

# Item

## Durham Area Action Partnership

### Draft Minutes of Board Meeting

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 27 February 2019	
<b>Location:</b>	Durham Town Hall, Market Place, Durham, DH1 3NJ	
<b>Present:</b>	<b>Board Members</b>	
	Rev Joanne Thorns, Bill Moir, Cllr Amanda Hopgood, Cllr Katie Corrigan, Adam Deathe, Cllr Liz Brown, Cllr Marion Wilson, Hannah Shepherd, Cllr Lesley Mavin, Parish Cllr Paul Finley, Simon Bartlett, Insp Andrea Arthur, Cllr Arnie Simpson, David Peries, Christine Scollen, Denise Elliott	
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Craig Morgan, Wendy Lavelle, Marie Ainscough	
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cllr Eric Mavin, Joe Knight, Chris Tindale, Paul Cummings, Karen Fearon, Sandra Almedia, Barbara Williams	
<b>Forum Members present</b>	There were 16 forum members present at the meeting	
<b>Item No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	<p><b>Introductions and Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr Amanda Hopgood (Chair) welcomed everyone to the Durham AAP Board meeting and apologies were noted for those Board members who were not in attendance.</p> <p>A warm welcome was offered to David Peries, newly appointed public representative. A written 'thank you' will be sent to Helen Elderkin, the outgoing public representative for her commitment and support to the Board over the past four years.</p>	
2	<p><b>County Durham Plan Consultation – Pre Submission Draft Plan and Housing Strategy</b></p> <p>Stuart Timmiss, Head of Development and Housing, DCC delivered a presentation on the County Durham Plan Consultation – Pre-Submission Draft Plan and Housing Strategy.</p> <p>The consultation gives the opportunity to have your say on the proposed strategies around housing in County Durham.</p> <p>The Pre-Submission Draft is the third round of consultation on the Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Issues and Options consulted on in 2016</li> <li>➤ Preferred Options consulted on in summer 2018</li> </ul> <p>You can have your say on the future of County Durham and find out further details</p>	

about the Housing Strategy and the Pre-Submission draft of the plan at [www.durham.gov.uk/future](http://www.durham.gov.uk/future) before 4.30 pm on Friday 8 March 2019.

All responses made will be considered in finalising the document and will be presented to a future meeting of the Council's Cabinet for consideration and approval prior to adoption, although no timescales have been set.

Stuart commented that the examination in public would probably be in October / November but no exact date was set.

A number of questions were raised by Board Members and by the members of the public who were present. Stuart stated that as the planning permission for the proposed new council HQ at the Sands was going through the planning process he could not respond to questions relating to this, although it was asked why the proposals for the HQ was not in the plan. Stuart responded saying a number of land designations for the city area were in the plan

A forum member stated that they appreciated that the documents had been 'toned down' since the last version of the plan and felt it was 'realistically ambitious' but questioned why so much housing was set to be built in the Durham City area. Stuart responded, saying that many of the ambitious economic ambitions set out in the last plan had actually been achieved. He added that new homes had to be delivered where people wanted them..

Another member of the public raised a concern about building on the green belt. Stuart explained that planning was not 'black and white' and a balance between social, economic and environment needed to be struck with housing going on the most sustainable sites. Brownfield sites are always looked at first but are running out or sites are not deliverable. Need to look at where people want to live and where services are. This means there is a role for the green belt for limited housing. 1.5% of greenbelt land is being proposed for development but the challenge remains to get a balance.

Christine Fletcher from Age UK County Durham made the case for more older people's housing. She was happy a percentage had been set as there are going to be a lot of older people in future years. There was a concern that people will have to move to where housing is and there are also cases where older people's housing is in the middle of housing estates and not near public transport. Stuart was 'Absolutely behind this'. A policy has been put in the plan that they can be flexible to meet needs of communities. This is especially good for rural communities.

Another forum member queried the process asking if the Council can only make minor changes to the plan and was this a statutory guidance. Stuart responded saying it was legislative and each step of the process is set out. Any major changes would have to be consulted on again.

Another member of the public commented that they couldn't understand why there is not more P&R. Stuart said that there are plans to enlarge and improve P&R and there is a wider Durham City Sustainable Travel Plan

Stuart was thanked for his attendance.

<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting &amp; Matters Arising</b></p> <p>The minutes of the Board meeting held on 22 January 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p><i>Matters Arising</i></p> <p>Craig confirmed that he had passed on all comments received on the proposals for North Road and the proposed new bus station to Dave Wafer.</p> <p>Durham County Council will be taking comments up until Thursday 21 March 2019.</p>	
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Questions</b></p> <p>No neighbourhood questions had been submitted.</p>	
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Priorities &amp; Task Groups Updates</b></p> <p>Funding Position Update</p> <p>Board members had been provided with information on approved projects, those to be considered for approval by the Board and those projects in the pipeline.</p> <p>Durham AAP have provisionally allocated £92,967.00 area budget leaving a balance of £7,033.00.</p> <p>Quarterly Project Update Report</p> <p>Quarterly project progress reports give a detailed report on performance against that stated in the area budget application re spend, milestones, outputs and achievements and is populated by the AAP team to groups and organisations on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>A quarterly project progress report for the monitoring period October - December 2018 on the following projects was circulated with the papers for information –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Older People’s Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ St Margaret’s Old School Café</li> <li>➤ King’s Church – Elderly Support</li> <li>➤ RT Projects – Crafty Café</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Children, Young People and Families Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Durham Rowing Club School Project</li> <li>➤ Bearpark Youth Work</li> <li>➤ Waddington Street – Y-ASC</li> <li>➤ Cheesy Waffles One to One Support</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

➤ Cheesy Waffles Learning and Skills

- Promotion of the City Centre Projects

➤ Enhanced Digital Marketing for Durham City

➤ Durham Vocal Festival

Cllr Amanda Hopgood had recently attended an event held in Durham Cathedral. Durham County Youth Choir (who the AAP had funded) were performing. She said the event was well attended and enjoyed by all.

### **Children, Young People and Families**

The minutes of the meeting of the Children & Young People & Health Task Group was held on 12 February 2019, had previously been circulated for information.

No questions were raised.

Project Approvals: Schools in Bloom

An application has been received for £6,768.00 towards a £13,772.00 project.

The project will involve six schools who will work with OASES to create a number of planters some of which will be placed in the city centre and some at the school. Assemblies will be held with the whole schools with more focused work happening with a class from each school. Six pupils from each school will also work with the Council at their nursery to create the planters.

The application was approved by the Board.

### **Older People**

No meetings of the Older People's Task Group have taken place since the last Board meeting.

Project Approvals: Bearpark Older People's Work

An amended application has been received for £8,544.00 towards a £11,544.00 project.

Last year Durham AAP supported the establishment of older people's work in the Bearpark area. This was seen as a pilot and the group were encouraged to apply again if the work was deemed to be successful. The initial work went well and has engaged with many socially isolated older people in the Bearpark area. This grant would support the ongoing work of the group holding a weekly session on a drop in basis, offering food and social activities.

This project has been to the Board twice but the applicant was asked to clarify why they should be providing activities for people living in the nursing home. This part of the application has now been removed as requested by the Board.

	<p>Christine Fletcher from Age UK County Durham was interested in making links with the project and was happy for her contact details to be passed onto the applicant.</p> <p>The application was approved by the Board.</p> <p>Selection of Chair</p> <p>Rev Joanne Thorns is the new Chair of the Older People's Task Group following Colin Hillary's resignation from the Board.</p> <p><b>Promotion of City Centre / Durham AAP</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Promotion of the City / Durham AAP meeting held on 12 February 2019, had previously been circulated for information.</p>	
6	<p><b>Budget Updates</b></p> <p><i>Neighbourhood Budgets</i></p> <p>The following Neighbourhood Budget projects were shared with the Board.</p> <p><b>Name of Scheme:</b> Dropped Kerbs – Barrasford Road  <b>Councillor(s):</b> Hopgood / Simmons / Wilkes  <b>Interest Declared:</b> No  <b>Amount:</b> £2,750.00</p> <p><b>Name of Scheme:</b> Schools In Bloom  <b>Councillor(s):</b> Hopgood / Simmons / Wilkes / Brown / Scott / Kellett / Hall / Freeman / Ormerod / Corrigan  <b>Interest Declared:</b> No  <b>Amount:</b> £2,700.00</p> <p><b>Name of Scheme:</b> Durham BID  <b>Councillor(s):</b> Hopgood / Simmons / Wilkes / Brown / Scott / Ormerod / Corrigan / Stoker / Eric Mavin / Lesley Mavin  <b>Interest Declared:</b> No  <b>Amount:</b> £5,500.00</p> <p><b>Name of Scheme:</b> St Johnstons School 20 mph restriction  <b>Councillor(s):</b> Scott / Brown  <b>Interest Declared:</b> Yes – Cllr Elizabeth Scott is a school governor  <b>Amount:</b> £16,000.00</p> <p><b>Name of Scheme:</b> St Mary's Church Hall  <b>Councillor(s):</b> Stoker  <b>Interest Declared:</b> -  <b>Amount:</b> £1,600.00</p> <p><b>Name of Scheme:</b> Renovation of Hall Flooring  <b>Councillor(s):</b> Corrigan</p>	

	<p><b>Interest Declared:</b> No <b>Amount:</b> £2,000.00</p> <p>The Board was happy to approve the projects and the interest as declared in principle as the meeting was not quorate; as per the Terms of Reference and will be approved via email.</p>	
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Co-ordinator's / AAP Reports</b></p> <p>County Durham Partnership Forum Feedback</p> <p>Chris Tindale attended the last meeting of the County Durham Partnership Forum.</p> <p>Items on the agenda included –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A celebration event will be held to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the AAPs and will showcase their work</li> <li>➤ A new vision for County Durham is being refreshed. The seven themes were also discussed.</li> <li>➤ County Durham Plan</li> </ul> <p>The AAP team are currently working on –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board meeting dates for 2019/20</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Budgets</li> <li>• Sherburn Hill</li> <li>• Environment Improvements</li> <li>• Durham University – Community Engagement Task Group</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Partner Updates</b></p> <p>Police Update</p> <p>Andrea Arthur gave a verbal update on local policing issues (no written report had been provided for this meeting).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work continues to focus on anti-social behaviour and rough sleepers causing criminality in Durham City</li> <li>• Increase in the presence of uniformed officers in the city</li> <li>• An initiative which started in Peterlee 'Young Neighbourhood Awards' will be launched next week</li> </ul> <p>Overall it had been a good month for the Police.</p> <p><b>Contact</b></p> <p>If there are any concerns/queries or issues then please contact Andrea Arthur on the following e-mail address <a href="mailto:Andrea.arthur@durham.pnn.police.uk">Andrea.arthur@durham.pnn.police.uk</a></p>	

<b>9</b>	<b>Any other Business</b>  None.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Date and Time of Next Meeting</b>  <b>Board Meeting</b> – Thursday 28 March 2019 at 6.00 pm in Durham Town Hall  The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.	