

**Minutes**  
**The Western Area Partnership Board (WAPB)**  
**28<sup>TH</sup> May 2012. 6 p.m. at Conference Room 2, Municipal Buildings, Church Road.**

**Members**

Cllr Maureen Rigg (MR) – Chair and SBC, Maurice Snowden (MS) – Over 50s Assembly, Geoff Turner (GT) – Vice Chair and Eaglescliffe and Egglecliffe Parish Council, Marjorie Simpson (MS) – Yarm Youth and Community Centre, Jennie Beaumont (JB) – Kirklevington Parish Council, Jennifer Pinkney (JP) – Willey Flats Residents Association

**Advisors:**

Sophie Richardson (**SR**), Carol Straughan (**CS**), Matthew Clifford (**MC**) and Phil Dennis (**PD**) - SBC

**Apologies**

Doug Nicholson, Andrew Samuel, Cllr Andrew Stephenson, Cllr Mark Chatburn, Cllr Alan Lewis, Janice McColmbCllr Mark Chatburn

ITEM/ISSUE	DOI	ACTION
<p><b>1. Welcome and Introductions</b> Members and Advisors were welcomed to the meeting.</p>		None
<p><b>2. Apologies</b> Apologies were noted.</p>		None
<p><b>3. Declarations of Interest</b> No declarations of interest were made.</p>		None
<p><b>4. Minutes of Last Meeting</b> Minutes of previous meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012 were agreed as an accurate and true record.</p>		Noted
<p><b>5. Matters Arising</b> Amberely Way Play sculpture has now had white markings put down and the fencing erected. It should take a few weeks to erect the play sculpture.</p>		Noted
<p><b>6. E-Genda – Nigel Hart</b></p>		

DOI – Declaration of Interest



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<p>The Board found the discussion very informative and thanked MC and CS for attending and providing the information in a way which was easy to understand. If members require a copy of the presentation they can contact Sophie Richardson on 01642 526026 or <a href="mailto:sophie.richardson@stockton.gov.uk">sophie.richardson@stockton.gov.uk</a></p>		Noted
<p><b>8. Local Account Consultation</b>  The purpose of the Briefing Note is to advise the voluntary community sector of the Council's intention to publish a Local Account for 2011/12, detailing the performance of its adult social care services, to detail the role that the VCS will increasingly play in the development of this annual report, o gain some initial views on the Council's proposals.  The way that Council adult social care services are assessed is changing. Previously the quality and performance of services has been judged by the Care Quality Commission, based on a programme of external inspection and regulation. Now, a sector led approach is being promoted which will be underpinned by rigorous self-assessment alongside a process of peer challenge, support and review.  A key part of these new arrangements will be the production of a Local Account. Each council will be required to publish an annual report based on a self assessment of how its adult social care services have performed. As a part of this self assessment councils will have to demonstrate how they have responded to the views of local people. In this way the Government is seeking to promote transparency regarding the effectiveness of local services, whilst ensuring that local people are engaged in the process of service improvement.  The Council is looking to meet the new requirements by piloting the development of a Local Account for 2011/12. There is nothing to say what the structure and content of these performance reports should be, so Stockton-on-Tees Council is working with other local councils to identify what works best. The Stockton-on-Tees Council Local Account will adopt the branding '<i>Are You Being Served ....Well?</i>' This is in recognition that the first report will build on existing ways of engaging local people in improving local services. The report will detail how the Council has responded to the feedback received on services during 2011/12. This will be collated from a number of sources including work with user led organisations, special events, surveys, performance indicators and comments/complaints.  The report will seek to assess the progress that the Council has made in improving services in its four key priority areas for adult social care: Carers, Personalisation, Prevention and Early</p>		Noted

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<p>Intervention and Safeguarding.  This assessment will include the lessons learnt during the year and detail plans for any further service improvements.  It is planned that a working draft of the Stockton-on-Tees first Local Account will be available by the end of July 2012, with the final document being published in October 2012.  The views of local people about local services are central to the Council's ability to assess how its adult care services have performed. The VCS has a vital role in securing these views. The first report will outline how the existing sources of feedback, previously outlined, have promoted improved services. However, for the 2012/13 Local Account, the Council will be seeking to ensure that process of publishing the report becomes an integral part of the Council's engagement strategy ('Let's Get Engaged').  A user based Readers Group will assist the Council with the presentation of the 2011/2012 Local Account and there will be an opportunity for organisations to comment on a draft prior to publication.</p>		Noted
<p><b>9. Community Fund Update</b>  The Western Area Partnership Board and Tees Achieve are holding an event on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June at Challoner House for local residents to get involved in making their own planter and another for any resident who is unable to attend. The planter can be vegetable, flower or herb and tutors will be there to provide information and training on gardening along with members of Tees Achieve who will be promoting their adult education courses. The event is free, but people must register their place so that enough equipment and flowers can be purchased. Board Members are encouraged to promote the event to other members of the community.</p>		Noted
<p><b>10. Area Transport Update</b>  GT and MR provided an update on the meeting. The scheme on Butterfield Drive was agreed and will be going to Appeals and Complaints Committee the second week in July. 9 objections were originally received for this scheme. Information was provided on the Community Speedwatch initiative and the Speed Indication Device briefing note which was circulated at the ATS meeting. The next meeting is due September / October time.</p>		Noted
<p><b>11. Thematic Partnership Update</b>  No updates provided</p>		Noted
<p><b>12. Any Other Business</b>  MR provided an update on the fire at Orchard Shops which the Police have confirmed was</p>		Noted

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<p>Arson. Ward Councillors and MP's are looking to support the local business and community and have managed to relocated some of the businesses. The Hairdressers is using its other location in Yarm and offering a home service to its older customers. The Chinese is using its other location in Helaugh Park. The Indian has found alternative premises at Sunningdale shops and the Betting Shop has moved its staff to other shops. The Tattoo parlour is still seeking alternative accommodation and the Barbers is considering a few options. The Dry Cleaners is encouraging people to get in touch with them if their clothes were getting dry cleaned, and the Community Centre is still open as usual.</p> <p>Doug Nicholson has been awarded a Sustainable Grant at Tees Heritage Park and will provided further information at a future meeting.</p>		
<p><b>13. Date and Time of Next</b>  Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012, 6 p.m. at Challoner House.</p>		Noted