



**Scrutiny Overview
Regeneration and Transport
Select Committee
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Economic Regeneration and Transport
Big plans for an outstanding Borough

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Regeneration and Economic Development Service Area Responsibilities

- Business Engagement and Support
 - Stockton Business Centre
- Major Projects and Town Centres
 - Visitor Information Centre
 - Townscape Heritage
 - NorthShore
- Economic Strategy
- Employment and Skills
 - Adult Learning and Education - Tees Achieve
 - Enterprise
- Tees Valley Unlimited/Local Enterprise Partnership



Performance - what has been achieved

- 101 local businesses supported to survive or grow and 180 assisted.
- 20 businesses moved into Stockton Business Centre - 17 were start-ups or moving into their first commercial premises.
- Job Seekers Claimant Count 5.7% compared with 6.8% Tees Valley.
- Young Person (18-24) Job Seekers Claimant Count 11.9% compared with 13.7% Tees Valley.
- 27 schools and colleges run and support enterprise opportunities, challenges and activities for young people.

Tees Achieve – since 1 August 2012

- 1,836 unemployed Stockton residents trained to assist them to access employment opportunities.
- 251 young Stockton resident NEETs started the 16-18 learning programme.



Key Achievements

- Enterprise Zones Commenced 
- Regional Growth Fund round 3 - NIFCO UK, Marlow Foods, SNF Oil and Gas, Chemoxly International, Darchem, Cotswold, Reef Subsea, Fujifilm.
- Stockton ranked second in country for best environment and infrastructure for businesses.
- North Shore Homezone Residential Development Phase 1 complete with 25 homes sold out of 36 built.
- Digital City – 62 Dovecot Street
- Stockton Youth Employment Initiative – 113 started work
- Specialist Markets – Chic Vintique and Farmers Market 
- Billingham House demolished
- Thornaby Town Hall



Support for business

- Local Business Rate discount scheme
- Enterprise support programme for start-up and existing small businesses
- Enterprise support programme for retail businesses
- Premises loan scheme
- Business loan scheme
- Heritage grants
- Enterprise Arcade
- General Business Advice



What has proved more difficult

- Economic downturn.
- 25.09% of primary and secondary units vacant in Stockton Town Centre core retail zones.
- Reduction in Government Regeneration Funding.
- Youth Unemployment.

Major Projects and Town Centres



Vibrant Town Centres

Billingham Town Centre – Phase 1 of the £2.3M town centre works is complete.

- Forum officially opened by Countess of Wessex.
- New Customer Service Centre – design work progressing.
- John Whitehead Park



Stockton Town Centre - work on the High Street, public realm and junction layout improvements at Maxwell's Corner, a key gateway to the Town Centre is complete.

- First phase of the main High Street works at the south end of the High Street is on track to be complete by summer 2013.
- Spencer Hall Market refurbished.
- Stockton Sparkles Christmas Market and Farmers Markets good drivers of footfall in the town centre.
- Rediscover Shop Open
- Enterprise Arcade.



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Employment and Skills (1)



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Employment and Skills – Enterprise (2)



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Employment and Skills (3)



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Emerging Issues

- Youth unemployment
 - Deliver economically vibrant town centres.
 - Improve economic prosperity for businesses and residents across the borough.
 - Local Economic Assessment.
 - Support the vision / work of Tees Valley Unlimited in driving forward growth and economic equity across the Tees Valley - City Deal
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Tees Valley Unlimited Local Enterprise Zone



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Technical Services

Performance

- 500 plus projects delivered annually (Excess of £80M turnover)
- Transport approx. 3,000 children & 400 adults daily to and from school and social care
- Maintain and manage:
 - o almost 350 buildings
 - o 520 miles of highway
 - o 27,000 street lights
- Successful delivery of third Local Transport Plan (LTP)
- Delivery of the highway maintenance programme (recent harsh winters and budgetary pressures).
- Approx. 6,500 people received pedestrian and cycle training in the Borough 2012 – further increase on 2011 figure.
- People killed or seriously injured in the Borough in 2012 – joint third lowest number since records began. Fatalities and child KSIs both decreased from 2011.
- Mass bus pass re-issue completed. 36,920 replacement passes issued in Stockton.



Technical Services Service Area Responsibilities

- Traffic & Road Safety (inc. Car Parking)
- Urban Design
- Environmental Policy
- Highway Network Management
- Flood Risk Management
- Community Transport
- Civil Engineering
- Schools Capital Projects
- Design Services
- Architectural Design
- Mechanical & Electrical Design
- Quantity Surveyors
- Maintenance Services



Key Achievements

- £12m 'Pinch point' money secured to tackle traffic congestion on A19 and A174
- £17m secured from Major Bus Scheme (Year 3 of 4 year programme)
- Ongoing delivery of Tees Valley Metro and Local Sustainable Transport Fund for station improvements.
- Maxwell's Corner junction improvements – completed
- St. John's Crossing – road improvement scheme – underway
- Stockton Town Centre Regeneration – delivery of the physical works



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Key Achievements

- Construction of Academy programme and associated infrastructure.
- £1.3m new access to Thornaby Town Centre (starting Summer 2013).
- £100k per year delivering successful road/traffic related improvements as a result of Area Transport Strategy funding allocations.
- £400k approved for road junction improvements at Junction Road/Blakeston Lane.
- The Hub, Bridge Road – over 1000 members and major programme delivering of health living advice and training.



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Impact of Past Reviews

- BaNE EIT review & recommendations
 - Car Parking changes
 - Blue Badge changes
- Highways Task & Finish
 - Reduced programme of activities
 - Changes to treatments used
- Community Transport Back office
 - E-Auction of bus and taxi services
 - Route optimisation
- Facilities Management EIT review
 - Now into second stage of consolidation of budgets
 - New contracts negotiated across FM portfolio



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Current and Emerging Issues

- The financial challenge
- Council's Capital school building programme - £17.5M building programme approved by Cabinet. Plus Ian Ramsey
- Rationalisation of Community Transport operations
- Billingham Town Centre
- Stockton Town Centre
- Borough wide Parking review
- Renewal of street lighting contract – looking for investment to reduce energy bills



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