

**Minute/Decision Summary  
Housing and Neighbourhood Partnership  
27<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

<b>Item/Issue</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<p><b>Minutes of Previous meeting</b> The minutes from the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008 were agreed as a true record.</p>			Simon Rogalski Housing Strategy Officer (01642) 528359
<p><b>The Housing Market and the Impact of the Current Economic Climate</b> Julie Higgins, Housing Strategy Team Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council provided feedback from both the November partnership meeting and the Annual Renaissance Event on responding to some of the issues resulting from the current economic climate. It was suggested that partnership members are given the opportunity to comment on the actions and what the priority actions are.</p> <p>It was noted that getting early advice on debt, repossessions etc is essential. It was noted that the Mortgage Rescue Scheme is being progressed regionally however there are certain criteria which will mean a number of households won't be able to access it.</p> <p>There was a discussion regarding the increased demand for advice services particularly from Stockton &amp; District Advice and Information Service and whether there were opportunities to assist. It was suggested that SDAIS are invited to join the partnership.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Erimus HA 'Tandem' scheme which provides financial advice to Erimus tenants is good practice that the partnership might want to look at.</p> <p>It was noted that learning from best practice needed to be added to the work programme. It was also suggested that there might be issues that the partnership want to take a collective view on.</p>	<p>Agreed partnership members to comment on the priorities and actions.</p> <p>Agreed to invite SDAIS to join the partnership.</p>	<p>The slides from the presentation to be put on the Partnership's web page with details of how to comment on the priorities.</p> <p>Julie Higgins to invite SDAIS to join the partnership.</p>	<p>Julie Higgins Housing Strategy Team Leader, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (01642) 526662</p>
<p><b>Offensive Incidents Policy</b></p>	<p>Agreed that a short brief on</p>	<p>Satnam Singh and</p>	<p>Satnam Singh,</p>

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<p>Satnam Singh, Diversity Officer, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council informed the partnership of the re-launch of the Council's Offensive Incident Policy.</p> <p>It was noted that with offensive issues different people react in different ways. Information leaflets containing an Offensive incident reporting direct telephone number were distributed.</p> <p>Satnam suggested that he could return to the partnership later in the year to report on the details of offensive incidents received through the year.</p> <p>It was noted that some RSLs and private landlords had provided details of their stock at property level to assist in dealing with offensive incidents and antisocial behaviour and that other housing providers could also contribute.</p>	<p>the policy and how it can assist partnership members should be circulated.</p>	<p>Simon Rogalski to circulate brief to partnership members.</p>	<p>Diversity Officer, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (01642) 528334</p>
<p><b>Community Cohesion Strategy Update</b> Sarah Woodhouse, Community Cohesion Co-ordinator, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council updated the partnership on the progress of the Community Cohesion Strategy for the borough.</p> <p>It was noted that the concept of community cohesion was developed following riots in other areas of the country in 2001 and with the aim of bringing different communities together. Communities could be geographic or based on common interests or backgrounds.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the plan will be updated in April 2009.</p> <p>Questionnaires that were circulated to update the community cohesion strategy action plan still need returning.</p>		<p>Simon Rogalski to re-circulate community cohesion questionnaire to assist in updating the housing elements of the community cohesion action plan.</p>	<p>Sarah Woodhouse Community Cohesion Co-ordinator Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (01642) 528955</p>
<p><b>The Tenant Services Authority National Conversation</b> The new Tenant Services Authority (TSA) has been charged with promoting and championing the interests of social housing tenants. Diane Smith, Head of Housing, Endeavour HA, was to inform the</p>	<p>Due to Diane being unable to attend the information will be circulated later in the week.</p>		<p>Diane Smith Head of Housing Endeavour HA (01642) 796 200</p>

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<p>partnership of the TSA's current work to develop a set of standards for all social housing landlords and their role as a Trailblazer.</p> <p>The TSA will replace the Housing Corporation's role of regulating social housing.</p>			
<p><b>Renaissance Update</b>            Dave Pickard provided an update from recent Renaissance board meetings including the Annual Renaissance Event, an update of the Older Person Strategy and the Local area agreement and how progress towards some of the targets are being affected by the current economic climate.</p>			David Pickard Housing Management Director Tristar Homes (01642) 527083
<p><b>Any Other Urgent Business</b>            Busting the Credit Crunch event will be held by the boroughs Financial Inclusion Forum on Tuesday 10/02/09 at Stockton Parish Church. A number of agencies will be attending including the Tees Credit Union, Housing Services, SDAIS, Welfare Rights and Tristar Homes. Residents have been encouraged to attend to get advice. Leaflets have been distributed and were provided at the meeting.</p> <p>The partnership was informed that the Healthcheck carried out on the Partnership 12 months ago would be reviewed shortly. Partnership members will be contacted if additional information is required for this.</p>			
<p><b>Date and Time of next meeting</b>            Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009, 2pm Venue to be confirmed</p>			Simon Rogalski Housing Strategy Officer (01642) 528359

**Present:**

Partnership Members:

Dave Pickard, Tristar Homes Ltd (Chair)	Stewart Tagg, Fabrick Housing Group	Martin Jefferson, Accent Group
Val Scollen, Billingham Partnership	Michelle Street, Stockton Flats	Laura Hattrick, HOME Group
Cllr Mrs Suzanne Fletcher, Stockton-on-Tee Borough Council	Helen Dixon, ASB Team, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Peter Smith, Adult Strategy Team, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council

**Advisors/Officers**

Julie Higgins, Housing Strategy and Development,	Simon Rogalski, Housing Strategy and Development,	Ruth Collinson, Housing Strategy and Development,
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Satnam Singh, Diversity Team, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Alan Carling, Housing Options Department, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Catherine Hattam, Housing Options Department, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Katherine Linton, Housing Regeneration, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Sarah Woodhouse, Community Cohesion, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	

**Apologies:**

**Partnership Members:**

Cllr Steve Nelson, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Kathryn West, Anchor Housing	Mike Mealing, Tees Valley Living
Mr Thind, MS Properties	Ian Heginbottom, ISOS	Diane Smith, Endeavour HA
John Rosser, Western Area Partnership	Tracey Craig, HOME Group	Chris Fixter, Jomast Properties
Joanne French, Community Campus	Sue Thompson, Teesside Properties	