

Problem Solving Training for Members of Joint Action Groups ('JAGs')

1. Members of the Partnership will probably be aware that the Borough is covered by four Joint Action Groups which meet monthly, as follows:-
 - Stockton Town Centre (covering Parkfield / Mill Lane)
 - Rest of Stockton
 - Billingham
 - Thornaby / Ingleby Barwick / Yarm

2. With the exception of the Town Centre JAG, which is chaired by the Parkfield/Mill Lane Neighbourhood Manager, the JAGs are chaired by the Operations Inspector for the sub-district. Attendance includes the following agencies:-
 - Police
 - Fire
 - ASB Team
 - Neighbourhood Enforcement Service
 - SBC Youth Service
 - Other youth work providers (in some cases)
 - RSLs (in some cases).

3. An opportunity has been identified to draw down funding from the Regional Efficiency & Improvement Partnership (REIP) for training for the JAGs, focusing on problem solving skills, as set out in the attached bid document.

4. Subject to take-up of places by the JAG agencies, it is proposed also to invite community activists from the areas concerned, via SCRGA / Catalyst, to each of the first four sessions, in order to create more problem solving capacity and to inject an additional element of challenge.

5. The fifth session will consist of managers from the JAG agencies, and again it is proposed to invite representatives from the Voluntary and Community Sectors, including Neighbourhood Watch and Victim Support. The fifth session will consider any barriers to problem solving identified at the first four sessions, and ways to overcome these.