

REGENERATION AND PLANNING SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM AGENDA



13 September 2012

at 3.00 p.m.

in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool.

MEMBERS: REGENERATION AND PLANNING SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM:

Councillors Ainslie, Cranney, Dawkins, Hall, Payne, Turner and Wells.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 AUGUST 2012 (*to follow*)**
- 4. RESPONSES FROM THE COUNCIL, THE EXECUTIVE OR COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL TO FINAL REPORTS OF THIS FORUM**

No items.
- 5. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS REFERRED VIA SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE**

No items.
- 6. CONSIDERATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS / BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS**

No items.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Scrutiny Investigation into the JSNA topic of Employment

7.1 Evidence from the Mayor as Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

(a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Support Officer*; and

(b) Verbal Evidence – *Elected Mayor*

7.2 Setting the Scene:-

(a) Covering Report – *Scrutiny Support Officer*; and

(b) Presentation – *Economic Regeneration Manager*.

Six Monthly Monitoring Report

7.3 Six Monthly Monitoring of Agreed Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum's Recommendations – *Scrutiny Support Officer*

8. ISSUES IDENTIFIED FROM FORWARD PLAN

No items.

9. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT

FOR INFORMATION

(i) **Date of Next Meeting 11 October, 2012, commencing at 3.00 p.m. in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool.**

REGENERATION AND PLANNING SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM

MINUTES

2 AUGUST 2012

The meeting commenced at 3.00 p.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor: Ged Hall (In the Chair)

Councillors: Jim Ainslie, Keith Dawkins, Kevin Cranney,
Robbie Payne and Mike Turner.

Officers: Antony Steinberg, Economic Regeneration Manager
James Walsh, Scrutiny Support Officer
David Cosgrove, Democratic Services Team

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Wells.

2. Declarations of interest by Members

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2012

Confirmed.

4. Portfolio Holder's Response to the investigation into Employment and Training Opportunities for 19-25 Year Olds

The Scrutiny Support Officer reported that the final report of the Forum's investigation into Employment and Training Opportunities for 19-25 Year Olds was submitted to Cabinet at its meeting on 30 April 2012 together with a proposed action plan to implement the recommendations. Cabinet agreed all the recommendations and approved the proposed action plan and a copy of the action plan setting out the steps to be taken and the officers responsible was submitted as an appendix to the report.

The Economic Regeneration Manager gave the Forum an update in respect to

progress made on the implementation of the recommendations. It was highlighted that Hartlepool was the third worst area for youth unemployment and much of the work undertaken within the Economic Regeneration team was targeted at youth unemployment. This was an extremely difficult area as one of the town's major employers of young people had been the Garlands Call Centre.

Members highlighted the problems of tackling youth unemployment and a member indicated the council's work in this area was hindered when a recent new funding opportunity launched by the Big Lottery Fund aimed at Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) to target youth unemployment appeared not to have included Hartlepool. It appeared that some funding had gone to Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland. The issue had been raised with the lottery administrators but it appeared that the decisions made had been based on old data which was extremely concerning.

The Chair indicated that Hartlepool had a good track record of accessing pots of additional funding and it was extremely concerning that this one had been missed, particularly as it was aimed at reducing youth unemployment. It did appear that the fault did not lie with the authority but with the Big Lottery Fund and possibly the LEP.

The Chair questioned the implementation of the recommendations set out in the action plan and in particular the work on the Avanta programme with the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP). The Economic Regeneration Manager reported that the main providers were committed to regular liaison meetings. There was concern that some of the implementation was based on national models and discussions were ongoing to ensure the programme met local requirements.

Members suggested that involving Avanta in a meeting with Members may be useful. Members indicated that they had not been made aware of a facility in the Headland for the unemployed being removed which provided free internet access to search and apply for jobs. Members commented that many of the problems related back to the removal of the Working Neighbourhoods Fund. While there had been some duplication of schemes through employment regeneration and adult education, greater integration between the two services was resolving these issues and directing people to the right resource.

Members requested that updates on the progress being made on the implementation of the recommendations be submitted throughout the year.

Recommended

That the proposed actions detailed within the Action Plan be noted.

5. Consideration of request for scrutiny reviews referred via Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

No items.

6. Consideration of progress reports/budget and policy framework documents

No items.

7. The Role of the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum *(Scrutiny Support Officer)*

The Scrutiny Support Officer reported on the role and functions of the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum. The report outlined the role and function of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee, the main functions of the five standing scrutiny forums of which Regeneration and Planning Services was one and the specific remit of this forum. The report also detailed the proposed dates of meetings in the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

Recommended

That the report be noted.

8. Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum – Work Programme for 2012/13 *(Scrutiny Support Officer)*

The Scrutiny Support Officer reported that at the meeting of Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on 15 June 2012 (to which all Members of the Regeneration and Planning Scrutiny Forum were invited), Members were asked to consider potential topics for inclusion in the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum's work programme for the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee delegated responsibility to the Chairs of the Scrutiny Forums to finalise Work Programmes for their respective Forums, identifying specific elements of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and budget / collaboration programme. The Chair of the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum agreed that the Forum would focus on the following items for the 2012/13 Municipal Year:-

JSNA Work Programme Item – (i) Employment

Budget and Policy Framework Items

- (i) Corporate and Departmental Plans 2013/14
- (ii) Budget Consultation
- (iii) Development Plan

Recommended

That the report be noted.

9. Scrutiny Investigation into Employment – Scoping Report (*Scrutiny Support Officer*)

The Scrutiny Support Officer referred to the previous report in relation to the Forum's work programme and outlined the overall aim and proposed terms of reference for the investigation into the Employment topic within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment incorporating the Marmot principle to 'create fair employment and good work for all'.

In relation to the potential areas of enquiry and sources of evidence, Members commented that they would wish to include evidence from Tees Valley Unlimited and the Federation of Small Businesses and Catcote Business School. The proposed timetable for the investigation was agreed.

Recommended

That the aim, terms of reference, areas of enquiry and sources of evidence and the timetable for the review as set out in the report be agreed.

10. The Executive's Forward Plan (*Scrutiny Support Officer*)

The Scrutiny Support Officer submitted details of the key decisions set out within the most recent Executive Forward Plan (August to November 2012) that related to the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum.

Members commented that there were several issues within the Forward Plan that related to the Forum's remit in relation to housing and questioned how the forum would be involved in the development of those proposals, where appropriate. The Scrutiny Support Officer indicated that he would make enquiries with the department and report back to the Forum.

Recommended

That the report be noted.

11. Any Other Items which the Chairman Considers are Urgent

The Chair returned to the debate under minute no. 9 'Scrutiny Investigation into Employment – Scoping Report' to discuss further which bodies should be asked to provide evidence to the forum as part of the investigation. The Scrutiny Support Officer indicated that the Portfolio Holder was the Mayor and that the Mayor and the Member of Parliament would be contacted after this meeting to arrange their attendance at a future meeting. Members questioned what input could be sourced from the LEP. The Economic Regeneration Manager commented that the LEP fell under the management of TVU, so by having their input into the investigation Members would also be able to raise issues in relation to the LEP.

Members also discussed further the failure to gain financial support by means

of the Big Lottery Fund programme aimed at youth unemployment. Members were concerned that there had been a deliberate intervention to close Hartlepool out of the funding. The Economic Regeneration Manager stated that he did not believe that was the case and that a simple mistake had been made in using out of date data. Members also indicated that through the investigation the link between employment and health should be examined in some way and requested that the Director of Public Health be invited to explore this further as part of the evidence gathering.

Recommended

That Members comments be noted.

The meeting concluded at 3.55 p.m.

CHAIR

REGENERATION AND PLANNING SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM

13 September 2012



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: JSNA TOPIC OF 'EMPLOYMENT' – EVIDENCE
FROM THE MAYOR AS PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR
REGENERATION AND NEIGHBOURHOODS –
COVERING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of this Forum that the Authority's Mayor as Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Neighbourhoods has agreed to attend today's meeting to provide evidence in relation to this Forum's investigation into the JSNA topic of 'Employment'.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of this Forum on 2 August 2012, the Terms of Reference and Potential Areas of Inquiry / Sources of Evidence for this Scrutiny investigation were approved by the Forum.
- 2.2 Consequently, the Authority's Mayor as Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Neighbourhoods has agreed to attend this meeting to submit evidence of a local perspective to the Forum.
- 2.3 During this evidence gathering session with the Authority's Mayor as Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Neighbourhoods, it is suggested that responses should be sought to the following key questions:-
- (a) With employment being a contributory factor in closing the gap on health inequalities in Hartlepool, in your opinion as Portfolio Holder:-
 - (i) What more could be done to increase the number of people who are work ready?
 - (ii) How can we encourage the entrepreneurial activity and ideas of local residents?

- (b) What recommendations in relation to employment could be helpful in informing the development of the health & wellbeing and commissioning strategies?
- (c) What other advice / information are you able to provide this Forum, that would assist this scrutiny investigation?

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members of the Forum consider the views of the Authority's Mayor as Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Neighbourhoods in relation to the questions outlined in section 2.3

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (i) Minutes of the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum meeting held on 2 August 2012.
- (ii) Report of the Scrutiny Support Officer, entitled 'Scrutiny Investigation into Employment – Scoping Report' presented at the meeting of the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum on 2 August 2012.

REGENERATION AND PLANNING SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM

13 September 2012



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION IN THE JSNA TOPIC OF 'EMPLOYMENT' – SETTING THE SCENE PRESENTATION - COVERING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members that officers of the Regeneration and Neighbourhood Services Department have been invited to attend this meeting to provide information in relation to the investigation into the JSNA topic of 'Employment'.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of this Forum on 2 August 2012, Members agreed the Scope and Terms of Reference for their forthcoming investigation into the JSNA topic of Employment.
- 2.2 Subsequently, officers from the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Services Department have agreed to attend this meeting to outline the following in relation to the JSNA topic of Employment:-
- (i) What the key issues are;
 - (ii) What the level of need is; and
 - (iii) Who is at risk and why.
- 2.3 During this evidence gathering session, Members should be mindful of the Marmot principle to 'Create Fair Employment and Good Work for all'

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Members of the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum consider the evidence from officers of the Regeneration and Neighbourhood Services Department in attendance at this meeting and seek clarification on any relevant issues where required.

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13 September 2012



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: SIX MONTHLY MONITORING OF AGREED
REGENERATION AND PLANNING SERVICES
SCRUTINY FORUM'S RECOMMENDATIONS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with the six monthly progress made on the delivery of the agreed scrutiny recommendations of this Forum.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

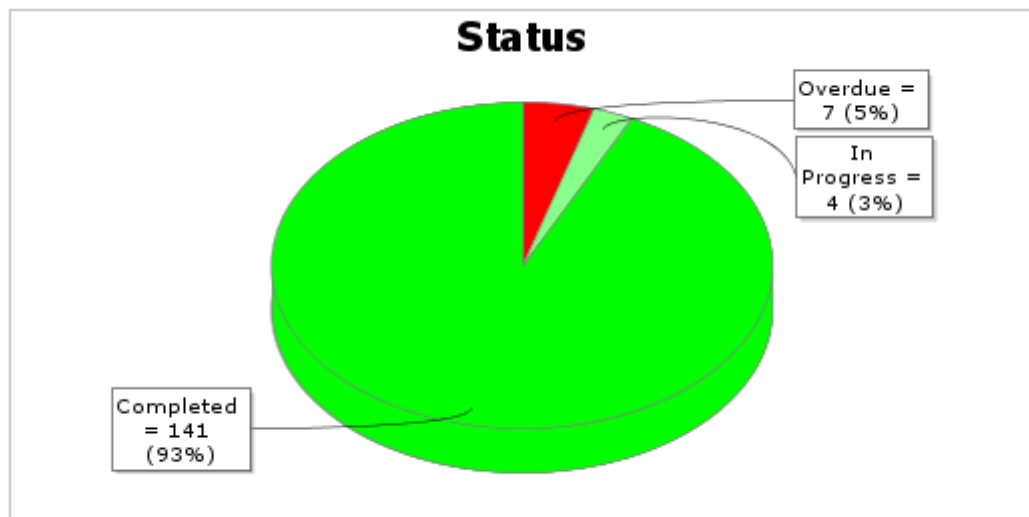
- 2.1 In accordance with the agreed procedure, this report provides for Members details of progress made against each of the investigations undertaken by the Forum. **Chart1** below is the overall progress made by all scrutiny forums since 2005 and **Chart2** (overleaf) provides a detailed explanation of progress made against each scrutiny recommendation agreed by this Forum since the last six monthly monitoring report presented in March 2011.

Chart1: Progress made by all Scrutiny Investigations Undertaken since 2005



Regeneration & Planning Services Scrutiny Forum - All

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Year 2009/10




Investigation Hartlepool's Business Incubation System




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| SCR-RP/9a/ii That due to long-term sustainability problems of the Working Neighbourhood Fund (WNF) - (ii) Seeks innovative ways of attracting sustainable income to support and develop the Business | SCR-RP/9a/ii As a service, opportunities to develop the property portfolio will be sought which has the potential in the medium term to provide income which could be utilised to support Hartlepool's Incubation system. | Mick Emerson | 31-Mar-2013 | 31-Mar-2013 | 12-Jul-2012 UKSE Innovation Centre at c. 65% let - unlikely to be in a position to place more incubation units on the market until this extension is fully established and funding for the any new development will become an issue. 18-Apr-2012 Continue to consider the Crown house Development. Hartlepool Enterprise Centre rent | <div><div style="width: 90%;">90%</div></div> In Progress | |

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| Incubation System in Hartlepool. | | | | | review undertaken and increased space made available for new businesses | | |

Year 2011/12**Investigation** Employment and Training Opportunities for 19-25 Year Olds

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| SCR-RP/12a/ii That Hartlepool Borough Council liaise with prime providers of the Work Programme to assist Avanta in engaging with the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) to share data regarding the success of the Work Programme within Hartlepool; | SCR-RP/12a/i i At the present time, both prime providers have been instructed by the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) that they cannot release information on performance. A regional group has been established with representation from Hartlepool Borough Council which will provide the forum to challenge DWP on this matter. | Patrick Wilson | 31-Jul-2012 | 31-Jul-2012 | 06-Jul-2012 It is anticipated that the Department for Work and Pensions will announce the performance of the prime providers in the autumn 2012. |  Overdue | |
| SCR-RP/12a/iii That Hartlepool Borough Council liaise with prime providers of the Work Programme to develop a process to ensure the dissemination of information in relation to the success of the DWP Work Programme in Hartlepool to the Council | SCR-RP/12a/i ii As stated above, the Work Programme providers are not contractually able to release information. However, the quarterly meetings and the regional meeting will progress this matter. | Patrick Wilson | 31-Jul-2012 | 31-Jul-2012 | 16-Jul-2012 It is anticipated that the Department for Work and Pensions will announce the performance of the prime providers in the autumn 2012. |  Overdue | |
| SCR-RP/12b/i That Hartlepool Borough Council facilitate meetings between | SCR-RP/12b/i Initial meetings have already taken place with the prime providers to discuss the potential for third sector | Patrick Wilson | 31-Jul-2012 | 31-Jul-2012 | 06-Jul-2012 Avanta held an event on 23rd May 2012 to identify potential third sector organisations who could deliver the Work |  Overdue | |

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| prime providers of the DWP Work Programmes and third sector providers to promote the specialist support services local organisations are able to provide as sub-contractors | | organisations to offer specialist services within subcontract arrangements. This matter will continue to be progressed by the Council in the quarterly meetings. | | | Programme. Avanta is now in the process of deciding which partners to contract with. | | |
| SCR-RP/12b/ii That Hartlepool Borough Council facilitate meetings between prime providers of the DWP Work Programmes and third sector providers to explore options to provide specialist services 'on demand' | SCR-RP/12b/i | As stated in (b)(i), initial meetings have highlighted this matter and will be progressed within the quarterly meetings. | Patrick Wilson | 31-Aug-2012 | 31-Aug-2012 | 06-Jul-2012 Avanta held an event on 23rd May 2012 to identify potential third sector organisations who could deliver the work programme. |  Overdue |
| SCR-RP/12c That the development of a process to hold careers events to promote the types of careers available with local employers and also the routes to access potential opportunities, is explored with local service providers, employers and Connexions | SCR-RP/12c/i | 11-19 Partnership will take responsibility | Tom Argument; Kelly Armstrong | 31-Jul-2013 | 31-Jul-2013 | 13-Jul-2012 11-19 Partnership are taking responsibility for the strategic and operational plans and review performance on a quarterly basis. |  In Progress |
| SCR-RP/12c That the development of a process to hold careers events to promote the types of careers available with local employers and also the routes to access | SCR-RP/12c/i | Secure financial contributions across 11-19 partnership for Choices Event | Tom Argument; Kelly Armstrong | 30-Sep-2012 | 30-Sep-2012 | 13-Jul-2012 As a new performance indicator it has not been possible to secure financial contributions, however all schools, colleges and work based learning providers are taking part in the Choice Event 2012 and are providing staff without charge to the LA. The aim is to raise |  In Progress |

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| potential opportunities, is explored with local service providers, employers and Connexions | | | | | this in September 2012 for implementation in October 2013. | | |
| SCR-RP/12d That ways of re-invigorating the partnership between Connexions and Job Centre Plus in Hartlepool be explored to ensure consent to share forms are completed and data shared, where possible and in accordance with the data protection act. | SCR-RP/12d/i Explore co-delivery opportunities through sitting Job Centre + workers in OSS | Mark Smith | 31-Jul-2012 | 31-Jul-2012 | 18-Jul-2012 This will be completed strategically by Mark Smith with Job Centre Plus Management. |  25% Overdue | |
| SCR-RP/12f That the Economic Development Team works in partnership with prime providers, local suppliers of employment and training services and the Economic Regeneration Forum to promote the Youth Contract | SCR-RP/12f A working group has been established between partners such as Economic Development, Jobcentre Plus (JCP) and the National Apprenticeship Service (NAS) to formulate wider activities to engage and raise awareness of apprenticeships to employers. This will include the Employer Services Manager of NAS being based within Economic Development Team for one day per week from April 2012. | Patrick Wilson | 30-Sep-2012 | 30-Sep-2012 | 06-Jul-2012 Hartlepool Borough Council's Economic Regeneration Team, the National Apprenticeship Service and Job Centre Plus are now working closely together as part of a six month pilot to promote a <i>core offer</i> to local employers which will include raising awareness of the Apprenticeship programme and Job Centre Plus' Get Britain Working measures, including the Youth Contract. In addition, the Economic Regeneration Team continues to work with Avanta and Triage to promote the waged subsidy that is available to employ a Work Programme customer to enter into employment. |  40% In Progress | |
| SCR-RP/12g/i That the use of the Social Return on Investment model is explored as part of the budget process to provide Members with | SCR-RP/12g/i The use of the Social Return on Investment model is extremely resource intensive. The potential use needs to be explored in the context of the resource constraints facings | Chris Little | 31-Jul-2012 | 31-Jul-2012 | 13-Aug-2012 Arrangements been made to address social return and investment issues within detailed savings reports to be referred to SCC from October onwards. |  0% Overdue | |

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| qualitative data upon which to make decisions. | | the Council and other pressures on resources. These issues includes legislative changes being implemented over the next 12 months, including localisation of business rates and Council Tax benefits, work on ICT and the delivery of budget savings for 2013/14. It is envisaged that the model may be applicable to specific budget proposals rather the whole budget process. | | | | | |
| SCR-RP/12g/ii That the use of the Social Return on Investment model is explored to assist in shaping the future of service delivery by evaluating current service provision | SCR-RP/12g/i | As detailed above the use of this model is resource intensive and application to specific cases may be provide improved information for decision making. This issue needs exploring. | Chris Little | 30-Jul-2012 | 30-Jul-2012 | 13-Aug-2012 Arrangements been made to address social return and investment issues within detailed savings reports to be referred to SCC from October onwards. | 0% Overdue |

Year 2009/10

Investigation The Hartlepool Transport Interchange

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| SCR-RP/8d That a process is put in place to regularly review and keep Members informed of the development of the Hartlepool Transport Interchange with particular reference to usage and | SCR-RP/8d | Circulation update to be provided to Members, including: - plans, progress report and timeline performance. | Peter Frost; Alastair Smith | 30-Apr-2010 | 30-Apr-2011 | 27-Jul-2012 All works now complete. 20-Apr-2012 Next quarterly update is due to be sent to Members by the end of April. A number of signing and lining issues which were causing operational difficulties have now been addressed. | 100% Completed |

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| transport operator linkage. | | | | | | | |

Year 2010/11



Investigation Services Available to Male Victims of Domestic Abuse

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| SCR-RP/11a/i That promotion of support and assistant available to male victims of domestic abuse is undertaken to encourage more male victims to engage with services, including: - (i) Utilisation of appropriate promotional and awareness raising activities | SCR-RP/11a/i This campaign will be included in Harbours promotional strategy for 2011/12 in conjunction with the DV Forum, Reducing Violence group & Safer Hartlepool Partnership. As a result of the loss of the Funding for publicity and marketing the SHP will rely heavily on cross departmental support in highlighting services linked to male victims of domestic abuse, and therefore utilising any existing and available material by the Home Office/other sources. | Sally Forth | 31-Oct-2011 | 31-Oct-2011 | <p>11-Jan-2012 Harbour continue to promote support services in Hartlepool as per their Marketing Strategy 2011/2012. To improve and expand awareness raising of male victims of domestic and sexual violence, Harbour will be applying for government funding under the following criteria.</p> <p><i>"The government is making available £225,000 of funding over two years available to organisations to support services focussing on male victims of domestic and sexual violence. The government recognises that men can be victims of these crimes, and takes this issue very seriously. Grants ranging from £2,000 to £10,000 are available to organisations who provide services meeting the following criteria: the service must have a proven successful track record in dealing with male victims of domestic and/or sexual violence the service should engage in both preventative work and support work the service works with female victims, the service must have a proven track record in working with male victims"</i></p> | <div> <div></div> <div>100%</div> </div> Completed | |

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| | | | | | <p><i>and offering tailored support for male victims of domestic and/or sexual abuse the service must be proven to be sustainable."</i></p> <p>If successful, grant monies will be used to improve awareness raising, enhance campaign material and provide training to multi-agency frontline staff.</p> <p>Hartlepool Domestic Violence Strategy 2012-2015 has been developed for consultation, key objectives of the strategy include Prevention and Early Intervention, Provision of Services, Partnership Working and Justice Outcomes and Risk Reduction for Victims. A 12 week consultation timetable is to be developed and actioned, immediately.</p> <p>The finalised strategy, will be monitored and delivered by the Safer Hartlepool Partnership Reducing Violence Group and Domestic Violence Forum in conjunction with service providers.</p> | | |
| | | | | | <p>12-Oct-2011 -- enter new status update --The DV forum is to meet again on 27th October 2011 after a hiatus of several months due to staffing issues and is to launch a promotional campaign including services to male victims using promotional material already available.</p> | | |

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| SCR-RP/11a/ii That promotion of support and assistance available to male victims of domestic abuse is undertaken to encourage more male victims to engage with services. | SCR-RP/11a/i In relation to (a)(ii) steps will continue to be taken in ensuring dissemination of information to the public is achieved by a range of methods and not relying solely upon internet. | Sally Forth | 31-Oct-2011 | 31-Oct-2011 | <p>11-Jan-2012 <u>A range of methods continue to be used to disseminate information to members of the public, specifically on 12/12/11 a headline article was placed in the Hartlepool Mail re Domestic Violence in Hartlepool.</u></p> <p><u>Through the implementation of the Domestic Violence Strategy 2012 - 2015 the Domestic Violence Forum will promote services inline with objectives.</u></p> <p><u>The SHP commissioned a Viewpoint survey to examine the awareness of Domestic Violence and Abuse.</u> <u>Viewpoint 36 results indicate:</u> Four out of ten (44%) Viewpoint members said they are aware of where to go if they wanted to report domestic abuse. However, a similar proportion (40%) said they did not or answered 'don't know' When asked if Viewpoint members are aware of the services available for the victims of domestic abuse, one in three (30%) said they were, but over half (52%) said they weren't or did not know. Three quarters (73%) of Viewpoint members agreed that more education about domestic abuse is needed for the general public. These results will be used as baseline measures for the Domestic Violence Forum to monitor future awareness raising activities.</p> <p>12-Oct-2011 -- enter new status update -- The DV forum will promote this support via the campaign it will be promoting over the Christmas</p> | 100% Completed | |




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| | | | | | period. | | |
| SCR-RP/11b That the provision of a helpline specifically for male victims of domestic abuse is investigated with the Safer Hartlepool Partnership | SCR-RP/11b Harbour already have an 0845 number which is promoted for both male and female victims, ensuring a single point of contact for all support services. The SHP will investigate this, but given financial constraints it may be sensible and appropriate to consider the promotion of the 0845 number as outlined above as an appropriate helpline number. | Sally Forth | 31-Oct-2011 | 31-Oct-2011 | 11-Jan-2012 Harbour continue to promote the national helpline number in addition to Harbour's main contact number 0845 602 7308. 12-Oct-2011 The Community Safety Manager met with Harbour on 11th October 2011. Statistics to date do not support expenditure on an additional number. However harbour are to promote the national helpline number for male victims (0808 801 0327) so there is a separate number for them to call. | 100% Completed | |
| SCR-RP/11c/i That following the refresh of the Safer Hartlepool Partnership website a review of the Hartlepool Borough Council website is undertaken to assess whether: - (i) The website contains sufficient information | SCR-RP/11c/i As Avanticom, are no longer involved as the result of contract termination due to financial constraints, steps are being taken through HBC links to manage the SHP website. Harbour have agreed to provide appropriate information targeted at male victims. Once the management of the website is clearly understood by all parties, then the Community Safety Manager will ensure that this action is fulfilled and links made. | Sally Forth | 31-Aug-2011 | 31-Aug-2011 | 11-Jan-2012 The Safer Hartlepool Partnership microsite has now replaced the existing Safer Hartlepool website maintained by Avanticom and is now live. Harbour has provided replacement information covering their services, including information and contact details. Further discussions are to take place at the next Public Confidence Group Meeting scheduled for 19th January and also the SHP Executive Group (11/01/12) in regard to future updates. 07-Oct-2011 -- enter new status update -- Agreement has been reached that the SHP will operate a microsite. The Reassurance Task group of the SHP in November will review the proposed content of this website | 100% Completed | |
| SCR-RP/11c/ii That following the refresh of | SCR-RP/11c/i In relation to recommendation (ii) | Sally Forth | 31-Aug-2011 | 31-Aug-2011 | 11-Jan-2012 The microsite has now replaced the existing Safer | 100% Completed | |


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| the Safer Hartlepool Partnership website a review of the Hartlepool Borough Council website is undertaken to assess whether: - (ii) Information can be accessed with limited searching. | i information can be accessed at the present time with limited searching, however in the spirit of review it will be examined more closely to see if we can improve this process. | | | | Hartlepool website maintained by Avanticom and is now live. Harbour has provided replacement information covering their services, including information and contact details. The search availability of the microsite for information relating to Male Victims of Domestic Violence will be reviewed and improvements made where necessary. 07-Oct-2011 -- enter new status update --The new micro site has not yet gone live so this action cannot be implemented . | | |
| SCR-RP/11d That work is undertaken in conjunction with the Child and Adult Services Department to investigate the potential to deliver non gender specific domestic abuse prevention programmes at a school level. | SCR-RP/11d The Community Safety Manager will ensure discussions take place with Child & Adult Services and appropriate partners, to establish the level of delivery re non gender specific domestic abuse issues in schools and if this needs to be improved an appropriate action plan will be developed. | Sally Forth | 30-Nov-2011 | 30-Nov-2011 | 17-Apr-2012 -- enter new status update --the need for education for young people on healthy relationships has been recognised in developing the action plan for Domestic Violence as well as the new Early Intervention strategy in the Child and Adults department . 11-Jan-2012 This action will be progressed through the consultation and delivery of Hartlepool Domestic Violence Strategy 2012-2015, specifically in regards to Objective 1: Prevention and Early Intervention. In addition to this the HSCB - Domestic Violence Task & Finish will meet in January 2012 to discuss/examine the impact of domestic violence on children. |  Completed | |
| SCR-RP/11e/i That work is undertaken with other local authorities in the northern region | SCR-RP/11e/i The Safer Hartlepool Partnership will explore this opportunity but financial constraints must be taken | Sally Forth | 31-May-2012 | 31-May-2012 | 17-Apr-2012 -- enter new status update -Harbour continue to explore funding opportunities which would enable the provision of a specialist |  Completed | |

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| to consider: - (i) Support for a cross authority male domestic abuse worker to develop and promote services available throughout the northern region; | into consideration. Links have already been made on a regional basis to key partners and this will be explored further. | | | | worker for male victims across the Tees Valley Area.- 11-Jan-2012 Current financial and funding constraints hinder progress re this action, however future opportunities will be explored inline with the Hartlepool Domestic Violence Strategy 2012-2015. | | |
| SCR-RP/11e/ii That work is undertaken with other local authorities in the northern region to consider: - (ii) Undertaking a cross authority review to determine the demand for a male refuge. | SCR-RP/11e/i Harbour is happy to contribute to the review but our research and experience suggests that support for male victims will be best met through community based services, including accommodation provided in individual properties | Sally Forth | 31-May-2012 | 31-May-2012 | 17-Apr-2012 The bid to the Community Action Against Crime Innovations fund was unsuccessful. Harbour believe that specialist services to male victims could be provided by a dedicated worker across the Cleveland area and continue to explore avenues of funding to enable such a worker to be appointed. 11-Jan-2012 In December 2011, Harbour submitted a Community Action Against Crime (CAAC) funding application, supported by the Safer Hartlepool Partnership. If successful the monies will be used to fund a 'safe house' project. Working in partnership with Housing Hartlepool a suitable property will be identified in Hartlepool, to house victims of domestic violence, where specialist holistic support will be delivered. A project of this nature will remove refuge gender constraints and provide local accommodation for males victims, if needed. | Completed | |

Year 2010/11

Investigation Working Neighbourhoods Fund

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| SCR-RP/10c/i That to encourage and support local businesses in Hartlepool: - (i) The use of local providers to supply goods and services to Hartlepool Borough Council, where economically sensible, is explored | SCR-RP/10c/i /1 | The Council's procurement procedures have in place the consideration for all tenders to consider local businesses if applicable. | Mick Emerson | 31-Mar-2012 | 31-Mar-2012 | 18-Apr-2012 Joint event undertaken with HBC, NHS, Compete (Olympics) and Local Private Sector company. Event facilitated by Hartlepool Business Forum 05-Jan-2012 Joint event planned for end of January 2012 with further developments to be discussed as part of Hartlepool's Buy Local Campaign |  Completed | |
| SCR-RP/10c/ii That to encourage and support local businesses in Hartlepool: - (ii) The e-quotations system is prominently highlighted to all relevant local businesses. | SCR-RP/10c/i | A guide for supplying goods and services to the Council are promoted to local businesses through a specific webpage on the investinhartlepool.com website. Businesses are signposted by ED officers to this procurement guide and the ability for them to tender online. E-quotation system will be publicly launched so as to reach local businesses and the voluntary and community sector. | David Hart | 30-Jun-2011 | 30-Jun-2011 | 13-Jan-2012 Investinhartlepool.com website now has a link to the Council's procurement webpages detailing current opportunities and also directs readers to the NEPO portal. Mick Emerson has confirmed that by April 2013 there will be activities undertaken by the regeneration department to publicise the NEPO portal (and therefore the E-quotation system) to local businesses and the V&CS |  Completed | |
| SCR-RP/10d That the development of a 10 year jobs and the economy strategy for Hartlepool be explored and that at the outset of this, a working group of voluntary and private sector organisations is established. | SCR-RP/10d | Following on from the recently produced Economic Assessment, a new Economic Regeneration Strategy will be produced in 2011. This document will provide a ten year vision and objectives to support the growth of Hartlepool's economy. Public, private and third sector groups will be invited to workshops to be consulted on what should be included | Antony Steinberg | 30-Nov-2011 | 30-Nov-2011 | 03-Apr-2012 Strategy published with full endorsement from all partners. 03-Apr-2012 [Cabinet Note] It has not been possible to produce the new Economic Development Strategy as planned due to the need for further consultation work with partners. With the creation of a new Economic Regeneration Forum it is intended to dovetail this strategy with the Forum and include it in the inaugural meeting. It is |  Completed | |

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| | within the Strategy. | | | | expected that this additional work will have been completed by the end of February and the action therefore concluded. It is requested that approval be given to revise the due date for this action to 29th February 2012. | | |
| SCR-RP/10e That work is undertaken to establish a jobs and the economy themed social enterprise building on the work of Hartlepool Works, encompassing a partnership between the local authority, private enterprises and the voluntary sector. | SCR-RP/10e Reviews are ongoing within the Hartlepool Works (HW) Steering Group to identify the benefits, including financial, of establishing a social enterprise. This proposed action will be developed in consultation with representatives from the HW Steering Group and wider HW consortium members which consists of over 40 organisations. Each of these groups would potentially have an interest in being involved in this proposed social enterprise and would need to be consulted with. | Diane Martin | 31-Mar-2012 | 31-Mar-2012 | 19-Apr-2012 Due to significant changes within DWP/Government funding there is no real opportunity to develop a social enterprise. Gvt require potential preferred partners with DWP to have significant investment funds, however, there may be still some 'grant' regimes that LA's and vol sector can partner up to deliver such as Flexible support Funds but more and more contracts are being let that require investment partners. 13-Oct-2011 The momentum of the group has stagnated due to loss of some key partners due to funding loss and closure of activity. A review is to take place in this quarter to decide if the opportunity is still open and there is a will to develop it further? |  Completed | |

Year 2011/12**Investigation** Employment and Training Opportunities for 19-25 Year Olds

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| SCR-RP/12a/i That Hartlepool Borough Council liaise with prime providers of the Work Programme to | SCR-RP/12a/i Quarterly meetings will be arranged with the prime providers to progress this matter. | Patrick Wilson | 31-Jul-2012 | 31-Jul-2012 | 06-Jul-2012 Quarterly meetings have been arranged with the prime providers to progress the above matter. |  Completed | |

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| ensure prime provider offers are developed which meet local employer needs | | | | | | | |
| SCR-RP/12d That ways of re-invigorating the partnership between Connexions and Job Centre Plus in Hartlepool be explored to ensure consent to share forms are completed and data shared, where possible and in accordance with the data protection act. | SCR-RP/12d/i Secure Job Centre + attendance at Youth Unemployment Group meetings | Patrick Wilson | 31-May-2012 | 31-May-2012 | 06-Jul-2012 Job Centre Plus now attend the Economic Regeneration Forum, Troubled Families Board and the ESF FamilyWise Steering Group where matters relating to youth unemployment and data sharing are debated. |  100% Completed | |
| SCR-RP/12e That during the development of skills based training programmes Adult Education and Economic Development liaise to ensure that maximum benefit is achieved for the economic wellbeing of the town. | SCR-RP/12e Quarterly meetings will be arranged between Adult Education and Economic Development to progress working arrangements on matters such as, development of training programmes and bidding for external funding. | Antony Steinberg | 30-Jun-2012 | 30-Jun-2012 | 04-Jul-2012 Agreement in place for quarterly meetings first meeting due July 2012. |  100% Completed | |

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That Members note progress against the Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum's agreed recommendations, since the 2005/06 Municipal Year, and explore further where appropriate.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.