

Merger of Drugs Action Team (DAT) Steering Group and Safer Stockton Partnership (SSP)

1. Further to the decision made in principle at the meeting of the SSP / DAT Integration Group on 4 November in favour of the merger of the Partnerships, discussions have taken place between the lead officers with a view to developing the supporting detail.
2. A draft Constitution for the proposed new Partnership is attached as Appendix A.
3. Meeting dates for 2009/10 are attached as Appendix B.
4. Subject to the approval by both Partnerships of these arrangements, it is proposed also to develop a team-building event to ensure that all members of the new Partnership have the opportunity to meet one another and to understand each other's roles. This process will be supplemented by the preparation of an updated Induction Pack for all existing and further members of the Partnership, and by the continuing development of www.saferstockton.com.
5. In relation to Annual General Meetings, it is proposed that an Extraordinary General Meeting / Inaugural Meeting for the new Partnership is held at the start of the meeting on 12 May 2009, to confirm Chair, Vice-Chair and representatives on the Stockton Renaissance Board, and that, thereafter, the Annual General Meeting is held at the first meeting after 1 September, in line with paragraph 5 of the proposed Constitution (i.e. there will be the General Meeting in 2009, and one per year in September or October thereafter).
6. It is RECOMMENDED that
 - (a) the proposed Constitution (Appendix A) is approved; and
 - (b) the meeting dates for 2009/10 are approved (Appendix B)