

**Minutes – Confirmed
The Central Locality Forum
31st October 2013, 2pm**

Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton Central Library, Stockton-on-Tees

<p>Members: Paul Thomas (Chair, Tilery Residents Association), Verna Pickering (Roseworth Residents), Cllr Jim Beall (SBC), Marilyn Surtees (Elm Tree Community Centre), Anne Howard (Newtown Residents Association), Josie Bailes (Over 50's Assembly), Gareth Rees (Thorpe Thewles Residents), David Headland (Salvation Army), Tina Williams (Community Partnership), *Members are representing their nominating body.</p>
<p>Advisors: Sarah Robinson (SBC), Dawn Welsh (SBC), Kate Fulton (SBC), Sarah Webster (SBC), Paul Surtees (SBC)</p>
<p>Observers:</p>
<p>Apologies: Suzanne Fletcher (Vice Chair, Voluntary Sector), Insp Anderson (Cleveland Police), Janet Stubbs (Job Centre Plus), Victoria Cooling (NHS Stockton), Janice McColm (TVRCC), Cllr N Wilburn (SBC), Neville Anderson (Trade Union Council), Cllr Nigel Cooke (SBC), Jim Fenwick (Community Partnership), Peter Kelly (Director of Public Health), Cllr David Coleman (SBC), Cllr Michael Clark (SBC),</p>

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<p>1. Welcome and Apologies The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	No
<p>2. Declarations of Interest DOI procedure was noted.</p>	No
<p>3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th September 2013 The minutes were agreed. There was a discussion on how faith groups will be represented in the new structure. It was noted that faith is now part of the Voice function and will be able to stand for election for the new board via this mechanism.</p>	Agreed
<p>4. Central Locality Forum Data Profile– Sarah Webster and Kate Fulton, Stockton Borough Council The Forum were presented with an overview of the Data Profile and asked the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the profile overall feel right for the locality? (taking into account the data covers a range of wards) • Is there any information about the locality you would like adding? • Is there any family poverty related topics you would like information on that is not covered by the statistics? <p>The profiles have been created with a focus on family poverty and the two aims from the Brighter Borough For All Document of Maximising Family Income and Giving Every Child the Best Start in Life. Some data cannot be included in the profile as it is a borough wide figure. When producing the profiles the team have been mindful of the data used and the local boundaries.</p> <p>It was noted that health is a very important aspect of tackling poverty and health in general is lower in the locality. Life expectancy is similar to the borough average but there are differences between wards – with 10 years difference for males. Hospital admissions due to</p>	Noted

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<p>alcohol are higher and there are a larger percentage of low birth rates. Children’s dental hygiene is lower than other areas and there are a higher number of teenage pregnancies. It was noted that 32.5% of the population do not use the internet and a more likely to access it in libraries.</p> <p>The following discussion took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that the data contained within the profiles provides a comparison to the borough average. • It was noted that crime and domestic violence is higher in the locality that others but it was discussed that this could be due to higher reporting • A high percentage of the crime takes place in the Town Centre and it was discussed that people who are committing the crime in the town centre may not actually live there but are committing crime there • It is a challenge as the central locality forum area is so diverse • Requested that percentage of children in poverty be provided at ward level • It was noted that some key community groups are not included in the profile. Members were asked to submit any groups missing so that the profile can be updated • Homeless families - Central area has both St James Hostel for families and Parkfield Hall • It was noted that there is no mention of asylum seekers in the profile • It was noted that data is available on each ward on the Stockton Borough Council Website: http://www.stockton.gov.uk/strongcommunities/supportforvoluntaryandcommunitygroups/datawarehouse/wardprofiles/ • It was suggested that mental health rates and drug and alcohol rates be included in the profile • It was noted that there is no specific mention of the over 50’s population • It was discussed that there are some significant levels of deprivation in the rural areas • It was noted that parts of some wards are affluent and also have part in deprivation • It was noted that information will be available after the summer on the numbers of young people going to college <p>It was discussed that the statistics are from more than one source and different sources work to different timescales</p>	
<p>5. Any Other Business There was a discussion on street lights in the Town Centre.</p>	No
<p>6. Date and Time of Next Meeting Thursday 30th January 2014, 1pm, Stockton Central Library, Jim Cooke Conference Suite, Stockton.</p>	Noted