

APPENDIX 2

Please note that the plans below are a work in progress/incomplete and have not yet been reported to the Middlesbrough Partnership Executive Board. *Actions addressing gaps identified at the Partnership Forum are identified as PF.*

Local Economy

	Suggestions from Partnership Forum / Local Work undertaken	Work to be Undertaken	Partners Involved	Expected outcomes
1 PF	Look into the feasibility of utilising building sites that have ceased production as training facilities.	This will be looked at as part of the targeted recruitment and training aspect of the Local Economy Forward Work Plan. These training sites will be used for apprentices.	The Housing Forum and Local Economy Action Group.	Improved opportunities for apprentices in Middlesbrough.
2 PF	Consideration should be given to building up an entrepreneurial approach within the town – supporting individuals to start their own businesses / be self-employed.	The development of a multi-agency approach to enterprise within the town by encouraging individuals to start their own business.	Middlesbrough Works and Local Economy Action Group	An increase in entrepreneurial behaviour in the town.
3 PF	Peer education should be established in schools to promote positive role models to young people.	Use Peer education in schools to promote positive role models to young people.	Middlesbrough Learning Partnership and Local Economy Action Group	Increased understanding and awareness of opportunities available to young people.
4 PF	Middlesbrough Partnership's Action Groups providing information on this issue and sharing success stories.	Local Economy Joint Working will mean that partners work collaboratively to produce information on the recession and promote positive success stories.	All partners	Increased awareness of partner activities.
5 PF	Increasing access to Riverside Park.	Work will be undertaken with bus companies to increase accessibility to this area.	Transport Group	Increase access to key employment sites.
6 PF	Increased townwide promotion of alternative travel methods	Work will be undertaken to increase awareness of alternative travel – walking, cycling	Transport Group	Enhanced awareness of alternative methods of transport – leading to environmental and health benefits.
7 PF	Rethink home ownership as the tenure of preference and temper aspirations around this.	Promotion of a range of tenure options with partners to suit the variety of needs within the town.	Housing Forum	Increased awareness of housing options within the town.
8 PF	Increased take up of cultural activities	Encouraging the take up of cultural activities – promotion of the offers available. Learning lessons from this and collectively spreading the word.	Culture Forum / Local Economy Action Group	Increased take up of cultural activities – leading to enhanced health and wellbeing. Will inform future initiatives and strategies.
9	Timescales changed for payment of invoices.	Invoices should now be paid in 20 days – the previous target was 30 days.	Middlesbrough Council / Local Businesses	Improved cash flow for local businesses.
10	Future Jobs Fund	Funding secured for short-term introduction into employment for approximately 75 young people.	Middlesbrough Council / Mouchel	Potential for improved access to employment at the end of the funding programme through skills, learning and development.
11	Selective Licensing Scheme – Addressing empty properties.	Pilot in the Gresham area, which potentially may be expanded.	Middlesbrough Council / Landlords / Tenants	This will lead to a reduction in empty, derelict and unkempt properties, together with more responsible tenants and landlords.

Environment

	Suggestions from Partnership Forum / Local Work Undertaken	Work to be Undertaken	Partners Involved	Expected outcomes
1 PF	Increased usage of allotments.	Derelict sites are being cleared by Countryside Teams and are being prepared for new tenancies. Communities (inc hard to reach groups) are being encouraged to take on allotment projects. Urban Farming Initiative commenced. Growing materials have been provided to groups and individuals. This is funded via the Healthy Towns Programme.	Middlesbrough Council, STEM, Probation Service, Other Partners Groundwork, Middlesbrough Environment City, Healthy Towns Programme, Residents	Encouragement of more individuals and groups to grow their own produce. Links to health benefits and culture. Healthier living, reduced expenditure and learning opportunities for local communities.
2 PF	Effective partnerships should be established to maintain sites.	Funded through WNF this work will provide a more attractive environment for businesses to trade from and relocate to.	Middlesbrough Council, Groundwork and local businesses	This will result in an improved physical environment to a range of business parks and industrial estates. It is expected that profitability and employment rates will rise as a result.
3 PF	Parking season tickets should be introduced.	Parking season ticket scheme implemented.	Middlesbrough Council / Partners	Reduced parking costs for regular visitors / employees.
4	Youth Employment within environmental roles	Provision of environmental placements for NEETS Groundwork are working locally to target young people into environment related jobs. This is nationally funded via DWP.	Groundwork / Connexions	Reduced youth unemployment, learning of new skills and a more attractive environment.
5	European Regional Development Fund Supported Programme	Assistance to local organisations – focusing on improving environmental performance, possibly leveraging additional support.	Clemance / Teesside Manufacturing Centre	Improved environmental performance.
6	Resource Efficiency Club	Waste and energy efficiency.	Clemance	Waste and energy savings.
7	Addressing environmental issues surrounding repossessed properties.	Increasing work with receivers to address properties that have been repossessed and are impacting on neighbourhoods. Improving work with private landlords. Investigating the option of setting up a Private Investors register.	Middlesbrough Council – Environmental Health and Housing Team.	Improved environmental safety in neighbourhoods with repossessed properties. Matching empty property owners with investors who are interested in returning them to use.
8	Additional resource to tackle fly-tipping from local businesses.	Establishment of a three year project that runs until 2011.	Environment Agency / Middlesbrough Council	Reduced fly-tipping, improved environment and raised awareness.
9	Environmental Apprentice Opportunities	Establishment of horticultural and mechanical apprentice programme.	Middlesbrough Council & Local Colleges	Improvement of skills in this area and employment opportunities.
10	Improved money advice to communities	Money Advisor now appointed in Trading Standards to provide debt advice.	Middlesbrough Council	Improved support and awareness for residents.
11	Environmental Consultation focusing on attracting potential investment.	Consultation focusing on environmental education.	Middlesbrough Council, University, students, landlords, residents	Attracting potential investment via raised environmental awareness and cleaner area.

Health and Social Care

	Suggestions from Partnership Forum / Local Work Undertaken	Work to be Undertaken	Partners Involved	Expected outcomes
1 PF	The Life Store should be more open access	The Life Store has recently been refurbished to encourage wider use. Opportunities for providing welfare advice and signposting from the store are being addressed.	Primary Care Trust	An additional outlet providing welfare advice and signposting to communities.
2 PF	Provide care providers with the correct income to care for people in their own homes.	Discussions undertaken with social care staff to clarify procedures and financial support in place. Carers will be provided with financial support advice at the first point of contact.	Middlesbrough Council Social Care and Carers Networks	A robust system will be in place for carers. This will ensure that they are fully aware of their entitlements.
3 PF	Establishing a joined up approach to enable effective signposting to appropriate agencies. Awareness raising for both professionals and communities.	Ensuring that the Health and Social Care Partnership are involved with the work of the Financial Inclusion Group, via PCT membership. The PCTs Communication and Engagement Team will ensure they are aware of signposting and support opportunities to enable information sharing with health visitors and families in need (inc hard to reach groups and patients).	Primary Care Trust, Health and Social Care Partners and Financial Inclusion Group Primary Care Trust	Increased knowledge to share with Health and Social Care partners. Informed knowledge of health care staff and communities
4 PF	Partner agency promotion of the town meal and the benefits that healthy living and own growing can bring.	Partners actively promoted the town meal in conjunction with the Healthy Towns Programme.	Healthy Towns Programme, Primary Care Trust, Middlesbrough Council, Environment City, Groundwork	The town meal was a huge success. Communities were made aware of the benefits of home growing in terms of both health and expenditure.
5	Costs reduced for leisure activities?????	Middlesbrough Council Sports and Leisure Services are considering the impact of the recession on leisure services.		

Children and Young People

	Suggestions from Partnership Forum / Local Work Undertaken	Work to be Undertaken	Partners Involved	Expected outcomes
1 PF	Employers should be encouraged to provide crèche facilities	Regular audit of childcare places to be undertaken. Sure Start to continue to encourage and promote crèche facilities.	Sure Start	Increase in take up of childcare places
2 PF	Young people should be trained in basic life skills and handling of finances.	Now covered as part of the school curriculum.	Education	Increased knowledge and awareness of young people.
3 PF	More work placements are required for young people to ensure they are prepared for independence.	Work with partners to increase the apprenticeship opportunities across a range of vocational areas	Children's Trust	Young people will achieve economic independence.
4 PF	Older generational mentors should be established and a supportive learning system should be put in place.	Continue with the use of mentors within schools and ensure that their work is promoted.	Education	Personalised learning opportunities are increased
5 PF	High profile work should be progressed around achieving aspirations.	This is being addressed as a priority of the Children and Young People's Plan. This falls within the Enjoy and Achieve strand of Every Child Matters. Achieving aspirations is also a priority within the Mayor's Youth Agenda.	Children's Trust	Higher aspirations of young people leading to improved achievement results and young people reaching their full potential.
6 PF	Opportunities should be sought to implement student saving schemes / credit unions	A Training Students Savings Scheme is operating in schools. Concessionary bus passes are also provided for 5000 students aged between 16 and 19 years.	Education Connexions Transport	Increased understanding of financial management by children and young people
7 PF	A Parent Education Programme should be established focusing on financial issues.	This is covered in the Adult Agenda, Parenting Programme, Families Intervention Programme, Families First and Sure Start.	Sure Start	Early identification of the needs of the family. Targeted support for families in need
8 PF	Peer education in schools	A wide range of peer education activities are in place – eg Youth Advisors, Just 4 Youth, MFC in the Community Project, Healthy Town Advisors and Young People Inspectors.	Just 4 Youth MFC In the Community Healthy Towns Middlesbrough Council	Increased opportunities for young people to participate in decision making
9 PF	Children's Centres to remain a voice to engage people into employment.	Sure Start actively includes this as part of their role.	Sure Start	Increase in the take-up of employment opportunities
10 PF	Apprenticeships for young people need to be varied – not just focused on administration.	The variety of apprenticeships is improving and this includes further education options offered by local providers.	All Partners	Young people will achieve economic independence.
11 PF	Workforce development - The audit of skills for available employment is a priority and will enable training needs to then be developed accordingly	Develop a better understanding of the needs of the workforce and appropriate actions to address these.	Children's Trust	Produce a Children's Workforce Development Strategy
12	Addressing Child Poverty	Contribute to the work of the LSP in tackling child poverty	Children's Trust	Reduction in child poverty

Stronger Communities

	Suggestions from Partnership Forum / Local Work undertaken	Work to be Undertaken	Partners Involved	Expected outcomes
1 PF	<p>Neighbourhood level advice, support and signposting using multi-agency approaches.</p> <p>Improved financial awareness for communities.</p> <p>Improved access to services by hard to reach groups and BME Groups who may have language barriers.</p> <p>Building the capacity of Credit Unions.</p> <p>Training residents as Financial Inclusion ambassadors.</p>	<p>A Financial Inclusion Group has been established as a sub group of the Stronger Communities Group. This group will co-ordinate activity across the partnership. Group priorities will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exploration of opportunities and interventions to respond the impact of the recession at neighbourhood level. ▪ Mapping current debt advice provision / other relevant advice and identification of gaps. ▪ Mapping provision of financial literacy and identification of gaps. ▪ Mapping access to Credit Unions and identification of gaps. ▪ Mapping current provision of banks accounts and identification of gaps ▪ The development of plans to address gaps identified. ▪ Development of an engagement plan – including BME Communities and Hard to Reach Groups. ▪ Development of a plan to address Illegal Lending. ▪ Identification and training of neighbourhood financial inclusion champions. ▪ Development of work with employers to ensure employees are aware of their rights, entitlements and obligations. ▪ Contributing to the Child Poverty Strategy. 	<p>Stronger Communities Group, Fabrick, Home Housing Group, Financial Inclusion Champion, Middlesbrough Council, Job Centre Plus, Illegal Money Lending Team, Cluster Representatives, Five Lamps, Christians Against Poverty, Community Ventures Ltd, NHS Middlesbrough, BME Network, Age Concern, Accent Housing, Endeavour Housing, Banking Sector</p>	<p>Improved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Access to debt and money advice ▪ Access to affordable Credit and Banking Services ▪ Financial Literacy
2 PF	<p>Appropriate support to be given to the voluntary and community sector (VCS) to enable response to the rising demand for services.</p>	<p>The impact of the recession on voluntary sector organisations is being monitored. This will inform future discussions.</p>	<p>MVDA, Middlesbrough Council, Voluntary Sector Organisations</p>	<p>Assessment of the recession impact on the VCS and identification of measures to address this.</p>
3	<p>Young People's Bursaries</p>	<p>Educational bursaries and volunteering opportunities.</p>	<p>Middlesbrough Council</p>	<p>More young people achieving level 3 qualifications.</p>
4	<p>Further Education Bursaries</p>	<p>Educational bursaries for over 25s made redundant /long-term unemployed linked to sector shortages.</p>	<p>Middlesbrough Council</p>	<p>Up-skilled workforce in specific sectors.</p>

Safer Middlesbrough

	Suggestions from Partnership Forum / Local Work Undertaken	Work to be Undertaken	Partners Involved	Expected outcomes
1 PF	Harder to gain access to employment	Improving access to employment for vulnerable adults and offenders. HCCO scheme and Support For Change working together to create employment opportunities. WNF scheme targeting vulnerable adults.	Safer Middlesbrough Partnership (SMP), Job Centre Plus, Probation, DISC, Middlesbrough Council	Increased number of drug / alcohol users and offenders accessing long-term employment.
2 PF	Acquisitive crime	This is core business for Safer Middlesbrough Partnership and is therefore covered in many actions plans and involves many stakeholders. As of yet we have not seen an increase in acquisitive crime that could be related to the recession.	Safer Middlesbrough Partnership, Police, Probation, Criminal Justice Services, Treatment Services	Reduction In Acquisitive Crime
3 PF	Increased alcohol misuse	Social marketing campaign aimed at reducing alcohol misuse in the community. Social Norms campaign aimed at reducing alcohol amongst young people.	Safer Middlesbrough Partnership, Primary Care Trust, Middlesbrough Council, Balance, Young People's Services	Reduced alcohol misuse in the community. Reduced alcohol amongst young people.
4 PF	Increased use of over the counter (OTC) drugs	Campaign across Tees to raise awareness re the leakage of prescribed drugs into the illicit market.	Drug treatment providers, GPs, Primary Care Trust	Reduced the number of prescribed /OTC drugs.
5 PF	Offenders and vulnerable adults finding it increasingly difficult to access housing.	A multi-agency housing panel has been established that deals with complex housing issues. Housing providers sit on Safer Middlesbrough Partnership's strategic groups. Homeless clients are supported by Hope North East. Safer Middlesbrough Partnership is working with Supporting People to improve care pathways.	Safer Middlesbrough Partnership, Probation, Drugs Services, Alcohol Services, Supporting People.	
6 PF	Increased financial problems for offenders / drug users	Access to benefits advice provided via specialist clinics run in drug treatment and probation offices.	Treatment Services, Citizens Advice Bureau	Decrease in financial problems.
7 PF	Remove the focus from negative news stories / perceptions of crime.	Good news stories published via the local press and events held in the local shopping centre. Good news stories promoted via the neighbourhood management processes and through Neighbourhood Crime and Justice interventions.	Safer Middlesbrough Partnership – all partners	Improved public perception of crime. Improved communication channels with partners and the local community.
8 PF	Early Identification of crime	SMP re-organised around the neighbourhood management process. Closer established between neighbourhood management, policing and SMP's Problem Solving Groups.	All SMP Partners	Improved targeting of resources. Earlier identification of negative trends.
9	Improve communication processes	As above, which will lead to improved communication via these processes. Reorganisation of SMP Forum to improve communication.	All SMP Partners	Improved communication channels with partners and the local community.