## Minutes –Unconfirmed The Central Area Partnership Board 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012, 2pm

## Stockton Business Centre, Brunswick Street, Stockton-on-Tees

Members: Paul Thomas (Chair, Tilery Residents Association), Suzanne Fletcher (Vice Chair, Voluntary Sector), Alex Bain (Parkfield Residents), Josie Bailes (Over 50's Assembly), Neville Anderson (Trade Union Council), Jim Fenwick (Community Partnership), Verna Pickering (Roseworth Residents), Anne Howard (Newtown Residents Association), Cllr Michael Clark (SBC), Cllr Nigel Cooke (SBC)
\*Members are representing their nominating body.

Advisors: Sarah Robinson (SBC), Peter Kelly (Stockton Public Health)

**Observers:** 

<u>Apologies:</u> Janet Stubbs (Job Centre Plus), Cllr David Coleman (SBC), Victoria Cooling (NHS Stockton), Janice McColm (TVRCC), Gareth Rees (Thorpe Thewles Residents), Cllr Jim Beall (SBC), Cllr N Wilburn (SBC), Marilyn Surtees (Elm Tree Community Centre), Tina Williams (Community Partnership), David Headland (Salvation Army),

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1. Welcome and Apologies	
The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	No
2. Declarations of Interest	
DOI procedure was noted.	No
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2012	
The minutes were agreed.	Agreed
It was discussed that the A5 electronic version of the Warmer Homes leaflets be circulated to the Board.	
4. Health & Wellbeing Strategy Consultation Update – Peter Kelly, Director of Public Health	
It was noted that every effort is being made to talk to people in Stockton about the Strategy. It was discussed that whilst health inequalities	Board
in Stockton have narrowed, gaps of those with the best and poorest health is still too great and life expectancy between the wards is also too	members to
great. Currently looking to find ways to change this based on recommendations from Professor Marmot to improve the average because you	inform their
will improve things for everyone. The consultation focuses on 2 key areas: Every child should have the best start in life and Preventing ill	communities
health. A number of programs are being developed from this such as the Winter Warmth Campaign which is a vital part of keeping people	about the
well. Have secured £500k for winter warmth this winter and it was encouraged that board members spread the word of this campaign in their	Winter Warmth
communities.	Campaign.
It was discussed that there are roughly 2000 births per year and it is very important in terms of inequality the start that these children get in	
life. Breastfeeding rates in Stockton are low. Children are healthier if breastfed and the Strategy aims to make Stockton a community that	
encourages breastfeeding. Good quality of education and qualifications make for healthier adults.	
The following questions/discussion took place:	
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<ul> <li>Important for equal access to services and GP's</li> <li>Literature in handouts/information circulated needs to be clear for people to understand – important to work with those that deliver services to make them accessible</li> <li>Often difficult to get into see a doctor and this seems to vary enormously across different parts of the borough</li> <li>It was discussed that access to referrals from PMS (Private Medical Services) and Non PMS should not differ, if there is evidence that this is happening then should be made aware of this</li> <li>Will the Strategy be flexible for changing needs, such as an increase in asylum seekers in the borough and their health needs? Part of the Strategy is about coping with the needs of asylum seekers. It was discussed that it is a matter of doing jobs properly regardless of the background of people in the community. Access to services should be equal for especially, for example young people as more young people in the community who have injections the better.</li> <li>Staff are going into schools across the borough to promote the messages from the Strategy</li> <li>It was discussed that HealthWatch is part of the change and the new contract will begin 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013</li> </ul>	SU to put this on the forward plan
Peter Kelly noted he would like to attend a future meeting of the Board to discuss the structure of the new PCT.	
8. Any Other Business  Health & Wellbeing Update – Paul Thomas updated that there was a discussion on minimum unit pricing. Suzanne Fletcher updated the Board on the progress made on the issue with asylum seekers and housing in the hostel. Have received cash from G4S to pay for some of the short comings e.g. paying for pans. Suzanne noted that this is a good example of showing the path from Central Area Partnership to thematic partnerships to action being taken.	
The Board were reminded that the Stockton Sparkles Event is taking place on the 6 <sup>th</sup> December and all are welcome.	
9. Date and Time of Next Meeting	
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2013, 10am, Stockton Central Library.	Noted