

Stockton Renaissance, Area Partnerships & Thematic Partnerships

Welcome

to the second edition of the **Stockton Renaissance, Area Partnership & Thematic Partnership** newsletter.

This edition will give you an update on some of the activity and work undertaken by the Partnerships from March to May 2009.

Further editions of the newsletter will be circulated:

- October 2009
- January 2010
- April 2010
- July 2010



Area Partnerships

During March to May 2009, the Area Partnerships have been consulted on and discussed the following items: Sustainable Communities Act; Five Lamps Organisation's Business Grant Fund; Cardboard and plastic recycling across the Borough; and Housing futures.

Forthcoming agenda items for the Area Partnerships include: North East Ambulances Service Consultation; Draft Green Infrastructure Strategy and Voluntary Sector Support Fund Review

Area Partnership Implementation Plan

A review of the Area Partnerships has been undertaken to strengthen their community leadership role. One of the issues arising from the review was that the current minute template needs to be updated. Three options have been presented to the Area Partnerships and once a consensus template has been agreed, a revised minute template will be adopted.

Communities Fund Allocation

Work continues on the projects commissioned by the Area Partnerships, the next edition of this newsletter will include an update on progress on each of the projects.

Quarterly Newsletter on the work of **Stockton Renaissance, the Area Partnerships and Thematic Partnerships**

Stockton Renaissance

The Review of the Stockton Renaissance Partnership is currently underway as part of the service planning process to strengthen partnership arrangements, support the Comprehensive Area Assessment and increase engagement. Workshops sessions have been held and a questionnaire has been circulated to members and advisors, which will help feed into the review process.

As part of the review, there have been a number of task based problem solving pilot sessions held at Renaissance meetings, which have focussed on

- The Credit Crunch;
- Housing; and
- Safer Communities.

These sessions have enabled members to discuss in detail key issues and identify opportunities for partnership working and solutions to address these issues.

Future agenda items for Renaissance include:

- North East Ambulance Service Consultation
- Green Infrastructure Strategy
- Launch of Alcohol Strategy
- Update on regeneration schemes

Busting the Credit Crunch

Following the success of the Credit Crunch Events held in Stockton and Thornaby during February and April 2009, which were well attended, a further 'Busting the Credit Crunch' event has been arranged.

The Billingham Event will take place on **Monday 29 June 2009**, 1pm to 5.45pm at Billingham Forum, Billingham.

Information, advice and support will be available on the day from a range of providers around issues such as debt management, benefit advice, affordable credit, energy saving and money-saving activities.

For more information, please contact **Kelly Smith on (01642) 526032**.

Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) Event

Stockton's 'Silver Group' for PVE organised an awareness raising event in partnership with Stockton Renaissance, which was held on 20 May 2009. At the event, members of Stockton Renaissance, the Children's Trust Board, the Safer Stockton Partnership and the Faith Network were invited to hear from national, local and regional speakers including Charles Farr (Director General of the Office of Security and Counter Terrorism)

Paul Dixon (Regional Counter Terrorism Unit) Assistant Chief Constable Michael Banks (who is leading on CT/PVE for Government Office North East) and Dr. Mohammed Riaz (Chair of the Police Independent Advisory Group for Stockton and Secretary of the Hartington Road Mosque).

Delegates were given the opportunity to question the speakers in a special question and answer session as well as consider the draft PVE Action Plan.

AREA PARTERSHIP MEETING DATES 2009

CENTRAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

30 July 2009, 2pm

Castelgate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton, TS18 3AZ

24 September 2009, 10am

Stockton Business Centre, 70 Brunswick Street, Stockton, TS18 1DW

29 October 2009, 2pm

Room E, Education Centre, Junction Road, Norton, TS20 1PR

26 November 2009, 10am

Venue to be confirmed

17 December 2009, 10am

Venue to be confirmed

EASTERN AREA PARTNERSHIP

21 July 2009, 5.30pm

Five Lamps Organisation, Eldon Street, Thornaby, TS17 6LS

29 September 2009, 9.30am

Five Lamps Organisation, Eldon Street, Thornaby, TS17 6LS

20 October 2009, 5.30pm

Five Lamps Organisation, Eldon Street, Thornaby, TS17 6LS

24 November 2009, 9.30am

Five Lamps Organisation, Eldon Street, Thornaby, TS17 6LS

WESTERN AREA PARTNERSHIP

20 July 2009, 6pm

Conference Room 2, Municipal Buildings, Stockton, TS18 1LE

28 September 2009, 6pm

Challoner House, Turton Road, Yarm, TS15 9DS

26 October 2009, 6pm

Long Newton Wilson Centre, Darlington Road, Stockton, TS21 1AG

30 November 2009, 6pm

Claireville Hotel, Yarm Road, Stockton, TS16 9BG

BILLINGHAM PARTNERSHIP

6 July 2009, 5.45pm – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

New Life Resource Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham, TS23 3EQ

7 September 2009, 5.45pm

New Life Resource Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham, TS23 3EQ

5 October 2009, 5.45pm

New Life Resource Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham, TS23 3EQ

2 November 2009, 5.45pm

New Life Resource Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham, TS23 3EQ

7 December 2009, 5.45pm

New Life Resource Centre, Low Grange Avenue, Billingham, TS23 3EQ

Health & Well Being Partnership

The key work areas for the Partnership include: complete the first Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and use the results of this to contribute to the business and investment planning process of the PCT and local authority; complete the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and its performance framework; contribute to the development of the PCT's World Class Commissioning 5 year strategic plan; and develop strategic groups to address alcohol and obesity issues.

Arts & Culture Partnership

The key work areas for the Arts & Culture Partnership for this year include: to actively involve members of the Arts & Culture Partnership in the work of other thematic groups; and to ensure cultural objectives are included in the work plans of other thematic partnerships and are on their agendas.

Thematic Partnerships

Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership

The Partnership has developed its work programme around 5 priorities which reflect the key priorities of the Housing Service:

- Promote and sustain independence
- Meet the homelessness prevention agenda nationally and locally;
- Meet the emerging challenges of the housing market, address quality, choice and housing market failure ;
- Promote strong and prosperous communities
- Promote social and financial inclusion

Key recent work areas have included financial inclusion in the borough, affordable homeownership and fuel poverty/energy advice. Forthcoming agenda items include Family Intervention Project, a Survey into Private Sector Housing Conditions, Regional Financial Assistance Policies and a Framework for Registered Social Landlords wishing to develop affordable housing in the borough.

Environment Partnership

The key work areas for the Environment Partnership for this year include consultation on LDF Policies - Mineral & Waste Options

report; consultation on the Government's Climate change Bill and Stockton's Climate Change Action Plan; review of biodiversity in Stockton; and consultation on the Tees Valley Joint Waste Management Strategy

Economic Regeneration & Transport Partnership

The main forthcoming agenda items for the Partnership are as follows:

- Heritage Strategy
- Workshop to support the Creative & Cultural Industries
- Apprenticeships
- Responses to the Economic Downturn

The style of the meeting have been changed to one item and discussion per meeting. Following the workshop in March 2009, the Partnership is still working closely with University of Teesside & Durham University for graduate retention.

Children's Trust Board

The key work areas for the Children's Trust Board include: oversight of Annual Performance Review process; delivery of the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12; development of Integrated Services and oversight of developments of Building Schools for the Future programme.

STOCKTON RENAISSANCE MEETING DATES 2009

7 July 2009, 5pm

Castelgate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton, TS18 3AZ

8 September 2009, 5pm

Castelgate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton, TS18 3AZ

13 October 2009, 5pm

Castelgate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton, TS18 3AZ

10 November 2009, 5pm

Castelgate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton, TS18 3AZ

8 December 2009, 5pm

Castelgate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton, TS18 3AZ

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Thematic Partnerships

Safer Stockton Partnership

Key work areas for the Partnership this year:

- Responsible for crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour prevention and reduction for the LSP. The continuous monitoring of the six key objectives within the Community Safety Plan 2008-2011. Establish and drive operational activity to achieve targets.
- To monitor changes to existing legislation, and be aware of new legislation in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Responding to the outcomes of the Whatever it Takes (WIT) findings within Mandale and Victoria

Achievements of the Partnership to date:

- The Community Safety Plan Performance Monitoring for 2008/09 report shows that out of the 44 targets in the Community Safety Plan for 2008/11. 35 of the targets are on target to achieve (green), 5 are slightly below expected performance (amber), two targets were red and two were not due an update.
- Face the People Session was well attended in May 2009. Thanks to all residents who attended and gave their views.
- The burglary rate in the Borough has reduced by 73% over the last 10 years. This is despite the increasing number of households which means there were 1,603 fewer victims in 2008/09 than compared to 10 years ago!
- Stockton crime rate is down 34% over last five years! That's 6064 less crimes which means a safer Stockton for us!

- Stockton's Think B4U Drink latest Campaign targets 'Men at Work' seeking to raise awareness and address potential health dangers of regular week day drinking. Posters are being used to display facts linked to males and alcohol consumption. For more information, please contact Heather Hutchings on 527827.
- We have seen a 31% reduction in Criminal Damage in 2008/09 compared to the same period in 2007/08 – excellent news!
- Safer Stockton Partnership is currently 6th best out of 15 for All Crime compared to Most Similar Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships MSCDRP (1st Dec – 28 Feb 09) and are performing better than the group average.
- We have also seen a reduction in overall violent crime and we are now 6th out of 15 MSCDRPs (Dec – Feb 09) and still below the group average. This is an excellent achievement!
- Second Partnership Strategic Assessment produced and a summary of this produced in spring issue of Stockton News.

Main priorities for the next quarter:

- CSP Year end operations and monitoring of results.
- Response to Youth Crime Action Plan.

Key forthcoming agenda items:

- Whatever it Takes June to Sept 2009

Stockton Renaissance, Area & Thematic Partnership Chairs

Stockton Renaissance

Chair: Cllr Ken Lupton

Central Area Partnership

Chair: Paul Thomas

Eastern Area Partnership

Chair: Graeme Oram

Billingham Partnership

Chair: Geoff Harrison

Western Area Partnership

Chair: Cllr Maureen Rigg

Health & Well-Being Partnership

Chair: Chris Willis

Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership

Chair: Dave Pickard

Safer Stockton Partnership

Chair: Geoff Lee

Economic Regeneration & Transport Partnership

Chair: Tony Campbell

Environment Partnership

Chair: Jeremy Garside

Arts & Culture Partnership

Chair: Paul Burns

Children's Trust Board

Chair: Cllr Alex
Cunningham

THEMATIC PARTNERSHIP MEETING DATES 2009

ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP

23 July 2009, 4.15pm

Room H, Education Centre, Junction Road, Norton, TS20 1PR

24 September 2009, 4.15pm

Room H, Education Centre, Junction Road, Norton, TS20 1PR

12 November 2009, 4.15pm

Room H, Education Centre, Junction Road, Norton, TS20 1PR

HEALTH & WELL-BEING PARTNERSHIP

27 July 2009, 12pm

Tristar Homes, Preston Farm, Stockton

Future meeting dates to be confirmed.

HOUSING & NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

14 July 2009, 2pm

Castelgate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton, TS18 3AZ

15 September 2009, 2pm

Venue to be confirmed

3 November 2009, 2pm

Venue to be confirmed

SAFER STOCKTON PARTNERSHIP

4 August 2009, 9.30am

Conference Room, Education Centre, Junction Road, Norton, TS20 1PR

15 September 2009, 9.30am

Lecture Hall, Stockton Library, Stockton, TS18 1TU

3 November 2009, 9.30am

Conference Room, Education Centre, Junction Road, Norton, TS20 1PR

15 December 2009, 9.30am

Conference Room, Education Centre, Junction Road, Norton, TS20 1PR

ECONOMIC REGENERATION & TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP

15 July 2009, 4pm

Castelgate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton, TS18 3AZ

9 September 2009, 4pm

Castelgate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton, TS18 3AZ

11 November 2009, 4pm

Castelgate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton, TS18 3AZ

ARTS & CULTURE PARTNERSHIP

1 July 2009, 9.30am

Town Hall, Stockton Town Centre

Future meeting dates to be confirmed.

CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD

6 October 2009, 4.30pm

Lecture Hall, Stockton Library, Stockton, TS18 1TU

10 December 2009, 4.30pm

Lecture Hall, Stockton Library, Stockton, TS18 1TU

This newsletter has been produced by the Partnerships & Engagement Team, Stockton Council and is circulated to all members of the Area and Thematic Partnerships and also Stockton Renaissance.

If you have any comments, suggestions or would like any information included within the next edition, including advertisement of any events please contact Nicola Hall on (01642) 527823 or nicola.hall@stockton.gov.uk.