            Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2011 at Teesdale Park. A tour of the Park will commence at 5.00 p.m with the meeting starting at 5.30 p.m.</p>	