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Central Stockton and Portrack

Notes from the Board Meeting held on Wednesday 3 June 2026 at Dunedin House

	Agenda item	Actions
	Present	
	Michael Poole, Vice Lord-Lieutenant & PIP Board Chair (MP) Mark Miller, Stockton PC Vicar & Vice Chair of PIP Board (MM) Lucy Bentley, Corner House Youth Project (LB) Dan Smith representing Chris McDonald MP (DS) Alan Donoghue, Cleveland Police District Commander, Stockton (AD) Cllr Pauline Beall (PB) Cllr Paul Rowling (PR) Kelly Lannon, Willows Community Centre, Portrack (KL) Louise Lowes, independent business owner and BID co-ordinator (LL) Joan Wynn, resident of Trinity Gardens (JW) Tony Wedlake, Teesside Family Foundation (TW) Brian Jones, CEO of Moses Project (BJ) Angela Corner, Thirteen Housing (AC) Sahida Ditta, Amal Project Teesside (SD) Matthew Ord, LV logistics (MO) Tracey Carter, Director of Regeneration & Inclusive Growth, SBC (TC) Jane Edmends, Assistant Director for Housing & Communities, SBC (JE) Vicky Japes, Head of Programme, Pride in Place, SBC (VJ) Dianne Buckton, PA to Tracey Carter (notes)	
1	**Welcome and Opening – Michael Poole**	
	MP welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Board and reiterated what a great opportunity the programme provides to make the town what it should be. The purpose of the Board is to listen to what the residents want and be resident focused with the intention it will be built up and handed over to the residents of Stockton.	
2	**Apologies for Absence**	
	Chris McDonald MP – Dan Smith substituting.	
3	**Conflicts of interest**	

	To be covered at future meetings where conflicts may arise.	
4	**Introductions**	
	Round the table introductions were made.	
5	**The Role of SBC**	
	TC described the role of SBC in the Pride of Place Programme and the functions of the Local Authority as the accountable body. Current plans and projects in the area include: • Community diagnostic centre – the largest in the country and this is already being expanded, a huge success story • Hampton by Hilton Hotel – the most successful in the Tees Valley • Stockton Waterfront project – official opening on 20 June with PIP public consultation being undertaken at the event • Town centre living – Municipal Buildings is one of the areas identified as a potential site for redevelopment, looking at approximately 900 new homes in the town centre to generate footfall • Tees Central – the unused rail site formerly the Marshalling Yards to be utilised for homes and a care and health innovation zone bringing footfall and economic opportunities. The aim of all projects is looking at how to get social benefits out of physical changes being made, the pack previously circulated by VJ identifies the issues to be addressed in the Pride in Place area; unemployment, skills, crime and anti-social behaviour. Funding is comprised of £12.5M capital and £7.2M revenue over the 10 years. JE ran through the role of the neighbourhood Board as determined by Government guidance: • We are a Stage 2 Authority and need to demonstrate compliance with all requirements • SBC's Local Authority role is as the accountable body for fund management responsibilities; developing funding processes, empowering the Board and supporting the PiP programme, guidance with legal duties, community engagement support and Board Member support • The 10 year vision needs to be submitted by November following community engagement	

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	• There will be a 3 year partnership of community, Board and the Local Authority who are happy to provide support where possible • Anything agreed as a Board needs to be approved by SBC as the accountable body to MHCLG • SBC Cabinet would only endorse plans approved by the Board PB commented that herself and PR will need to seek legal advice regarding any potential conflicts of interest as SBC Councillors on the Board. It was agreed that the Board should have its own comms plan.	
6	**Map and Boundary of Pip Neighbourhood**	
	MP confirmed the map has been provided by the Office of National Statistics, this covers 4 lower super output areas to bring together one area within the current boundary identified, White Water Glade is included in the defined area. Discussion took place on the Neighbourhood area and the rationale for recommending an amended boundary and VJ shared the engagement comments we have received to date about the boundary, including comments about Tilery currently being divided by the boundary, and there being no secondary school within the PiP boundary. VJ explained concerns have been raised previously with MHCLG that the defined area doesn't make sense but there is an opportunity to change the boundary in the 17 July submission as long as rationale is provided as to why. Monies can be spent outside of the boundary as long as this benefits the areas within. Agreed VJ will circulate a proposed revised boundary map based on the proposed amendments already considered so any further proposals can be discussed at the next meeting, prior to submission by the July deadline. MO suggested consideration could be given to more use of the River, ie Yarm jetty, and access for wheelchair users and use of water taxis. TC advised SBC are in discussion with the Canals & Rivers Trust for SBC to take over management of the river. AC referenced the need to consider partners investment plans and priorities, ie Thirteen, Police etc to prevent any duplication with proposed projects.	VJ
7	**Deadline Dates to work towards**	

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	The upcoming deadlines to note are: 17 July for submission of: • Board Membership • Commitment to publish all board papers, ToR, meeting dates and minutes etc • request to amend boundary • plans for spending on engagement and consultation. 30 November for submission of: • 10 year Vision, 4 year spending plan and investment plan, ie priorities for the area The 10 year vision and spending/investment plan will need to be produced and approved by the Board and by the Council's executive so we are working towards mid-October for Production.	
8	**Board membership**	
	Discussion took place regarding additional potential Board members and gaps in current representation. MP commented that the number of residents on the Board needs to be increased but the Board also needs to work with residents' groups. Initial suggestions received: Groundworks representative (Tracey Roberts) Arts & Culture, Education and a youth representative (PB) Any additional suggestions for who to approach as potential Board Members to be e-mailed to MP to contact them. TC advised some funding is available for upfront consultation. LB commented that approach to engagement needs to change and referenced the place partnership work which took place last year and brought funding into Stockton. TC agreed engagement can be undertaken in different ways and doesn't necessarily need to be sitting around a table. VJ confirmed consultation to date has included leafleting of commercial and residential properties including use of a QR code and website survey, engagement events organised by Catalyst, schools, Stockton Parish Church and marketing. SD highlighted the EID event in July as being a good opportunity for further PIP engagement.	ALL

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	TW suggested good video content to be shared via social media would be useful highlighting aspiration, ambition and pride are the aims of the programme. JE advised this can't be done by the Local Authority and would need to come from the Board. Levels of evidence to be added to each Board meeting.	
9	**AOB / Comments**	
	Minutes of the Board meetings will be retained and published on the PiP page on the SBC website. A decision log will also be kept on that page so decisions which have been made by the Board can be tracked. Documents will be circulated ahead of the next meeting. MP to meet with attendees separately.	VJ VJ MP
10	**Date and agenda items for the Next Meeting**	
	Date of next meeting to be agreed. Terms of Reference for the Board to be brought to the next meeting for agreement.	 VJ