

Minute/Decision Summary
Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership
25th March 2008

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<p>Minutes of Previous meeting The minutes from the meetings of 22nd January 2008 and 12th February 2008 were agreed.</p> <p>Matters arising <u>22nd January 2008</u> Flexible Tenure - Following the presentation by Joseph Roundtree Housing Trust on Flexible Tenure it was asked what the next steps might be in exploring a similar scheme for the borough.</p> <p>The Council is currently advertising for a new post of Affordable Home Ownership Team Leader. Research and development of affordable homeownership schemes will be a key role. The practical element of any implementation regarding this should come to the Partnership.</p> <p>Community Cohesion Strategy - A sub group of the partnership has finalised the commitment to action points within the strategy. Areas highlighted that will particularly require action by the partnership include mediation and customer service standards.</p>		<p>Ensure Housing actions of the Community Cohesion Strategy are monitored by the partnership.</p>	<p>Simon Rogalski Housing Strategy Officer (01642 528359)</p> <p>Dave Pickard Housing Management Director Tristar Homes Ltd (01642) 527083</p>

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<p>Stockton-on-Tees Regeneration Strategy 2007 – 2012 Sharon Thomas, Housing Regeneration Manager, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, gave a presentation on the Council's Regeneration Strategy.</p> <p>There was a discussion around attracting retail businesses to the High Street in Stockton and developing a place people would want to continue to visit.</p> <p>It was asked whether any improvements to transport links had been considered to support the new RSPB centre in Billingham which is estimated to attract 100,000 visitors a year.</p> <p>It was suggested that there was little information at tourist attractions about other attractions in the borough.</p> <p>It was suggested that should family housing be proposed for town centres, school and open space play provision should also be considered.</p> <p>Student accommodation, apartments, the Tees Valley growth point bid and the proposed light railway link were also discussed.</p>		<p>Sharon to query with transport team at the Council.</p> <p>Sharon to feed back to tourism team.</p>	<p>Sharon Thomas Housing Regeneration Manager Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (01642) 526073</p>

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<p>Funding Update Julie Higgins gave an update on recent announcements regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Single Housing Investment Pot (SHIP) and Housing Market Renewal (HMR) funding. It was noted that whilst disappointed with the overall SHIP pot available to Local Authorities, the Tees Valley performed extremely well. – National Affordable Housing Programme (NAHP) funding. It was noted that Stockton received the second highest allocation in the North East. – Neighbourhood Renewal Fund transitional arrangements for 2008/09. It was anticipated that an update on the Working Neighbourhoods Fund could be given at the next partnership. 	<p>The transitional arrangements for the Raising the Standard (£13,657) and Specialist Independent Advice (£41,467) projects to continue for an additional year up to March 2009 were endorsed by the partnership.</p>		<p>Julie Higgins Housing Strategy Team Leader (01642) 526662</p>
<p>Partnership Healthcheck It was noted that an annual healthcheck questionnaire is required to be completed by each sub-group of Stockton Renaissance.</p> <p>A healthcheck has been completed for the partnership and submitted to the Council's Internal Audit. Any issues highlighted by them will be raised at a future partnership meeting.</p>		<p>Ensure a copy of the healthcheck is published in the partnership's webpage.</p>	<p>Julie Higgins Housing Strategy Team Leader (01642) 526662</p>

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<p>Terms of Reference The terms of reference circulated for comment to partnership members in November 07 have been updated and amendments were presented by Julie Higgins.</p> <p>It was noted that particularly from the Renaissance Central Area Board, there was interest from young people in housing issues. The option of engaging with them or including them on the partnership was discussed.</p> <p>It was suggested that the membership interest section needs revising to ensure that all members can take part in discussion of items appropriately.</p>	<p>Agreed changes to the terms of reference</p>	<p>Updated terms of reference to be published on the partnership's webpage.</p> <p>Julie Higgins to follow up option the partnership engaging with young people on housing issues.</p> <p>Revise membership interests paragraph.</p>	<p>Julie Higgins Housing Strategy Team Leader (01642) 526662</p>
<p>Nomination of chair and vice-chair Nomination forms will be sent to all partnership members and will need to be returned by 30th April. If there is more than one person nominated for chair or vice-chair a vote will be carried out at the meeting in May.</p>		<p>Nomination forms to be sent to all partnership members.</p>	<p>Julie Higgins Housing Strategy Team Leader (01642) 526662</p>
<p>Future work programme The future work programme for the partnership that had been sent out was discussed. Members were asked to consider other work items that should form part of the work programme.</p> <p>It was suggested that inviting private developers to a future meeting to discuss current development issues might be beneficial. It was noted that the Homebuilders Federation has a Tees Valley group.</p> <p>Older People was also suggested particularly in light of the government's housing strategy for an ageing society.</p> <p>Stock Options, an update on the impact of the Local Housing Allowance and Growth Points were also suggested as future work items.</p>		<p>Amend work programme to incorporate suggestions made.</p>	<p>Julie Higgins Housing Strategy Team Leader (01642) 526662</p>

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Renaissance Update Stephen Bray circulated an update of recent items discussed at the Renaissance board. This included: The Council's financial plan 08/09 and beyond. Pathways to Healthcare programme – An update from North Tees Hospital. Narrowing the gap – A report on the progress in narrowing the gap between advantage and disadvantage. Local Development Framework – Presentation on key documents looking at Minerals and Waste Management.			Stephen Bray Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership Chair Accent North East (01642) 231414
Any Other Urgent Business None.			
Date and Time of next meeting Tuesday 20 th May 2008, 2pm – 4pm, Venue to be confirmed.			Simon Rogalski Housing Strategy Officer (01642 528359)

Present:

Partnership Members:

Tracey Bradburn, Stonham	Geoff Harrison, Billingham Partnership	Mike Mealing, Tees Valley Living
Helen Dixon, ASB Team, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Marsha Reynolds, Home	Diane Smith, Endeavour HA
Paul Foster, Places for People Homes	Michelle Street, Stockton Flats	Stewart Tagg, Tees Valley Housing Group
Stephen Bray, Accent North East (Chair)	Sue Thompson, Teesside Landlords Association	Dave Pickard, Tristar Homes Ltd (Vice-chair)
Tracey Craig, Home	Peter Smith, Adult Strategy Team, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	John Rosser, Western Area Partnership Representative
Wanda Graham, Accent Foundation		

Advisors/Officers

Julie Higgins, Housing Strategy Team Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Caroline Wood, Housing Options Manager, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Simon Rogalski, Housing Strategy Officer, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Councillor Steve Nelson, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Michelle Sawalha, Housing Strategy Assistant, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	

Apologies:Partnership Members:

Mr Thind, MS Properties	Peter Brennan, Eastern Area Partnership Board representative	Kathy Long, Places for People
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