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## Redcar & Cleveland Partnership Board Meeting

Held on Friday 13 February 2009  
at City Learning Centre

<b>Present</b>	<b>Brian Footitt</b>	<b>Chair</b>
	<b>Penny Marshall</b>	<b>GONE</b>
	<b>Jim Wingham</b>	<b>Community Network</b>
	<b>Vivienne Trenchard</b>	<b>Probation Service Teesside</b>
	<b>Fiona Chesters</b>	<b>TVRCC</b>
	<b>Mal Fitzgerald</b>	<b>RCVDA</b>
	<b>Simon Dale</b>	<b>Chair CSP</b>
	<b>Neil Walker</b>	<b>Jobcentre Plus</b>
	<b>Ian Jeffrey</b>	<b>Chair Children's Trust</b>
	<b>Iain Sim</b>	<b>Coast &amp; Country Housing</b>
	<b>Steve Walton</b>	<b>Cleveland Fire</b>
	<b>Cllr Sheelagh Clarke</b>	<b>RCBC</b>
	<b>Mike Dillon</b>	<b>Chair Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>
	<b>Amanda Skelton</b>	<b>RCBC</b>
	<b>Di Hunt</b>	<b>Learning Skills Council</b>
	<b>Keith Hunter</b>	<b>TTE (LEGI Chair)</b>

**In Attendance:** Corinne Templeman (LEGI), Ray Walker, Richard Fryer, Penny Marshall (GONE), Philippa Corner (Audit Commission) and Kerry Carter

**Apologies were received from** Linda Bell, Anthea Day, Keith Helm, Vera Baird, Chris Livingstone, Councillor George Dunning, Paul Taylor and Katy Austin

### 1. **Introductions**

Brian welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Richard Fryer, Keith Hunter and Neil Walker to their first meeting.

### 2. **Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009 were agreed as a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising.

### 3. **Chairs Report**

BF main focus has been working with the LEGI Board to resolve internal issues and tensions. Kath Taylor has now resigned as Chair of the LEGI Board and BF acknowledged the work she has done. BF confirmed he is now a member of the LEGI Board in his capacity of Chair of the LSP Board. Keith Hunter has now been appointed as chair of the LEGI Board and he thanked BF for his help in smoothing issues out.

BF attended a Childhood Poverty event ran by Surestart who have obtained pilot status for getting parents back to work, concentrating on the worst areas of the borough. Mike Dillon did a presentation at the event on life expectancy which highlighted the differences in life expectancy and other figures depending on where a person lives in the borough. For example there is a gap of 17 years for life expectancy between those living in Hutton ward compared with those in Grangetown ward.

TVRCC recently held a community event however, BF was unable to make it due to adverse weather conditions. JW and FC reported a very successful day.

**4. Current Economic Climate**

Unfortunately no one was able to present on this item so it was deferred to the next meeting. However, partners discussed how the economic climate is affecting their area of work. The group talked about how the media can sometimes make the current situation worse and that partners need to work hard highlighting the opportunities that are out there for young people. MF commented that the recent media interest in the foreign workers debate had fuelled tension in communities, and this is being picked up by the Community Cohesion Partnership.

Members felt that it would be extremely useful to have a full regional picture, and DH mentioned that a regional response strategy is currently being agreed, and that it might be useful to have a presentation by the Regional Employment and Skills Response Group in terms of the region's response to the economic downturn.

PM assured members that GONE feed local intelligence into central government to inform their policy response. The Council regularly feed such information into GONE and Penny urged all partners to do the same. PM gave details of the 'Real Help Now' initiative for businesses and places. She will forward a link to KC to circulate to the Board.

AS informed the meeting that £1m investment has been secured for the borough and that a free event is being held on Monday by Tees Valley Unlimited at Wynyard for Tees Valley authorities and partners to come together and look at the problems to ensure joined up strategic approach and also to celebrate things that have been delivered in the Tees Valley. SC highlighted the need for an open and transparent process around where the money is being spent.

BF summed up that this had set the scene for next Board meeting and that someone be invited to give an overall regional position.

It was agreed that the Current Economic Climate be a standing agenda item at future Board meetings.

**5. Comprehensive Area Assessment**

Philippa attended to update the Board on the Comprehensive Area Assessment process. A flowchart was distributed showing the annual CAA cycle. Board members felt that a half day session would be beneficial for partners to gain a greater understanding of the process.

**6. Area Based Grant 2009/10 programme update**

RW presented his report that set out the decisions of the Area Based Grant Commissioning Group that met on 6 February 2009, seeking formal agreement by the Board.

The report recommended that the Board approve the allocation of available grant in 2008/09 to Respite Care £300,000, Clean & Green improvements £67,000 and £7,885 towards Education Allowances. The additional sum of £8,865 will be provided from programme underspend in 2008/09. Also that the Board approve a strategy of over commitment of available funds for the 2009/10 programme. This will support Education Allowances in 2009/10 (£33,500), part fund a Drugs Intervention Programme (£60,500) and examine ways to fund future recommendations from the Diversionary Activities Report. It is expected that the Diversionary Activities can be funded by under spends in the 2009/10 programmes and pooled resources.

The Board approved the recommendations above, and in addition agreed to fund the Town Centre Manager post for two years.

The Board were reminded that the World Class Commissioning meeting will take place on 26 March

**7. NI4 / NI7 Report**

MF presented his report on the adoption of NI7. Members of the Stronger Communities Partnership met with representatives from GONE in January as it was apparent that there was still a strong level of support to include NI7. A lengthy discussion took place in which the group explored both the advantages and disadvantages of the inclusion of the indicator. It was agreed to recommend to the LSP Board that NI 7 be adopted as one of the 35 priority LAA indicators, replacing NI4 which is already included as a local stretch target. This was supported by GONE. The percentage measurement of improvement for Redcar & Cleveland would be 5.1%, representing a statistically significant improvement over the 2 year period and would be the minimum improvement expected by GONE. MF commented that the response rate in Redcar & Cleveland was second highest nationally.

Discussion took place around how NI7 would be monitored and MF assured AS that he is absolutely sure there will be a clear delivery plan.

The Board agreed to include NI7 with NI4 remaining as a stretch indicator.

**8. Local Area Agreement Q3 performance report**

IS presented the Q3 LAA performance report and recommendations to the Board. PM is to clarify the future of PR1 (attainment at Key Stage 3) since KS3 tests have been abolished and we are no longer able to measure this indicator. In response to a question from SD, IS confirmed that the GSG will act as a scrutiny role in the evaluation of the Area Based Grant. The board agreed to the recommendations set out in the report.

**9. Local Area Agreement Refresh Approval**

RF gave an overview of KA's report on the LAA refresh which is very much work in progress and changes will continue to be made using the delegated authority already granted last year. Board members will have to opportunity to comment on a more complete draft of the LAA week commencing 16 March via email.

**10. LEGI Update**

CT circulated a progress report to the Board that provided a summary of performance against the deliverable outcomes and targets in the LEGI Bid, a summary of the budgetary position as of 31 December 2008, and to advise the Board of the proposed actions to remedy underperformance in key deliverable areas.

CT advised that the current membership of the LEGI Board is being looked at and that they will be advertising amongst the Community Network for a community representative, and also that there will be a review of the business representative.

**11. Thematic Chairs Report**

Written reports were received from Safer, Stronger, Health & Wellbeing and Children's Trust. BF advised that there should be a report for the next meeting on the remodelling of the sustainable communities partnership.

**12. Any Other Business**

OPPB

The next event by the Older People's Partnership Board is to be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at Redcar Racecourse from 9.30am until 2.30pm. There will be

information and speakers at the event on a range of subjects around the 'Stay Warm, Stay Well' theme.

Saltburn Gill

JW advised the Board that the Coal Authority is now involved and the Environment Agency has issued a fact sheet on case study into abandoned mines. An action group is looking to lobby government.

Local Learning Partnership

The LLP is to publish a new document on its responsibilities and targets in the borough. GG requested financial assistance from the LSP as the money the LLP used to receive from the LSC to provide support/administration /adult learners week, is running out. GG offered to do a presentation to a future Board meeting on the LLP Strategic Plan 2009/2012. GG questioned where the LLP reports to within the LSP. RF to pick this up.

- 13. Date and Time of Next meeting**  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009



The trust board have agreed to carry out a strategic audit, based on the Audit Commissions 'Are we there yet?'. This is intended to help the trust consider what progress has been made in its development and agree actions to take forward. It is intended that the action plan will become part of the Children and Young People's Plan.

A full review of the trust constitution and terms of reference, including membership is taking place. A sub group has started work on developing the governance framework.

### **Integrated Processes Training**

Thirty staff from seven schools attended the one day integrated process training course at Rye Hills.

There are currently 149 going through or have completed the e-earning package. Dates for the follow up one day training have been set, up until the end of the year.

There are now 122 completed CAF recorded on the Child Well-Being System.

### **Children and Young People's Plan**

The first text only draft of the plan is out for consultation, with a closing date of 17<sup>th</sup> April. A version with graphics will be circulated shortly.

### **Participation with Children and Young People**

A consultation for the DCSF on young people and alcohol is being carried out with groups of young people and parent/ carers. A collated response will be returned. The information will also be used to help inform our alcohol strategy.

### **Thematic Sub Groups**

A major discussion item for all of the thematic sub groups has been on the development of the Children and Young People's Plan, to ensure that the Needs Assessment data is accurate and up-to-date.

### **Be Healthy**

A sub group is being set up to ensure the needs assessment and data is accurate and up to date to help identify priorities.

### **Stay Safe**

The 'Young Carers Protocol' has been completed following consultation and will go to the trust for approval in April.

A sub group has also worked on the 'Children Missing' consultation and prepared a response.

### **Enjoy and Achieve**

Presentations were given on the Youth Crime Action Plan application and the White Paper 'Back on Track' which looks at the transformation of alternative education.

### **Make a Positive Contribution**

Youth Capital Plus – This work is moving ahead. Discussions have been held with DCSF who are happy with the joint project for redevelopment of Redcar Fire Station and upgrade to Grangetown Youth Centre.

Youth Village – SITV have now agreed to take the lead on this project and the group have secured funding from the PCT for a pilot over the Whit holiday. The proposed location is Loftus.

**Achieve Economic Well-Being**

Discussions took place regarding the availability of suitable accommodation for young people, including those leaving care. From next year young people will not be able to be put into bed and breakfast.

The need for a Financial Inclusion policy was considered and this will be discussed further at the next meeting.

## **Health and Well Being Thematic Partnership**

### **Report for Local Strategic Partnership Board March 2009**

#### **Tackling Child Poverty:**

The Local Authority is one of ten in the Country to receive pathfinder funding, aimed at tackling child poverty, 'Pathways to Prospects'. A major link exists between poverty and poor health outcomes, and as such the work of the pathfinder is of importance to the Health and Well Being Thematic Partnership.

The focus of the project is around 'work focused services' and will include parent champions, learning and training, sign posting and debt management.

Positive discussion took place on the project aims and the presentation. H&WBPB support the pilot. The Board aim to look at the pilot alongside the whole regeneration programme across the LSP.

#### **LAA Refresh:**

An update on the progress of the LAA to date was presented, with any areas of concern being asked to attend the governance group on 25 March 2009. The LAA refresh acknowledged the impact of the current economic climate on the performance of some indicators, and whilst not pertinent to the healthy communities block, one indicator which measures independent living through intermediate care, has been supported by the Board, in being replaced by a broader indicator much more reflective of the wider community which we are supporting as a whole.

#### **Health Improvement Strategic Delivery Plan**

Peter Price introduced a paper which proposed a framework for the co-ordination of the following health and well being issues:

- Smoking
- Healthy Eating
- Obesity
- Mental and Emotional Well being
- Prevention of substance misuse around drugs and alcohol
- Promoting Safer Sex
- Promotion of Screening and Immunisation
- As well as the wider determinants which impact on peoples lives and abilities to make choices, including:
  - Transport
  - Housing
  - Education
  - Poverty and debt
  - Employment

These issues are supported by the objectives in the Sustainable Community Strategy, across Healthy Communities and Children and Young People areas, LAA targets are reflective of many of these proposed themes, and a more detailed paper is to be submitted to the next LSP meeting.

## **Healthy Communities Peer Review**

The above review was again brought to the attention of members of the Board, and wider awareness has now been made to the review being held 21-23 April 2009.

A range of additional information and communication will be made available as the review date becomes closer, and the timetable for interviews and focus groups is approved by the peers.

Tracie Jacobs  
Commissioning Manager Health Improvement  
March 2009

## March Chairs Report Community Safety Partnership

### **Crime: Financial year to date compared to the previous year (April 2007 – February 2008 compared to April 2008 – February 2009)**

<b>All Crime</b>	<b>down 26% (3683 actual reduction)</b>
Domestic Burglary	down 24% (142 actual reduction)
Vehicle Crime	down 38% (517 actual reduction)
Violence	down 24% (582 actual reduction)
Criminal Damage	down 27% (1178 actual reduction)
Robbery	down 33% (17 actual reduction)

### **Overall crime continues to fall and is currently at its lowest point in 10 years.**

The detection rate relating to total crime is up 7% to 38% so far this financial year compared to the same period the previous year.

### **Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment (SIA)**

- The Partnership SIA has been completed and the Partnership Responsible Authorities Group (RAG) met on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February to discuss the document and set the priorities for the next 12 months. The SIA was also taken to the Executive group on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009. The priorities for 2009-10 are set out below in alphabetical order:

- Antisocial Behaviour, including Criminal Damage
- Burglary
- Counter Terrorism (Prevent agenda)
- Drugs/substance misuse, including alcohol related harm
- Emerging Issue
- Environmental Crime
- Fire Safety
- Hate Crime
- Reducing Re-offending/Offending
- Vehicle Crime
- Violence: Alcohol Related Violence, Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse

### **Community Safety Partnership – Refresh of the Plan**

- The Community Safety Plan is now being refreshed to reflect the findings within the SIA and this will be completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.
- The Acting Community Safety Partnership Manager attended all recent Area Committee meetings to inform them of some of the achievements over the past 12 months. The new priorities for 2009-10 were shown to the groups and it was agreed that the Partnership had identified the correct priorities

### **Weeks of Action**

- **Meet the Partners Day** – Prior to the next round of Weeks of Action that will take place in the Wards of Newcomen and Dormanstown, partner agencies will be attending Dormanstown Primary (30<sup>th</sup> March) and The Lakes Primary School (1<sup>st</sup> April). This will involve the Police mounted section, Police dogs and the Neighbourhood Policing team, including the Councils CPOs. The young people will

also have the opportunity to have a go at using the fire hose when they meet the Fire & Rescue Service.

- **A Week of Action (WoA)** is planned for Newcomen and Dormanstown during the school holiday period w/c 6<sup>th</sup> April. Activities will include: The Army recruitment team bringing their Climbing wall. Middlesbrough Football in the community are manning their speed cage. Other activity includes: youth art, advice and information from partner agencies, YIP mobile partnership, Fire engine, Police van, football matches, oriental cooking and cricket matches.

#### **Delivering new approaches to drug treatment and social re-integration - Adult Drug & Alcohol Treatment Joint Commissioning Group**

- The number of drug users in treatment is 623 (Nov 2007– Oct 2008) and at this point we would expect to be at 594 so we are still exceeding expectations. Also the group are on line to achieve the majority of actions in the current action plan.
- The NTA Treatment Panel review was good; the 2009 –10 Adult Treatment Plan is to be submitted on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Part 1 will be published on the NTA website. Targets and actions for 2009 –10 have been agreed and the Pooled Treatment Budget has been confirmed as £1,381,175.
- All Service Level agreements have been written and are waiting to be signed off.

#### **Implementation of protecting communities through robust enforcement to tackle drug supply, drug related crime and antisocial behaviour – implemented via the Reducing Supply Forum and the Reducing Re-offending Group**

- Over £1.2 million street value of drugs seized, nearly £50,000 of cash /assets recovered and the group are close to reaching the target of obtaining 2,000 pieces of drugs related intelligence from public and partners.
- The Drugs Intervention Program (DIP) preliminary data is showing 130 clients in treatment as of Dec 2008. This is the latest data available as of March 2009.
- A proposal has been put forward to the Joint Investment Program funding to support Intensive DIP Status. The outcome will be reported in the next update.

#### **Public Information Campaigns, communications and community engagement–to be implemented via the Public Safety and Reassurance group**

- The recent Place Survey has shown that local perceptions of drug dealing and drug use as a problem is currently at 40% this is a significant reduction from the BVGH survey that took place in 2003/04 which was at 84%
- The Public Safety and Reassurance group are collating all the media campaigns and their strategy will include the Tackling Drugs Changing Lives and Drugs and Alcohol Awareness Day events.
- A Hepatitis C poster and postcard campaign has been circulated.

#### **Preventing harm to children, young people and families affected by drug misuse – implemented via the Be Healthy Group**

- From April 2008 – Jan 2009 there were 114 Young People in treatment.
- The Young People's Substance Misuse Commissioning Group, via the Be Healthy Thematic Group, will review and implement the Drugs: Protecting

Families and Communities strategy. This group will meet bi –monthly from April.

- The NTA Young Peoples Treatment Panel review was very good with respect to the current plan, the Needs Assessment and the future 2009 –10 plan. All actions and targets have been agreed for 2009 –10 and Part 1 of the plan will be published on the NTA website. The Priorities for the Young People treatment plan are:
  1. Children and Young People’s outcomes to be improved by the appropriate application of the
  2. Redcar and Cleveland Child Well Being Model.
  3. Prevention and Education Services to be enhanced to support early intervention.
  4. Young people’s experience of transition to be smooth and seamless.
  5. To improve data gathering and analysis.
  6. Reduce criminal and anti-social behaviour caused as a result of substance misuse.
  7. Services to be commissioned in an efficient and effective manner in accordance with NTA
  8. minimum expectation and NICE guidelines.
  9. Children and young people who live in “hidden harm” situations to be identified and assessed
  10. to determine if they have additional needs and to meet their additional needs.
  11. To ensure that young people have access to an appropriate and competent substance
  12. misuse treatment system.

## **Stronger Communities Partnership**

Chair's Report to the Redcar & Cleveland Partnership Board – 27th March 2009

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### **Stronger Communities Partnership (SCP) Meeting**

#### **CAA**

Lesley King attended the meeting held on the 21 January to give an overview of the new performance framework Comprehensive Area Assessment including what the new inspection will mean to partners as well as the Council.

#### **Pathfinder Programme**

Karen Milburn and Alison Porritt attended the meeting to inform members of the Pathfinder Programme that Skillshare in partnership with the Council has recently secured funding to participate in. The Local Pathfinder Programme aims to complement existing community engagement activity within the Borough. A commitment has been made to regularly meet with key partners from the SCP to ensure that the project benefits from their knowledge and experience.

#### **Let's Disable Hate Crime**

At the SCP meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> March members of the group were updated on the 'Let's Disable Hate Crime' event organised between Visionsense and ROC, 36 people from a wide range of contexts met, which was a great success – especially as the same event in Middlesbrough only attracted 2 people. The meeting was also informed that the Crown Prosecution Service are developing their policy with regard to supporting disabled people as victims of crime and defendants through the criminal justice system.

#### **Community Partnerships**

The SCP is currently undertaking a review of third sector engagement within the LSP, informed by the recommendations of the Community Engagement & Capacity Building Plan. To progress the development of a new engagement structure a task group has been established to discuss and negotiate transitional arrangements with existing voluntary and community sector representatives, whilst appropriate structures and processes are put in place that will deliver engagement into the partnership through geographical communities and communities of interest. A meeting has been arranged for Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April for existing members together.

#### **Community Engagement Capacity Building Programme 2008/09**

The partnership considered the programme budget in relation to the Community Infrastructure Fund and the Community Small Grants schemes, and to prioritise the budget to resource activities that will improve the SCP performance targets. The group agreed the recommendations in principle, but asked for information relating to the performance/ impact of the previous programme.

#### **Welfare Rights**

The Welfare Rights team is now 3 staff members down due to the resignation of the Older Peoples worker. The group were informed of the 'Trim your Council Tax' flyer that is to be included in council tax bills that are due to go out.

#### **Area Committee Publicity Campaign**

The Area Committee publicity campaign is underway. 700 posters have been distributed borough wide, which display real people from each of the area committees, displayed on bus shelters to raise the profile of Area Committees.

#### **Compact**

The aim of the Compact Refresh group is to raise the profile of the Compact by championing a 'Compact way of working'. Currently the group is developing a

consultation draft that will enhance the ownership and relevance of the compact for all partners. The next LSP conference is going to be around the consultation on the Compact and hopefully Bertie Massey (Compact Commissioner) will be able to attend.

#### Community Cohesion Partnership

At the CCP meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March the group received reports in relation to Teesside Athletic Football Club who are involved in a wide range of fitness/diversionary activities with children and young people from across the borough.

The group also received a comprehensive presentation on the 'Prevent Strategy' in relation to the work within Redcar & Cleveland, and the important role that this partnership's involvement has. Teesside One World Centre gave a presentation on the extensive work that they are involved in with schools/colleges across the area in relation to raising awareness around asylum seekers and refugees.

Members of the group considered the Community Cohesion officers report which included -:

- Plans to re-initiate the Hate Crime Thematic Group.
- Following on from the 'Lets Disable Hate Crime' event developing work with Grenfell around this issue with disability focus.
- Involved in weeks of action, in South Bank
- Review of Redcar & Cleveland MCA (Multi Cultural Association) work programme.
- Leaflet promoting the Community Cohesion Officer's Borough-wide role, and highlighting the MCA achievements has been produced, together with a cohesion questionnaire.

#### **Mal Fitzgerald Chair**

## **Summary of Minutes of the Sustainable Communities Partnership Meeting on 18 February 2008**

### **Reports from sub-groups**

#### **4.1 Transport**

Fiona Chesters gave an update on progress of the Task and Finish Group on behalf of Doff Pollard.

#### **4.2 Environment**

Fiona Chesters reported that there had been no meeting since December. There had been one planned for January, which had not gone ahead, and the Chair is still awaiting contact from the support officer.

#### **4.3 Employment**

No report. Anthea Day to meet with George Cooke & Ian Wardle to discuss future actions. There were major issues around key targets and the membership and the way to take the sub-group forward, but this would be resolved asap. There was a view that there should be more private sector involvement given what was happening around Town Centre Management and other regeneration projects in the Borough.

#### **4.4 Housing**

No report.

### **Economic Snapshot**

Lynn Watson told members that this note was for information only and had also been circulated to DMT. The report will be produced on a monthly basis in future and would be copied to the SCP.

RK asked for major planning approvals information to be added to the content of the report and added that local information was the most useful.

### **Regeneration Projects Update/Regeneration Masterplan**

Ian Wardle gave a verbal update on the progress to date of the Regeneration Masterplan for the Borough.

In future there would be a major regeneration project update on the agenda

### **LEGI Update**

Corinne Templeman tabled an update on progress of the LEGI programme to date. A potential site for a Business Park in Greater Eston was discussed.

### **Report from September Event**

The report has been circulated. Anthea Day has asked for output information to be included in the report. Comments to be given before next meeting

### **Local Area Agreement Briefing Note**

The report and information had been circulated. All Heads of Service will be requested to submit a PID (Project Initiation Document) for their respective project proposals, which will be presented to the SCP for comments.

### **Local Transport Plan Progress Report**

Tony Gordon gave an update on the LTP progress.

Discussions took place regarding the linking of transport issues to employment opportunities and questions were asked as to the discussions currently taking place with the likes of ASDA and TESCO.

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18<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

**Report from the Director of Regeneration Services to the  
Redcar & Cleveland Partnership Board on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
about the Economic Downturn**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide information about the impact of the Credit Crunch and the economic downturn and what we are doing to assist.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1 The current issues affecting the financial sector are severe and have spread into the economy.

**Credit Crunch**

2.2 The Credit Crunch is a sudden cut in the availability of credit and or loans, including mortgages, credit cards and inter-bank lending. At the moment lenders won't lend, borrowers can't borrow, builders can't build and buyers can't buy.

2.3 The credit crunch started as a local issue within the housing market but has now gone global and affects the wider economy. It began in the United State in 2007 as leaders exposure to bad debt began to increase and over the last 18 months it has become clear that the global financial systems had some bad risks.

2.4 The slowdown in the national economy and the credit crunch do now seem to be having an effect on the Tees Valley as the latest unemployment figures show (see below). Whilst the sub-region does not have a high level of employment in the financial sector (so any declines that occur there are unlikely to have a major effect here) there are signs that manufacturing and the construction sector are being hit with a number of cutbacks and redundancies announced recently.

## Local Issues

- 2.5 It is thought that the North East is braving the recession better than other regions (The Royal Bank of Scotland's Purchasing Managers Index). It is considered that the North East posted the slowest decline across the 12 regions covered, despite a ninth successive monthly contraction in the combined output of manufacturing and services.
- 2.6 Our unemployment figures have, however, increased compared to this time last year. In January 5.3% of our population are unemployed as compared to 3.9% the year previous. This rise is in line with the increase nationally, regionally and sub-regionally across the Tees Valley.

## Outlook

- 2.7 The CBI predicts the difficulties UK businesses are facing in accessing credit will push the economy deeper into recession later this year to last throughout 2009. The economy is expected to contract by 3.3% and unemployment will reach close to 2.9 million by the end of the year. After six quarters of negative growth, the economy is expected to stabilise early next year with the recovery building throughout 2010.

## 3.0 WHAT IS BEING DONE TO HELP

### Regionally

- 3.1 In September last year One NorthEast launched The North East Economy; A Joint Response to Changing Economic Circumstances and unveiled a £10 million package designed to support companies during the economic slowdown. The funding was made available to bolster firms' growth plans, create and protect jobs, cut energy bills and extend a scheme to help companies experiencing tax and credit difficulties.

The new assistance comprises investment of:

- An extra £2.5m into the Selective Finance for Investment grant - helping small and medium-sized firms expand, create new jobs and safeguard existing posts;
- An additional £6.25m into the North East Investment and Co-Investment Funds to give vital access to finance for growing firms;
- A further £250,000 to extend the Company Rescue Pathfinder programme to help firms struggling with tax and credit issues; and
- An extra £1m into the innovative Energy Resource Efficiency scheme to help firms cut rising fuel bills.

### Sub-regionally

3.1 At a sub-regional level we have been exploring actions which could assist with the economic downturn. To date this has addressed the following issues:

- **Understanding the impact of economic downturn** we are working as part of Tees Valley Unlimited looking to collect up to date statistical data

to understand the impact on citizens, communities and business. At a sub-regional level partnership working group meetings have been established between sub-regional partners being the Local Authorities, One North East, Job Centre Plus (JCP), Business Link, Learning and Skills Council (LSC), Tees Valley Inward Investment;

- Working sub-regionally we have established a **Joint Redundancy Protocol** to ensure consistency of approach and to maximise support. It has shared information about products and services that are available to all partners to ensure all partners are better informed about the support measures currently available. At its next meeting the intention is to **discuss resources** in light of a down turn in business start up but a significant increase in redundancy and pressure this is giving to all partner organizations; and
- JCP have established a **Redundancy Log** to give early warning to sub-regional partners, based on HR1 Redundancy Notification.

In Redcar & Cleveland

3.2 We are currently undertaking the following:

- We have established a reporting protocol called "**Economic Snapshots**" - which highlights impacts in the economy both at sub-regional and within our own borough level. This report is used to brief people about trends and issues.
- **Business Boost** - we have held a series of three events (January, February and March 2009) in which we have issued personal invitations to all Businesses within the Borough to a Business Support Event. At the event we have had representatives from Business Link, JCP, LSC, LEGI, our Business Investment Team, Rates Staff and Environmental Health. The purpose of this event is to offer immediate support to businesses who are struggling and longer term mentoring where required. This has been very positively received. Support we have also made available (publicised by letter drops) includes:
  - **Business health checks;**
  - **Personal/skills health checks;**
  - **Marketing support;**
  - **Advice on employment law;**
  - **Staff training & support;**
  - **Mentoring;**
  - **Access to finance;**
  - **VAT & tax advice;**
  - **Regulatory support & information; and**
  - **Vacant property search.**
- **Uplifting Our Town Centres** - faced with a significant increase in the number of vacant properties within our town centres, which is impacting significantly on the appearance and attractiveness resulting in further

decline, the authority has approved £366,000 to deal with blighted/vacant properties. This money will be used in the form of grants and loans alongside planning powers to face-lift these properties and to improve some elements of public realm and to maximise the attractiveness of the Town Centres.

- **Enterprise Fund** - £400,000 has been allocated by LEGI to assist businesses and business start ups to provide direct support during this difficult period.
- **Small Business Rate Relief** - we have publicised via the Council's website the process through which Small Business Rate Relief can be accessed. In addition, we have publicised wider information about how to deal with concerns about rateable values and business rates.
- **Improving employment areas** - £1m has been allocated by LEGI to invest in the Skelton Industrial Estate in East Cleveland to utilise currently void business space for incubation and start up business space. This funding will be used to match with private sector funding. Additionally the funding will be used to tackle poor environmental quality which is currently a disincentive for business to start up at this Industrial Estate.
- **Credit Union** - we are providing revenue and capital funding to a credit union so that it can expand to cope with increased demand.
- **Accelerated capital programme** - this includes:
  - Investing £1.1M secured as part of the Tees Valley Growth Point bid in infrastructure to enable regeneration sites as part of the £500m Greater Eston masterplan to be ready for the upturn in the housing market.
  - Bringing forward investment a year earlier as part of our Primary Capital Programme.
  - Investing £1M in new play facilities across the Borough earlier than planned.
  - £500,000 for regeneration work in Brotton in East Cleveland.

#### 4.0 FURTHER PLANS

4.1 We are also currently investigating the following:

- Managing the increasing number of hardship relief applications associated with Business Rates in accordance with Section 49 of the Local Government Finance Act.
- Exploring procurement and early payment issues to assist local businesses whilst not contravening legislation covering these issues.
- Increasing procurement opportunities for local businesses.
- Preparing fortnightly information with our Business Investment, Routes to Employment, Business Centres and Housing Teams on anecdotal and

non-anecdotal impacts of the changing circumstances within the economy.

- Preparing a pamphlet advising on the support that is available to beat the credit crunch and help through the downturn to be issued to all residents and businesses within the Borough.
- The feasibility of setting up a Local Housing Company.
- Prepare a Bi-monthly Cabinet report on the changing impacts on Redcar & Cleveland's economy.

## **5.0 CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1 The Board is asked to:

- i) Note the contents of the report; and
- ii) Provide any other suggestions regarding assistance that can be offered.

## **6.0 FURTHER INFORMATION**

6.1 I have attached at appendix 1 some examples of what other areas of the North East are doing to assist their local economies. For further information please contact Ian Wardle, Director of Regeneration Services.

## **Appendix 1**

### **Examples of what other areas in the North East are doing to help through the downturn**

#### **Darlington**

A Business Engagement Team is offering a wide range of business services with the principal objectives of creating and safeguarding jobs in Darlington; stimulating business opportunities; attracting new investment from outside of the Borough and helping new businesses to set up and existing businesses to expand. Actions include:

- a new Business Information Guide to signpost businesses to sources of help and support has been distributed to all businesses in Darlington;
- a Business Summit organised by Darlington Partnership to listen to the views and needs of a cross section of businesses;
- 'Meet the Buyer' events and walk-in/drop in outreach surgeries, providing advice on starting your own business;
- assistance for businesses to become e-enabled, making it easier for them to bid for public sector contracts;
- development of a new online Darlington Business Directory, live on the council's website; and
- a new Town Centre Traders' Association with benefits for all town centre businesses that join the scheme, through joint working and shared resources. Businesses pay an annual subscription fee, and this income is re-invested into the town centre. It is primarily used in marketing and promotion, but the members, through the nominated Board, are encouraged to submit suggestions on workable projects.

#### **Newcastle**

Newcastle City Council has significantly increased the awareness and take-up of Small Business Rate Relief (SBRR) available to small businesses within the city. The council targeted and visited a number of small businesses, encouraging them to apply for SBRR and worked with the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) on publicity to all businesses promoting the benefits of take-up.

Since November 2008 these actions have resulted in an increase in uptake by 20% to 82% with an additional £106,800 now being claimed by businesses eligible to apply, helping an extra 168 small firms in Newcastle.

#### **Sunderland**

Sunderland has put a variety of measures in place to actively promote the availability of SBRR, including sending out an application form with the first Business Rate bill, the distribution of leaflets and flyers and offering assistance to businesses as part of inspection visits.

#### **Hartlepool**

Hartlepool Borough Council has adopted a series of measures to enhance their support to local businesses. The authority has pledged to pay all suppliers from Hartlepool within 10 working days. It has also introduced steps for speeding up

how the council processes payments, including the use of payment cards where payment is made at the point of purchase, eliminating the need for businesses submitting invoices. This has proven the fastest method of payment available and the council is encouraging its use wherever possible.

### **Gateshead**

As part of its package of business support measures, Gateshead Council is offering up to 12 months rent free for some businesses in specified business units and is freezing rent reviews for those businesses where a strong economic case is made. The council is also supporting businesses in accessing training packages, through schemes such as Train to Gain, to help ensure their workforce is skilled to meet the needs of future economic growth sectors. And through a Business Collaboration Network, it will support the sustainability of indigenous businesses and provide opportunities for businesses to learn from one another.

### **Northumberland**

Northumberland is committing within the next 6 months to double the number of new apprenticeships to start within the council. It will be encouraging suppliers of goods and services to increase the offer to young people and workless/low skilled adults. The council will also be implementing a pre-apprenticeship scheme to support people from priority groups and neighbourhoods to compete for full apprenticeships funded through the Working Neighbourhoods Fund. It will also support Northumberland College in making the case for investment in new FE infrastructure in Ashington and satellite sites, as well as working with the Learning and Skills Council, Business Enterprise North East and business organisations to find innovative ways of sustaining training within small firms.

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**REPORT OF THE LAA  
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27 March 2008

LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT REFRESH - APPROVAL

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To present the draft Local Area Agreement (LAA) to the LSP Board for approval - subject to delegated authority to agree further changes up until 31st March 2009.

1.2 It should be noted that most of the negotiations have now been concluded. The draft LAA was emailed out to LSP Board Members on 17 March 2009 for final comment. The LAA will be updated to reflect any amendments and tabled at the meeting.

1.3 This report also provides an update and position statement with regard to the LAA, since the report that was presented to the last Board meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that the RCP Board:

i) Approve the refreshed LAA, prior to submission to Government Office for the North East (GONE) and subsequently to the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) for ministerial approval.

**3. CONSIDERATION**

3.1 Redcar and Cleveland's Local Area Agreement (LAA) for 2008-11 was signed off by Government Ministers in June 2008.

3.2 35 priority indicators were agreed for inclusion in the LAA and three-year targets were signed up to for these, where possible.

3.3 The LAA is subject to an annual refresh, the first of which is being concluded now, in order to submit a refreshed LAA to the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) at the end of March 2009. The current draft of

the refreshed LAA is attached at Appendix 1 (correct at the time the report was deposited).

- 3.4 As changes are continually being made to the LAA up until submission on 31st March, the final draft will be tabled at the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009, ensuring that Board Members are signing off the final document.
- 3.5 To provide a position statement since the last Board meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009, the following should be noted:

**NI 54 (Services for disabled children)**

It is important to note that there are no figures for NI 54 (Services for disabled children) as the baseline data for this indicator will not be available until after sign-off. This comes from a national survey of the parents of disabled children. Targets cannot be set without baseline data and so it has been agreed to revisit this indicator in year 3. There are a number of other authorities across the country (19 out of 22 with NII 54 in their LAA) which have taken the same decision.

**NI 7 (Environment for a Thriving Third Sector)**

Board Members will be aware that at the last meeting, a decision was taken to adopt NI 7 in place of NI 4 as one of the 35 priority indicators. This has now been included, with NI 4 remaining as a local indicator.

**NI 136 (People supported to live independently through social services (all adults))**

At the last meeting it was reported that there were issues with NI 125 (Achieving independence for older people through rehabilitation and intermediate care) as it still can't be measured. Since then, a proposal was made through the Healthier Communities Partnership to replace NI 125 with NI 136 as this was felt to be a more representative measure of independent living. This proposal was accepted by GONE and targets have now been set against the indicator.

**NI 163 (Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 2 or higher)**

Targets for NI 163 have now been re-negotiated in light of the potential impact that the economic crisis may have on the achievement of what were extremely stretching targets for this indicator. These have been made slightly less stretching but still matching the requirement needed nationally to meet the national target.

**NI 144 (Offenders under probation supervision in employment at the end of their order or license)**

The baseline included for this indicator is draft and subject to change when the official data is published by the Cabinet Office, post sign-off. Targets are carried forward from last year and have been agreed with the Probation Service. There is a caveat included for this indicator whereby targets can be amended if the official baseline when published by the Cabinet Office is significantly out of line with the targets.

**NI 171 (New business registration rate)**

A meeting was held between the LEGI Manager and Joint Strategy Unit where a discussion took place around target setting. Proposed targets have been submitted to GONE and approved.

### **Place Survey Indicators**

Although targets have now been agreed for all indicators measured by the Place Survey, the comparative data will not be available until after sign-off. To ensure any possible minor adjustments to the data are taken into account, a caveat has been included for these indicators which allows for changes to be made to the targets in the event of changes to the data, whilst maintaining at least the same level of ambition as already agreed.

### **3.17 Conclusion**

- i) The LSP Board are asked to approve the refreshed LAA, prior to its submission to GONE and CLG for ministerial approval.
- ii) Further minor changes, if any, to the LAA (up until end March 2009) will be made using the delegated authority which was passed to the Assistant Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Corporate Resources already granted last year.
- iii) The final submission to GONE and subsequently CLG for ministerial approval will be made on 31st March 2009.

### **4. IMPACT**

- |     |              |                           |
|-----|--------------|---------------------------|
| 4.1 | Personnel:   | None                      |
| 4.2 | Land:        | None                      |
| 4.3 | Environment: | None                      |
| 4.4 | Finance:     | As detailed in the report |

### **5. APPENDICES**

- 5.1 Appendix 1 – Draft LAA for submission (as at 19 March 2009)

### **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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Theme	LAA Indicator	Baseline	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Partners who have signed-up to the target and any which are acting as lead partner/s (shown with a *)	Comments
Children and Young People	<b>NI 19</b> Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders	170.1 (Q4, 2005)	164	159	153	South Tees Youth Offending Service	
	<b>NI 50</b> Emotional health of children	66.4% (2008)	N/A	68.50%	70.60%	Children and Adult Mental Health Services	This target is subject to confirmation of Redcar and Cleveland's actual baseline from the Tellus4 Survey in 2009. As the current baseline represents the average of Redcar and Cleveland's nearest statistical neighbours, targets may need to be revisited in light of the actual data, whilst maintaining the same level of ambition.
	<b>NI 54</b> Services for disabled children					RCBC Children's Social Care* / Redcar and Cleveland PCT: Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Trust	
	<b>NI 55</b> Obesity among primary school age children in Reception	11.5% (2006/07)	11.52%	11.38%	11.25%	RCPCT*, RCBC	
	<b>NI 63</b> Stability of placements of looked after children: length of placement	56.5% (2007/08)	61%	67%	75%	RCBC Children's Social Care	
	<b>NI 65</b> Children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time	21.1% (2007/08)	19.1%	17.1%	14.9%	RCBC Children's Social Care	

Theme	LAA Indicator	Baseline	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Partners who have signed-up to the target and any which are acting as lead partner/s (shown with a *)	Comments
Children and Young People	<b>NI 69</b> Children who have experienced bullying	49.6% (2008)	N/A	48.10%	46.50%	RCBC Achievement and Inclusion	This target is subject to confirmation of Redcar and Cleveland's actual baseline from the Tellus4 Survey in 2009. As the current baseline represents the average of Redcar and Cleveland's nearest statistical neighbours, targets may need to be revisited in light of the actual data, whilst maintaining the same level of ambition.
	<b>NI 110</b> Young people's participation in positive activities	67.0% (2008)	N/A	70.90%	74.70%	RCBC Youth and Community Service	This target is subject to confirmation of Redcar and Cleveland's actual baseline from the Tellus4 Survey in 2009. As the current baseline represents the average of Redcar and Cleveland's nearest statistical neighbours, targets may need to be revisited in light of the actual data, whilst maintaining the same level of ambition.
	<b>NI 112</b> Under 18 conception rate	-17.1% (2006)	-33.6	-44.0	-50.0	RCBC Children's Social Care* / Redcar and Cleveland PCT	

Theme	LAA Indicator	Baseline	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Partners who have signed-up to the target and any which are acting as lead partner/s (shown with a *)	Comments
Children and Young People	<b>NI 115</b> Substance misuse by young people	14.7% (2008)	N/A	13.40%	12.00%	RCBC Children's Social Care	This target is subject to confirmation of Redcar and Cleveland's actual baseline from the Tellus4 Survey in 2009. As the current baseline represents the average of Redcar and Cleveland's nearest statistical neighbours, targets may need to be revisited in light of the actual data, whilst maintaining the same level of ambition.
	<b>NI 116</b> Proportion of children in poverty	26% (2007)	23.50%	22.00%	20.50%	RCBC	
	<b>NI 117</b> 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET)	12.1% (Nov 07)	9.40%	9.10%	8.80%	RCBC Connexions*; Learning and Skills Council.	
Safer Communities	<b>NI 17</b> Perception of Anti Social Behaviour	25.4% (2008/09)	N/A	N/A	22.4%	RCBC, Cleveland Police, Cleveland Police Authority, RCPCT, Cleveland Fire & Rescue Service	This target is subject to published confirmation of the Place Survey data by the Audit Commission. If the published data differs from the draft data used to establish the targets they may be adjusted to reflect the change in baseline, whilst maintaining at least the same level of ambition

Theme	LAA Indicator	Baseline	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Partners who have signed-up to the target and any which are acting as lead partner/s (shown with a *)	Comments
Safer Communities	<b>NI 20</b> Assault with injury crime rate	7.4 (2008/09)	N/A	3.5% reduction on baseline	7.0% reduction on baseline	RCBC, Cleveland Police, Cleveland Police Authority, RCPCT, Cleveland Fire & Rescue Service	Targets agreed as reductions against final baseline which will be available shortly after sign-off. Current baseline based on 10 months actual data and 2 months projected data.
	<b>NI 30</b> Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders	23 (cohort) Convictions available Jun/Jul	N/A	19% reduction	1.15 proposed ratio for 2 years	RCBC, Cleveland Police, Cleveland Police Authority, RCPCT, Cleveland Fire & Rescue Service	The two year target is based on a ratio derived from the level of ambition between the expected reduction in re-offending by the identified cohort of PPOs (derived from the evidence provided by the PPO national evaluation) and the area's agreed improvement target for year 2 of the LAA (2009/10). The ratio is common across both years 2 and 3, and will be applied to the expected level of performance for the year 3 cohort, to derive the year 3 improvement target. In year 2 (2009/10), the agreed improvement target is 19%, based on a ratio of 1.15 will accordingly be applied to the expected level of performance for the refreshed year 3 cohort, which will be identified before the beginning of year 3, to produce the percentage year 3 improvement target.'

Theme	LAA Indicator	Baseline	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Partners who have signed-up to the target and any which are acting as lead partner/s (shown with a *)	Comments
Safer Communities	<b>NI 32</b> Repeat incidents of domestic violence (proxy indicator from existing LAA carried forward until new data is available)	28% (2008/09)	N/A	28%	28%	RCBC, Cleveland Police, Cleveland Police Authority, RCPCT, Cleveland Fire & Rescue Service	
	<b>NI 40</b> Drug users in effective treatment	584 (2007/08)	6% reduction (659)	6% reduction (694)	6% reduction (730)	RCBC, Cleveland Police, Cleveland Police Authority, RCPCT, Cleveland Fire & Rescue Service	
Stronger Communities	<b>NI 1</b> Percentage of people who believe people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area	66.9% (2008/09)	N/A	N/A	73.5%	RCBC*; Redcar & Cleveland Voluntary Development Agency; Tees Valley Rural Community Council, Community Empowerment Network, Coast and Country Housing	This target is subject to published confirmation of the Place Survey data by the Audit Commission. If the published data differs from the draft data used to establish the targets they may be adjusted to reflect the change in baseline, whilst maintaining at least the same level of ambition
	<b>NI 6</b> Participation in regular volunteering	19.3% (2008/09)	N/A	N/A	22.30%	RCBC*; Redcar & Cleveland Voluntary Development Agency; Tees Valley Rural Community Council, Community Empowerment Network, Coast and Country Housing	This target is subject to published confirmation of the Place Survey data by the Audit Commission. If the published data differs from the draft data used to establish the targets they may be adjusted to reflect the change in baseline, whilst maintaining at least the same level of ambition

Theme	LAA Indicator	Baseline	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Partners who have signed-up to the target and any which are acting as lead partner/s (shown with a *)	Comments
Stronger Communities	<b>NI 7</b> Environment for a thriving third sector	14.4% (2008/09)	N/A	N/A	19.5%	Redcar & Cleveland Voluntary Development Agency*; RCBC, Tees Valley Rural Community Council, Community Empowerment Network	A measurable improvement, calculated in accordance with published OTS guidance. Based on the results of the 2008 national survey of third sector organisations, it is estimated that the required improvement in Redcar and Cleveland will be 5.1 percentage points [where 5.1 is the “% Increase Needed” ]. This remains an estimate. The final target will be confirmed once the 2010 national survey of third sector organisations has reported
Healthier Communities	<b>NI 8</b> Adult participation in sport	20.5% 2005/06	22.5%	23.5%	24.5%	RCBC*, Tees Valley Leisure, RCPCT	
	<b>NI 39</b> Rate of hospital admissions per 100,000 for alcohol related harm	1,882 (2006/07)	2,271	2,437	2,608	South Tees Acute Trust, RCPCT*	
	<b>NI 120</b> All-age all cause mortality rate - male	746 (2006)	732	705	678	R CPCT*	
	<b>NI 120</b> All-age all cause mortality rate - female	574 (2006)	521	509	497	RCPCT*	
	<b>NI 123</b> Stopping smoking	1168 (04/05-06/07 av.)	1300	1300	1300	RCPCT*	
	<b>NI 135</b> Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carers service, or advice and information	18.4% (2007/08)	20%	24%	28%	RCBC*	

Theme	LAA Indicator	Baseline	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Partners who have signed-up to the target and any which are acting as lead partner/s (shown with a *)	Comments
Healthier Communities	<b>NI 136</b> People supported to live independently through social services (all adults)	3461.76 (2007/08)	3496.37	3531.34	3566.65	RCBC*	
	<b>NI 142</b> Number of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living	97.78% (2007/08)	97.90%	98.00%	98.10%	RCBC*	
Sustainable Communities	<b>NI 144</b> Offenders under probation supervision in employment at the end of their order or license	29% (2006/07)	32%	36%	40%	Probation Service, RCBC, Learning & Skills Council, Jobcentre Plus	This target is subject to published confirmation of the official baseline by the Cabinet Office as the current baseline is draft and subject to change. If the published data is significantly out of line with the targets set then they may be adjusted to reflect the actual baseline, whilst maintaining at least the same level of ambition.
	<b>NI 153</b> Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods**	36% (4Q av. Feb 07)	33.5%	32%	28%	RCBC, Jobcentre Plus*, Learning & Skills Council	
	<b>NI 155</b> Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)	20 (2006/07)	40	50	55	RCBC Housing*	
	<b>NI 156</b> Number of households living in temporary accommodation	99 households (Q4 2005/06)	35	33	31	RCBC Housing*	
	<b>NI 163</b> Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 2 or higher**	66.4% (2006)	5.6% above baseline	7.4% above baseline	9.3% above baseline	Learning & Skills Council*, Jobcentre Plus	

Theme	LAA Indicator	Baseline	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	Partners who have signed-up to the target and any which are acting as lead partner/s (shown with a *)	Comments
Sustainable Communities	<b>NI 171</b> New business registration rate	29.9 (02-07 av.)	N/A	32.8	35.6	RCBC Regeneration*, Business Link	
	<b>NI 186</b> Per capita CO <sub>2</sub> emissions in the LA area	10.51 tonnes (2005)	3.7% reduction	7.4% reduction	11.1% reduction	RCBC* Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit; Environment Agency	
	<b>NI 198</b> Children travelling to school - mode of travel usually used	24% Car Use (2006/07)	22.0%	21.0%	20.0%	RCBC Highways & Transportation*	

## Child Poverty – LSP Board 27<sup>th</sup> March 2009

**Life Expectancy** (how long I can expect to live)

**Healthy Life Expectancy** (the age at what age I can expect to develop whatever it is that eventually kills me)

**Quintile** (the national population divided into fifths, with the 1 representing the most advantaged and 5 the least advantaged)

### **Redcar and Cleveland Males and Females Combined**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Life expectancy at birth</b>	<b>Healthy life expectancy at birth</b>	<b>Quintile</b>
Hutton	82.5	76.7	1
Longbeck	81.5	72.9	3
West Dyke	79.4	71.8	3
Westworth	78.1	70.9	4
Normanby	79.9	70.6	4
St Germain's	79.0	70.3	4
Ormesby	79.4	70.0	4
Teesville	79.7	69.4	4
Saltburn	76.3	68.8	4
Dormanstown	78.9	68.5	4
Zetland	76.6	68.2	4
Guisborough	76.4	68.1	4
Skelton	78.8	67.9	4
Brotton	77.8	67.7	5
Newcomen	77.6	66.7	5
Lockwood	77.4	66.0	5
Loftus	76.6	65.6	5
Kirkleatham	76.8	65.1	5
Coatham	73.5	63.3	5
Eston	74.4	63.1	5
South Bank	74.1	62.5	5
Grangetown	73.6	60.0	5

## Redcar and Cleveland Males only

Ward	Life expectancy at birth	Healthy life expectancy at birth
Hutton	80.2	75.2
Longbeck	77.5	70.0
West Dyke	77.6	69.9
Teesville	78.1	69.1
Normanby	78.3	69.1
Westworth	75.7	68.9
St Germain's	76.7	68.6
Ormesby	76.7	67.7
Dormanstown	77.2	67.5
Saltburn	74.6	67.4
Zetland	74.6	67.0
Newcomen	76.0	66.2
Brotton	76.1	66.0
Guisborough	73.8	65.8
Skelton	74.5	65.3
Loftus	75.0	64.7
Kirkleatham	74.5	63.6
Lockwood	74.3	63.4
Eston	71.5	61.1
Coatham	70.0	60.6
South Bank	70.2	60.0
Grangetown	69.7	57.9

## Redcar and Cleveland Females only

Ward	Life expectancy at birth	Healthy life expectancy at birth
Hutton	84.8	78.2
Longbeck	86.0	76.1
West Dyke	81.0	73.5
Westworth	80.2	72.7
Ormesby	82.1	72.3
Normanby	81.5	72.1
St Germain's	81.0	72.0
Skelton	82.8	70.5
Saltburn	78.1	70.3
Guisborough	78.7	70.1
Teesville	80.8	69.9
Dormanstown	80.4	69.3
Brotton	79.3	69.3
Zetland	78.4	69.2
Lockwood	81.0	69.0
Newcomen	79.0	67.2
Loftus	78.0	66.3
Kirkleatham	78.7	66.3
Coatham	77.0	66.2
South Bank	78.3	65.3
Eston	77.0	65.0
Grangetown	78.0	62.3



<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Redcar and Cleveland LSP Board and Children and Young People's Trust Board meetings		<b>TITLE:</b>	LSP Children and Young People's Event Outcome Report
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	Paul Taylor & Barbara Hall			
<b>DATE:</b>	February 09			

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

In May 2006, the Redcar and Cleveland Partnership restructured itself in order to align to the shared priorities between central and local government of:

- Children and Young People
- Health Well Being and Older People
- Safer Stronger Communities
- Sustainable Communities

In agreeing its new constitution, the Partnership agreed to hold 3 annual events that would see the whole LSP come together through conference to tackle cross cutting issues and . During the past 3 years the LSP has held a series of events looking at the Local Area Agreement, cohesion and inclusion, culture, employment issues and developing the sustainable community strategy as examples in order that consensus is reached by all partners on priority issues. GONE have identified the conferences as good practice are promoting them widely.

The last LSP wide event focusing on children and young people was held in 2004 and the Partnership Chairs agreed that the involvement of young people was fundamental to the priority setting process of the Partnership. 30 of the 79 objectives contained within the boroughs Sustainable Community Strategy adopted in July 2008 sit within the children and young people's block of the Partnership, however young people's issues cut across all themes.

It was agreed that a high profile event focusing on the needs of young people would be held November 2008 and a steering group would be set up to organise and deliver the LSP wide event.

During September and October 2008 a programme was developed that would not only provide an opportunity to promote the positive impact young people have on society, but to identify ways in which the Partnership could deliver activity to improve the quality of life of young people across the borough. At the heart of the conference would be the facilitation of workshops by young people.

## 2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The event commenced by showcasing some of Redcar and Cleveland young people talents ranging from a school performance on Internet safety to a talented juggler. The guest speaker was Martin Narey, Chief Executive of Barnados, who focussed on parallels between childhood poverty and issues in later life.

The main focus of the event was on a joint workshop exercise between partners and young people using 'Outcome Focussed Accountability'. Themes for the session had already been identified from previous consultation with young people, where they had been asked to identify issues of concern.

They main issues were:

- Alcohol and related issues
- Transport
- Things to do and places to go
- Poverty
- Young people with learning difficulties/ disabilities

Prior to the event, the young people met with the group facilitators and came up with an agreed outcome that they would like to see for each of the five issues. The Outcomes were:

- Young people to be more aware of the consequences of drinking alcohol with a harder hitting realistic message. Young people want adults to set clearer boundaries and give fewer choices.
- Cheap bus fares for young people, with better reliability, quality and accessibility.
- There should be things to do and places to go, that are fun and safe, which offer advice and guidance and teach us something.
- To make sure that no child or young person is socially excluded because of family income and circumstances.
- Forget our labels, we want to be equal citizens and have the same opportunities as everyone else.

At the event the partners were split into groups with a facilitator and young people. In some cases there were two groups discussing the same issue. The groups worked through a 'Turning the Curve' exercise. To help them understand the issue, they discussed: what the issue was; how they knew it was a problem and came up with a range of possible solutions. The group then agreed on the best action and considered: what resources would be needed; how they would involve young people and who would take the lead. Appendix A shows a summary of the agreed actions and progress to date.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- The LSP Board commit to ensure that the agreed actions are carried out by appointing a lead.
- That the young people are informed of the outcome.
- If a pledge is to be drawn up, young people are involved in the process.

## Proposed Actions from LSP Event held in December 08

Under 'action' information has been provided on new and developing projects across the trust.

Theme	Suggested Action	Suggested Lead	Action to date
Alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold conference on alcohol with young people affected/ licencees/agencies – Talk about it, spend time on a solution</li> <li>• Develop a generic young person's counselling/ IAG service that offers confidential, individual support</li> </ul>	Children's Trust Board	
Alcohol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anonymous boxes in school to tell trading standards of suppliers to young people – DISC responsibility</li> <li>• Developing a programme around "saying no" improving life skills, making choices, improving self esteem – Connexions responsibility</li> <li>• Specialist peer education worker in generic services to recruit peer educators and train in "life skill" – good role models – Connexions responsibility</li> <li>• Using ex service users to talk to school alongside teachers to discuss drugs and alcohol – Mark Gray to pick up</li> </ul>	<p>Disc</p> <p>Connexions</p> <p>Mark Gray</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connexions are working with the Youth Service, Adult Learning and Sure Start to develop a learning programme for young people to develop the skills and strategies to cope more effectively in difficult situations. They will be family focussed and delivered from training hubs in the local community</li> <li>• There is a meeting in March with the Healthy Schools team and schools to look at how we can improve the way we help schools to discuss with young people</li> </ul>

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			issues relating to drugs and alcohol.
Poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the roll out of the credit union</li> <li>• Community engagement – Single point of contact for all issues eg. Single community centre, bring all community groups and support organisations together in one community – Community groups lead</li> <li>• Organise community fun days – bring partners together to engage on issues with the emphasis on carnival approach – <i>option already under consideration by coast &amp; Country &amp; Routes 2 employment</i></li> <li>• Develop a mentoring programme in local communities</li> <li>• Talk to cinemas, leisure centre &amp; other providers about discounts for young people to make activities more affordable</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mystery shopping – on buses/ taxis (YP</li> </ul>	Sure Start & Job Centre Plus with community groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sub group of Make a Positive Contribution is developing a pilot Youth Village project. Where services work in partnership to take activity events to communities.</li> <li>• Via Ian Jeffrey, BH has put a community project in touch with RCVDA. Community Screen scene bring up to date films out to young people in the community at low cost.</li> <li>• Pilot Mystery Shopping project already</li> </ul>

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	<p>are frequently challenged/ not believed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure all families get all money they are entitled to. All grants available i.e. warm front</li> </ul>		<p>being set up lead by Youth Service to look at access to services.</p>
<p>Thing to do, places to go</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target marketing strategy of activities</li> <li>• Celebrate achievements of young people – create a press strategy.</li> <li>• Improve opening hours – more weekend/ later evening activities.</li> <li>• Raise awareness in adults to challenge prejudices</li> <li>• Full audit of activities &amp; full communication/ provision for children and young people, designed by young people</li> </ul>	<p>Joint responsibility lead by LSP?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New 'Tuned in' website &amp; leaflet of activities being developed as part of Youth Offer.</li> <li>• Increased weekend activities via Youth Crime Action Plan</li> </ul>
<p>Access to affordable transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport surveys- public transport and private transport to see why people need to use cars.</li> <li>• Free/subsidised for all young people on public transport</li> <li>• Bus timetables available in youth centre and closer working with timetable</li> </ul>	<p>Mary Lannigan Lead Member Highways and Transportation</p>	
<p>Children with disabilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YP's page in People, Progress, Pride - Low cost</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stuart Myers has been appointed as participation officer for children with disabilities. He plans to work through the actions with the young people.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Clubs – staff training on disabled YP</li> <li>• Involve participants in planning.</li> <li>• YP join in mainstream activity</li> <li>• Awareness of needs of participants at events</li> <li>• Ask Variety Club to have small logo</li> <li>• Have wide range of ways to communicate &amp; support young people</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training of universal service staff included in aim Higher Strategy.</li> </ul>

