TEES VALLEY LIVING MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23RD JANUARY 2008 AT 5.00 PM AT CAVENDISH HOUSE

Present: Neil Etherington Chair

Cllr Dave Budd Middlesbrough BC
Kevin Parkes Middlesbrough BC
Julie Allport Stockton BC
Bernard Williams Erimus Housing

Cllr Lynn Pallister Redcar & Cleveland BC Ian Wardle Redcar and Cleveland BC

Peter Scott Hartlepool BC
Cath Purdy Housing Hartlepool
Pauline Mitchell Darlington BC

Bill Carr Housing Corporation

Diana Pearce GONE

John Lowther Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit

Jim Johnsone TVL Director

Mike Mealing TVL Jennine Robson TVL

Irene Sams Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit

355/08 Apologies

Apologies were received from Steve Nelson, Stuart Drummond, Alison Thain, Richard Buckley and Steve Gawthorpe.

356/08 Minutes of Meeting Held on 6th December 2007

The minutes were agreed.

357/08 Matters Arising

Independent Review – NE stated that this has been put on hold.

Pathfinder Directors Meeting – JJ advised that Andrew Vaughan is to attend the next meeting on 24th January 08. He anticipates that he will give a strong hint as to the funding allocation. Any relevant information will be circulated to the Board. (AV sent apologies for absence on 24 January 08).

JJ

358/08 Tees Valley Growth Point Bid

JJ gave a detailed presentation on the Growth Point Bid. He stated that the next stage of the bid will need approval from the Cabinets of all five LAs and offered to give the presentation to them.

All discussed. JL stated that it is a tremendous opportunity although it is not yet known what stipulations there will be regarding expenditure. DP stated that multiples of £m will be available and stated that TV's bid is viewed very positively. She continued that after the announcement of the successful bids at Stage 1, CLG will liaise with the organisations to identify whether further studies are required and consequently revenue funding. It will be several months before the delivery plan is required.

NE thanked JJ for his efforts in producing the Growth Point Bid.

Resolved Position noted

359/08 The integration of TVL into Tees Valley Unlimited

NE introduced JJ's report and stated that it is crucial that all parties have an input on the future. He stated that JJ describes the tasks ahead and that he considers that it is important to continue working and delivering together.

JJ referred to report and highlighted main points. All agreed that terms of reference should be agreed, the governance arrangements, the network of support and then the staffing resources required.

All discussed and agreed that the LAs need to discuss and agree a remit. JA to arrange a meeting. She agreed to produce a report and take to sub group comprising NE, JJ, CP, IW and representatives from DBC, HBC, MBC and SBC. JA stated that she would also discuss at the Heads of Housing meeting the next day. The report will then need to go to Directors of Regeneration (next meeting 13 February). PM stated that DBC's Director does not have a housing remit and may therefore be unable to agree any recommendation without referring back to her. -

Resolved

Meeting to be arranged between 5 LAs to discuss remit within next 2 weeks and report produced. Sub Group to be formed.

JA

360/08 Single Housing Investment Pot Round 3 and Housing Market Renewal Funding 2008 – 11

JJ referred to report and highlighted the main points. He stated that it is being discussed as to whether £1m can be transferred from Objective 1 into Objective 3 in 2008/09 and also the basis of the split to the LAs. NE suggested that it should be split on the same basis as the other funds within Objective 3. PS and JA stated that there would still be a significant impact on the complimentary element of their work. DP suggested that LAs should be looking for other funding opportunities and cited the British Gas funding for energy efficiency work as an example.

Resolved

Report noted and distribution agreed.

361/08 Programme Monitoring Update

JR presented her report and highlighted main issues. She stated that the key message is that the LAs are on course to achieve spend and deliver the programmes. She stated that detailed project information goes to the Programme Delivery Group and is available should anyone wish to see it.

Resolved Progress noted

362/08 TVL Budget Update

MM referred to report and stated that a bid has been made to CLG for £1m of revenue funding for 2008 – 2011.

Resolved Position noted

363/08 Any Other Business

On behalf of all members NE thanked BW for all his hard work and efforts for TVL and wished him well for his forthcoming retirement.

364/08 Date of Next Meeting

5.00 P.M. THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 2008 at Cavendish House, Teesdale, Thornaby.