Northern Area Partnership Board Monday, 2nd April, 2012, 5:45pm at Cowpen Training Centre, Hereford Terrace, Billingham

Chair:

Kevin Bowler (North Billingham Residents Association)

Members:

Gerald Barrass (Low Grange Residents Association), Victoria Cooling (NHS Stockton on Tees), Fred Gook (Neighbourhood Watch), Sandy Gibson – Bell (Disability Advisory Forum), Andy Hatton (Federation of Small Businesses), Joe Maloney (Billingham International Folklore Festival), Ray McCall (Billingham Town Council), Bert Smailes (Safer Billingham Partnership).

Advisors:

Mike Bowron, Laurayne Featherstone, Iain Robinson, Kelly Smith, Paul Surtees (Stockton Borough Council), Christine Goodman, Ian Goodman (Victim Support), Hugh McShane (Know How North East)

Observers:

Pat Chambers, Gillie Hatton

Apologies

Members:

Cath Coldbeck (Stockton & District Trade Union), Geoff Harrison (Low Grange Community Centre), Jayne Hector (Clarences Residents Action Group), Ged McGuire (South Billingham Residents Association), Mike Womphrey (Stockton Borough Council) Jim Scollen (Old Billingham Community Association), Val Scollen (Roscoe Road Residents Association) Gil Smith (Billingham Business Association), Barry Woodhouse (Stockton Borough Council), Kim Staff (Stockton Borough Council)

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NAP 30/11. Welcome and Introductions	
NAP 31/11. Declarations of Interest	
Standard DOI's are on the DOI register.	
Cllr RMcC noted an interest in item 6 as a Board member of Chat which Victim Support attend.	
Cllr RMcC noted an interest in item 7 as a Board member of Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust	
NAP 32/11. Approval of minutes for meeting 5th March 2012	KS to include and reissue to members
KB noted that on page 5 paragraph 3 there was a sentence omitted on the minutes where he had asked for his query on the precept to be included. The Board agreed to include the specific query in the minutes.	
Agreed as a true record.	
NAP 33/11. Matters Arising from 5th March 2012 minutes	
IR informed the Board that consultation on library provision in the borough would be starting after Easter and would include the Bedale road facility.	
MB noted that Tees Active have confirmed that all maintenance inspections are in place and are being undertaken regularly. The Forum car park is also now on the Care For Your Area gritting route. It was also noted that the Forum would be willing to display art work if approached.	

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NAP 34/11. Major Redevlopment Scheme Update a. Town Centre Redevelopment b. Intergrated Service Centre c. Billingham House	
a. Town Centre Development IR informed the Board that asbestos and service diversions have been looked into and are reflected in the schedule of work. They are hopeful that the specification will be signed in the next couple of weeks and once it is signed the plans will be made public and will hopefully be brought to the May meeting.	
IR noted that all windows will be replaced as part of the Town Centre works. The new public house and new build were approved by planning however there is currently no timeline.	
A query was raised if there was going to be any provision in the plans for any negative impact on the businesses whilst the work is being undertaken. IR noted that they are aware of this and it will be included in the tender as well as the impact on the market traders.	
b. Billingham House MB noted that they will not know anymore until the 4th May.	
c. Integrated Service Centre IR noted that they will move forward with this after a report has been to Stockton Councils Corporate Management Team. There is no design for the facility drawn up yet but the programme of work will be aligned with the Town Centre works to minimise disruption.	
NAP 35/11. Victim Support Presentation	

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Christine Goodman informed the Board that Victim Support is an independent national charity with the bulk of their referrals coming from the Police but people can self refer as well.	
They work with victims, witnesses of crime and those touched by crime. They have supported 500 people in the last year much of which is emotional support although they can provide practical support as everyone is affected differently by crime. The service is mainly ran by volunteers many who have personally accessed the service or have had family members use the service. All the volunteers have intense training and mentoring.	
CG informed the Board that they don't put a time limits on crime as it may be years before people feel able to seek support they also have volunteers in courts to support people giving evidence in the criminal justice system.	
Victim Support attend Chat, which is a service for people with learning difficulties ran by New Horizons, once a month to raise awareness of their services in case people don't come to them.	
NAP 36/11. Changes to the National Health Service Presentation	
VC gave a presentation to the Board of the recent reforms in the Public Heath arena that have arisen from the Health and Social Care Bill. It was noted that Primary Care Trusts and Strategic Health Authorities will be abolished by April 2013 with clinical commissioning groups taking over responsibility for commissioning services. The Local Authority will employ the director of Public Health as many public health responsibilities will move over to Local Authority along with a specific ring fenced budget.	
VC noted that the Health and Wellbeing Boards will become a statutory requirement. The Board were presented with a diagram highlighting the Health and Wellbeing Board arrangements to show how this will look in Stockton. The Health and Wellbeing Board will have the executive function to make decisions. The Health and Wellbeing Partnership will include a range of partners and it will be where recommendations will be made to the Board and discussions will take place. There is a commitment to review it after a year.	
VC stressed the importance of the general public having an input into Health Watch who's function is currently being undertaken by LINk.	

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A query was raised on the impact this may all have on the proposed new hospital at Wynyard to which VC noted that they couldn't really say at this moment as the hospital is still in discussions with the Department of Health.	
NAP 37/11. Thmatic Groups Update: Safer Stockton Partnership Children's Trust Board Nousing and Neighbourhood Health and Wellbeing ERTP Arts and Culture Stockton Renaissance BS informed the Board that Safer Billingham Partnership's (SBP) constitution is being put forward for agreement. VC noted that the Children's Trust Board is being looked into with the possibility of it becoming incorporated into the Health and Wellbeing Board sub structures. JM noted that the Billingham International Folklore Festival have received a £45k from the Arts Council however they are still waiting for SBC's budget contribution. No updates from the Housing and Neighbourhood, ERTP and Renaissance as they had either not met since the last update or the member was absent from the meeting.	RMcC to check with the Cabinet Portfolio members
NAP 38/11. Sector Update: a. Public Sector i)Town Council ii) SBC b. Community Sector i) Supporters of John Whitehead Park	

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ii)SRCGA iii) BELP iv) Legacy Fund v) Clarences vi) Over 50's Assembly c. Voluntary Sector d. Business Sector	
a. Public Sector: i) Town Council: RMcC circulated an update report and answers to the questions previously raised at Board Meetings.	
A query was raised on the Town Plan meeting and whether it could be extended so people who work could attend. RMcC noted that he would ask for it to be extended till 5:30pm	
ii) SBC: No update	
b. Community Sector: i) Supporters of John Whitehead Park: No update	
ii) SRCGA: It was noted that SRCGA were successful in winning the Community Empowerment contract however it is a reduction in funding and will have an impact on the service i.e. hours of availability.	
iii) BELP: There is a presentation meeting planned for Thursday 5th April 2012.	
iv) Legacy Fund update: JM noted that as of the end of February 2012 the fund stood at £10,400. After discussions it has been agreed that £10,000 would be invested into the Tees Valley Community Foundation (TVCF) as they have a government match funding scheme that will match pound to pound invested into them, this will increase the fund to £20,000.	
It has been further agreed that following this investment the TVCF would give to BLF each year a % of the interest generated by the monies that were invested by ICI a number of years ago on behalf of Billingham in TVCF. The availability of this money each year will allow the legacy fund to start awarding grants sooner than anticipated. Details of how to apply and criteria will be advertised in the near future	

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v) Clarences Update: HMcS noted the large fire at the Timber yard at the Clarences which members will have been aware of. Representatives of the Road Stone site, who grind up brinks, are meeting with local residents who have an issue with debris from their site settling on the local area. The work by Vela on improvements to some of the housing stock will begin in May / June 2012. HMcS also noted that they worked with Scott Brothers and Care For Your Area on the issue of fly tipping. They have placed boulders on the site which seems to have had a positive impact already. It was also noted that transport is still a major issue for the area. vi) Over 50's assembly: No update c. Voluntary Sector: BS noted that there is a session on the 9th May on the implications of the changes for the new police commissioner and election on the 15th November 2012. d. Business Sector: No update	KS to send information to members.
NAP 39/11. Any Other Business: External Funding Opportunities KS noted the Communities Fund that people can access for a grant up to £500. LF noted that she is attending all of the Area Partnership Boards and Thematic and asking them what works and what they would like to see change. LF like to discuss this in more detail along with what the Board's vision for the area would be at the next Baord meeting. VC noted that there is a Stockton Navigation Service which takes referrals for anyone who has issues of their health and wellbeing.	LF to attend the May meeting KS to send information to members