

Minutes
The Eastern Area Partnership Board (EAPB)
Tuesday 31st January 2012, 5.30 p.m. at Five Lamps Organisation

Members:

Vice Chair – Diane Paterson (DP) – Credit Union, Tom Bowman (TB) – Ingleby Barwick, Cllr Tracey Stott (TS), Jill Anderson (JA) - SBC and Dorothy Fairhurst (DF) – Over 50's Assembly

*Members are representing their nominating body.

Advisors:

Jane Edmonds – SBC, Len Junier –Five Lamps, Cllr Derrick Brown – SBC and Sophie Richardson

Apologies:

Members:

Doug Nicholson, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Carol Adams, Graeme Oram

Advisors/ Observers:

ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	ACTION
1. Welcome and Introductions Board members and advisors were welcomed		Noted
2. Apologies Apologies were noted.		Noted
3. Declaration of Interest None		Noted
4. Minutes from previous meeting Minutes from the meeting on 31 st January 2012 were agreed subject to the following changes: The Board agreed the design of the signposts at Tees Heritage Park		Agreed

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<p>5. Matters Arising SR met with Thornaby Academy to discuss future working with the Eastern Area Partnership Board.</p>		Noted
<p>6. Nomination for Community Representative This item has been deferred to a future meeting</p>		Noted
<p>7. Housing Consultation – Jane Edmonds The Housing team at SBC currently covers the Private Sector, Housing Options Housing Advice and Homelessness, Regeneration and strategy, Council and Housing Benefit and affordable homeownership. The previous Housing Strategy ran from 2008 – 2011 and sets framework by providing overview of housing and what affects it. Currently in the process of updating the strategy for 2012 – 2015, with the new strategy taking in the homelessness prevention strategy and the private sector housing renewal strategy. Stockton on Tees is a borough of wide contrasts; a mixture of busy town centres, urban residential areas and picturesque villages. Economic conditions have affected the potential for securing a mortgage and impacted on households entering into owner occupation. The Council is currently updating its information on housing need and aspiration in the borough through the update of the Strategic Housing Market Assessment. Housing at Stockton have identified four priorities which are available in a fact sheet to assist in consultation with the strategy, the priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable communities • Housing market in the borough • Homelessness Prevention • Promoting and sustaining independence <p>Consultation closes on Friday 3rd February 2012. Once all comments have been</p>		Noted

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<p>received, the Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership will look at the comments and incorporate these into a draft strategy.</p> <p>JE noted she was not visiting individual resident groups and consultation started on 4th January 2012. It has been a quick turnaround as it is only an initial phase which will lead to a draft being pulled together and further consultation will take place on the draft. Stockton has an increasing population and a significant change of the type of people who are approaching the council for information and advice.</p> <p>JE agreed to bring the draft strategy to the Board in April / May 2012 and the consultation period for this document will be longer than the current consultation period.</p> <p>The board noted the following: It would be useful to include some key statistics about how many people declared themselves homeless. There has been an increase in mortgage costs and repossessions with private landlords increasing their rent.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>8. Stockton Community Fund Update - Len Junier, Five Lamps</p> <p>LJ provided an update to the Board. Five Lamps have reached their target for the Thornaby contract and are currently 40 jobs short on the Stockton Town Centre contract, but it is anticipated these will be reached by the end of March 2012. Overall 1150 people have entered into employment, with 500 of those still in employment. Discussions are currently taking place as to what will happen after March 2012.</p> <p>The Board noted it has been fantastic what has been achieved to date.</p>		<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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<p>9. Integrated Youth Support Service Update – Gareth Carson Gareth has submitted his apologies and this item will be moved to the meeting in February 2012</p>		Noted
<p>10. Thornaby Light and Thornaby Community Fund – Written update by Tracey Roberts A written update was circulated by Tracey. 11 organisations have sent in applications and 12 applications have been received. 6 are community groups and 5 voluntary groups which include local based WI's and Guides. Once SRCGA have confirmation of the funds being transferred it should only take two weeks to organise a panel. If all applications are deemed worthy of some allocation of funding then this money will be fully spent with no further rounds to follow. An further update will be provided at the next meeting</p>		Noted
<p>11. Community First Update SR provided an update on the Community First event which was held on 23rd January 2012. Mandale and Victoria are eligible to register a community panel. At the meeting the local Police, Tracey Roberts and representatives from Rochester Court identified a way forward and will be contacting members of the public and Ward Councillors to invite them to join the panel and to get the panel registered. More information can be found on the Community Development Foundation website http://www.cdf.org.uk/content/funding-programmes/community-first or by contacting Sophie Richardson</p>		Noted SR to send Cllr Stott further information.
<p>12. Thematic Partnership Update An update on all thematic partnerships will be provided at the next meeting</p>		Noted
<p>13. External Funding No update</p>		Noted

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<p>14 Any Other Business. a. Stockton Community Fund The purpose of the report is to encourage applications to the Stockton Borough Community Fund which is available to support community projects and activities in the borough of Stockton-on-Tees. Tees Valley Community Foundation is an independent non-profit grant making organisation who are administering the Stockton Borough Community Fund. The fund provides small grants to support community projects and activities for example arts & crafts, educational trips, keep-fit classes, walking trips, new equipment, social activities etc. Grants up to a maximum of £500 are made available and meetings are held monthly to discuss applications to help ensure a quick turnaround. Some examples of funded projects to date include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - £250 towards the overall costs of the production of a DVD to promote the activities of a voluntary group; - £500 towards the running of keep fit classes for BME women - £500 towards equipment to offer safe space and equipment to local playgroups with young children <p>The application form and guidelines of the fund can be accessed from http://www.teesvalleyfoundation.org/grants/stockton-borough-community-fund/</p>		Noted
<p>. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 27th March 2012, 5.30 p.m. at The Five Lamps Organisation.</p>		Noted