

Date: Monday 21 September 2026 at 9.30 am

Venue: Stockton Parish Church, High Street, Stockton on Tees, TS18 1SP

Michael Poole (Chair)
Mark Miller (Vice-Chair)

Cllr Pauline Beall
Angela Corner
Brian Jones
Kelly Lannon
Chris McDonald MP
Matthew Ord
Cllr Paul Rowling
Joan Wynn

Lucy Bentley
Sahida Ditta
Tim Keith
Louise Lowes
Alan O'Donoghue
Tracy Roberts
Tony Wedlake

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 13 August 2026** (Pages 7 - 16)
- 3 Chair's Update**
- 4 Update on Engagement** (Pages 17 - 18)
- 5 Our Vision and Themes**
- 6 Financial Update (including Financial Return)**
- 7 Any Other Business**
- 8 Next Meeting - 19 October 2026 @ 9.30 a.m.**

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KEY - Declarable interests are:-

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI's)
- Other Registerable Interests (ORI's)
- Non Registerable Interests (NRI's)

Members – Declaration of Interest Guidance

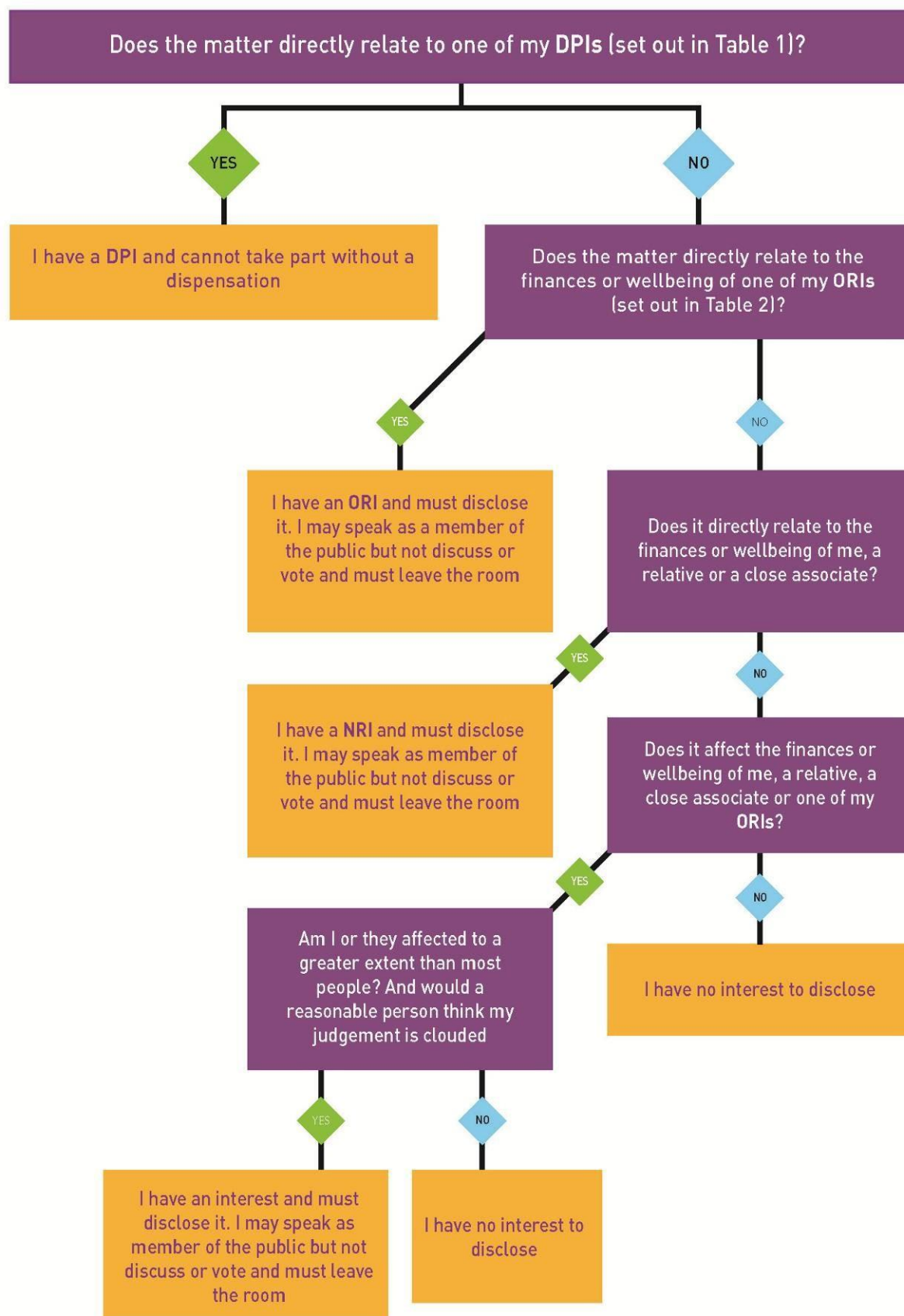


Table 1 - Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Subject	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or — a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land and property	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

Table 2 – Other Registrable Interest

You must register as an Other Registrable Interest:

a) any unpaid directorships

b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority

c) any body

(i) exercising functions of a public nature

(ii) directed to charitable purposes or

(iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management

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Pride in Place Board (Central Stockton and Portrack)

A meeting of Pride and Place Board was held on Thursday 13 August 2026.

Present: Michael Poole (Chair), Cllr Pauline Beall, Jamie Bell (sub for Alan O'Donoghue), Angela Corner, Brian Jones, Kelly Lannon, Mark Miller, Natalia Robson, Dan Smith (substitute for Chris McDonald MP), Joan Wynn, Lucy Bentley, Sahida Ditta and Tim Keith

Officers: Jamie Bell, Tracey Carter, Jane Edmonds, Michael Henderson, Natalya Robson, Vicky Japes

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Chris McDonald MP, Matthew Ord, Cllr Paul Rowling, Louise Lowes, Alan O'Donoghue, Tracey Roberts, Tony Wedlake

1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 July 2026

RESOLVED that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record.

3 Chair's Update

Members should continue getting out into the communities covered by the programme and having direct conversations with residents, rather than relying solely on surveys. – **All Board Members**

Community buildings, such as The Willows, were seen as potentially important local assets, both for engagement and for delivering sustainable community activity.

Opportunities such as the Fun Day on 25 August should be used to engage directly with residents, potentially through a Pride in Place stall. – **Chair**

Engagement and feedback need to be properly documented so there is a clear evidence trail showing how residents have influenced the plan. – **Members and Officers**

RESOLVED that the update be noted and actioned as appropriate.

4 Engagement Findings

The Board was provided with a document providing a summary of survey and face-to-face interactions:

Strong positive themes identified by residents included:

- community spirit and neighbours supporting one another;
- pride in local communities;

- cultural diversity;
- valued local assets, including green spaces and the waterfront.

Strong concerns were crime and antisocial behaviour, including off-road bikes, drug-related activity and the fear of crime.

Other significant concerns and hopes included:

- empty/derelict buildings and shops;
- poor-quality housing and the need to improve existing housing rather than simply build more;
- homelessness;
- lack of opportunities and activities for young people.
- Hartington Road was identified as an area requiring intervention.
- There was strong support for investment in young people, including youth provision, skills, employment, alternative options for education and recreation.
- Residents wanted greater police/PCSO visibility and CCTV.

Discussion continued

- It was agreed that the Board needed a clearer understanding of what was already happening in the programme area. Whether existing interventions were working and where the gaps were. It was considered that a gap analysis/mapping exercise would be beneficial before deciding where Pride in Place resources could add most value. It was suggested that future meetings could include short briefings from relevant partners/services, to help members understand existing work e.g Public Health – **Board/ Officers**
- The Board should avoid duplicating existing partnerships and should use existing groups and networks wherever possible.
- A distinction was made between the capital funding available and the limited revenue funding available to support ongoing activity.
- Members stressed that the positive feedback about diversity should not obscure community tensions, experienced by some residents.
- It was agreed that community/racial tensions may need more detailed work, to be commissioned at some point, and this may need to be reflected in the Investment Plan. Further engagement should seek to ensure input from all faith groups, refugees etc – **Consideration by Working Group (see minute below)**
- Police representatives outlined existing activity, including work to tackle off-road bikes, use of drones, knife-crime initiatives and work targeting town-centre offending.

- Discussion touched on drug-related offending and whether more effective rehabilitation and support could help address repeat offending.

RESOLVED that the engagement summary and discussion be noted/actioned, as appropriate.

5. **Vision for Central Stockton and Portrack Pride in Place Programme**

A draft Vision was provided to the Board. Members were requested to consider it and provide comments to **Vicky Japes** within 7 days.

Initial thoughts were that the draft vision needed further work to make it shorter, stronger and more recognisably about the communities involved. It should capture the programme's local character as much as possible. It also needed to be more explicit about difficult issues such as racial/community tensions, crime and opportunities for young people. – **All Board Members**

RESOLVED that the Vision be developed by members.

6. **Programme Plan Development and Board Member Involvement**

The Board received a paper that suggested four broad priority themes for the submission and members agreed that these should form the basis of the developing plan:

- Young people – opportunities, skills, employment and provision.
- Safe communities – crime, antisocial behaviour, community safety and cohesion.
- Economic growth, employment, housing and place – including the high street, local businesses and quality housing.
- Culture, recreation and green spaces – including community activity and opportunities to bring people together.

It was agreed that the themes should remain broad enough to provide flexibility over the ten-year programme, rather than committing the Board prematurely to particular projects.

Health was discussed as a possible fifth priority. The view reached was that health and wellbeing should run through all four priorities, rather than being a separate theme.

The priorities would ultimately require measurable outcomes. It was explained that newly issued government guidance was more prescriptive, including word limits for different sections of the submission.

The plan needed a clear “golden thread” between the engagement evidence, objectives, proposed activity and investment.

Given the tight timetable, it was agreed that a smaller working group of members should work more intensively with officers to develop the plan between Board meetings.

Members interested in participating were to contact the **vice chair**. An invitation would be circulated to all members. – **Vicky Japes**

The group should remain relatively small and members would need to recognise the time commitment involved – Approx 2 hours every 2 weeks

Further thematic subgroups may subsequently be established to undertake detailed work on individual priorities and investment options.

Members were informed that Government guidance required the plan to explain the Board's governance arrangements, including how proposals would be assessed, decisions made and interests/conflicts managed.

The longer-term independence of the Board was also discussed with the aspiration for it to become increasingly resident-led. The Board may wish to consider becoming an independent legal entity - **Board**

Members emphasised the importance of using the ten-year funding period to create sustainable assets or income streams which could continue benefiting communities beyond the programme – **Board**

RESOLVED that

1. the themes be agreed.
2. the working group be composed as described above.
3. Discussion be noted and actioned as appropriate.

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7 Financial Update

The Chair requested that a financial update be included on every future Board agenda. He considered that transparency, over both the programme funding and initial funding to support establishment of the Board and preparation of the plan, was important. – **Vicky Japes**

The Board noted that £150,000 had initially been received with approximately £110,000 of that currently expected to support staffing, engagement and associated programme-development costs.

A further £135,000 revenue allocation had been received for 2026/27;

Capital funding for 2026/27 had also been received.

At this stage the submission was expected to indicate broad allocations or percentages against priorities rather than necessarily identify final individual projects. An indication of amounts had been gathered as part of the engagement work and was contained in the engagement summary, circulated.

Logo for Pride in Place

Children attending the Willow's Fun Day had been creating a Pride in Place mosaic.

The Chair suggested exploring whether this could become the programme's logo, potentially accompanied by videos of the children explaining the different elements.

Members supported exploring the idea, while noting the need to ensure that children and communities from across the whole Pride in Place area were appropriately represented and any proposals to come back to the Board.

Chair/Vicky Japes

Community impact statements

The Chair proposed exploring a standard community impact statement which could demonstrate the wider impact of crime on neighbourhoods and potentially support victim impact information considered by the courts.

Police input would be sought in developing the proposal. It was suggested that this could potentially have application more widely across Stockton rather than solely within the Pride in Place boundary. **Chair**

Boundary

A revised letter was required confirming endorsement of the Pride in Place boundary map. The necessary amendment was to be made and the letter progressed for signature/submission. This could be done very quickly – **Vicky Japes/Dan Brown**

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Next Meeting arrangements and communications

The scheduled early-September meeting was considered too soon to allow meaningful progress by the plan subgroup.

The intention was therefore to look at late September, mid-October, followed by a meeting in early November to approve the plan, ahead of Cabinet consideration and submission at the end of November. **Chair/Vice Chair/ Michael Henderson**

Opportunities would also be explored for relevant Board representatives to meet/brief Chris McDonald MP. – **Vicky Japes/Dan Smith**

The Chair asked that draft minutes be circulated as soon as practicable after meetings, rather than waiting for the next agenda. He also requested that reports and supporting papers be circulated sufficiently in advance to allow members to read and consider them before meeting. – **Michael Henderson/ Vicky Japes**

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Engagement Story Document Overview

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 - Total number of participants
 - Number of community groups engaged, interaction and engagement sessions, local services involved, forums attended, open days/events
- Approach to engagement 1 – Community Conference
 - Thriving Communities' Event
- Approach engagement 2 – Focused Workshops
 - (Including but not exhaustive) The Willows Community Centre, Stockton Warm Welcome, Frank Wiseman Centre, Infinity Partnership, Wellbeing Hub Mental Health Forum, Refugee Futures, Thirteen Coffee Morning.
- Approach engagement 3 - Community Events
 - Stockton Riverside Park Opening
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