

ITEM 3

ECONOMIC REGENERATION & TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP MINUTES MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2009

Chair:	Bob Cook	Stockton Borough Council
Members:	Richard Poundford Lesley Cannon Chris Butler Neil Kenley Mike Lakinski Nasser Din Maurice Perry Andy Hatton Sandra Morton Simon Scotchbrook Bill Overin Chris Renahan Judith Stothard David Addison Bryan Bunn Rachel Powell Jan Harris Doug Elphee	Stockton Borough Council Job Centre Plus Five Lamps Organisation Tees Valley Regeneration Business & Enterprise North East Supreme Properties SBC Global Anodes Stockton Riverside College Agile Group Local Heroes Pub Company SBC Princes Trust Eastern Area Partnership Paul Wurth Limited Idelic University of Teesside Stagecoach

Advisors/Observers:

Jonathan Spruce	Joint Strategy Unit
Sarah Tennison	Joint Strategy Unit
Paul Diggins	Stockton Borough Council
Roland Todd	Stockton Borough Council
Mark Rowell	Stockton Borough Council
Rachael Hartley	Stockton Borough Council
David Whiting	Community Chaplain

NO ITEM COMMENTS / DECISION

OWNER, ACTION & TIMESCALE

1. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTION**

Bob Cook welcomed the Partnership and guests to the meeting and introduced the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Tony Campbell
Val Goodrum
Andy Cattermole
Matt Deakin

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Bob Cook declared an interest in item 4
Chris Butler declared an interest in item 6

3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 30th September 2009 were agreed as a true record. RP informed the group that an update on actions and progress so far will be given at the next meeting on the 20th January 2010.

RH to bring a report on progress and achievements to the next meeting.

4. **NORTH & SOUTH TEES INDUSTRIAL FRAMEWORK**

4.1 JS gave an overview of a low carbon future for the Tees Valley and the North & South Tees Industrial Framework, resulting from a study that has taken place over the last 12-14 months, which identifies zones for development by type of industry and the key barriers that need to be addressed. JS explained that this framework is work in progress and a key action is to prepare ten sector development plans.

DISCUSSION

4.2 Maurice Perry asked about how the map which was demonstrated should be used? ST explained that the zones do not exist at present; it has been created to provide local authority planners with more information. Eventually it will become a public document and appropriate for inward investors.

4.3 RPo asked how people can find out about the Industrial Development Framework? ST explained that following on from the recent consultation event it is expected that documents will be published in around a month's time and available via a number of the partners involved.

ST to inform RH when the information has been published and advise the Partnership.

4.4 BB asked what the role of the task force would be. ST explained that a task force is needed so that we are able to compete with other areas such as Rotterdam, where companies only have to work with one municipal organisation as the land and infrastructure is all under it's control. The task force will bring together all the agencies that are involved with development in the study area (such as the Highways agency, Environment Agency, Health & Safety Exec, etc.) so as to simplify and speed up decision making.

4.5 RT asked whether skills needs have been considered as part of the study. ST said that sector development plans will have a section identifying skills needs. JS added we need to be starting to prepare the next generation workforce by influencing the 14-19 curriculum through this vision and framework and that One North East is already working on some of the sector plans.

4.6 NK explained that NEPIC have an initiative called Childrens Challenge and some companies, such as Darchem, have been working with schools to help pupils better understand their industries. BB said that TVEP also run lectures on engineering at the University of Teesside for school children.

4.7 RP reported that the 14-19 agenda is changing and the new

RP to speak with

diplomas are being developed. SM said that it had been decided that the manufacturing diploma would not initially be developed and offered in Stockton and that the College were concerned about this and that this should be reviewed in the light of this discussion.

Education about the Manufacturing diploma and the presentation of the North & South Tees Study to Heads/Deputy Heads. Nov 09

- 4.8 BC asked if any work was being done on reducing carbon emissions amongst existing industries. JS said that the proposed investment in Carbon Capture & Storage would benefit all industries within the framework area.
- 4.9 BC asked if any work is being done in relation to waste and resources? ST explained that logistics have been looked into and making sure that companies are not too dependent on each other.
- 4.10 BB asked if a scheduled timeline had been agreed and whether there is the money to support the development of the next stages? JS said that whilst the money was not currently available in the Tees Valley the government recognises that funding is needed and representation will be made to secure what is required.

5. **EMPLOYABILITY CONSORTIUM**

- 5.1 RT informed the group that the consortium had been established over 2 years ago, and explained that there has been a requirement to review the function of the group to take it forward over the next 6 months. RT outlined the main changes to the Terms of Reference and membership of the consortium and the various groups that it will work with, both existing and those to be established.
- 5.2 JH asked whether there was representation from the Universities on the group. RP advised there was not currently and asked if Jan would like to become a member of the consortium? JH said she would like to become a member.

RT to add the Universities to the Consortium membership.

6. **COMMUNITIES FUND UPDATE**

- 6.1 RT told the Partnership that it has been instrumental in creating the Communities Fund, which aims to secure sustainable employment for the most disadvantaged, and to help and support the 'hardest to reach and hardest to help' move closer to the labour market, and gave an overview of quarter one and two.
- 6.2 AH asked for clarification as to why NCD have spent 36k and only engaged with 4 people and got 1 person into work. RT explained that NCD had to set up an infrastructure and develop networks with partners before they could start to fully deliver in the area.
- 6.3 RT explained that the main monitoring for this fund is done through the consortium which will include the sustainability of the jobs that people are employed in.
- 6.4 RPo asked what the issue was with the sub contractors. RT

explained that not all sub contractors have invoiced the lead organisations for the first payment as yet as to receive payment a full diagnostic needs to be carried out. It is therefore expected that the number of sub-contractors actively involved will increase.

CR to ensure that the Partnership is included in the next stages of the LTP and report back by July 2010

7. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3 DEVELOPMENT

7.1 CR explained that they are in the process of developing the next Local Transport Plan, stage 2 which focussed around the shared priorities of delivering accessibility, tackling congestion, safer roads, better air quality and quality life issues. LTP 3 will take a lead from the "Delivering a Sustainable Transport System" (DaSTS) document which includes the five National transport goals that will replace the old "shared priorities" used in LTP2. LTP 3 will be different from previous LTP's as the Department for Transport has taken a fresh approach to this round, allowing Local Authorities a greater degree of flexibility to prepare a plan which best meets its own individual needs. The third stage will take place from April 2011. There will be further opportunities for the Partnership to contribute to the LTP before being taken to cabinet in October 2010.

7.2 RT asked that the questionnaire include problems for residents and employers with access to places of work similar to that included in the Skills Audit research. CR agreed that this would form an important part of the identification of transport needs.

LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT TARGETS

8. Paul Diggins provided the Partnership with a summary of our performance against the national indicators to date for 2009/10. It was noted that information for a number of the indicators is not yet available and for others the information is for several months ago.

RH to send the Cabinet report to the Partnership.

8.2 RP said that all of the work done so far by the Partnership contributes towards the achievement of these targets. A monthly report goes to the Council's Cabinet giving more information on the local economy, including monthly statistics from JCP. This report will be made available to the Partnership to help give a more balanced and recent picture of performance.

9. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

20th January, 4pm at the Castlegate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3AZ.