

**LEADERSHIP BOARD**

**Meeting held at Wynyard Rooms, Wynyard at 2.00pm on Wednesday 9  
September 2009**

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ATTENDEES

Hugh Lang (HL)	Group Airports Director, Peel Airports Group	Chair
Stuart Drummond (SD)	Mayor, Hartlepool Borough Council	
Ken Lupton (KL)	Leader, Stockton on Tees Borough Council	
George Dunning (GD)	Leader, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	
Alastair MacColl (AM)	Chief Executive, Business and Enterprise North East	
Martyn Pellew (MP)	Chair, Tees Valley Committee, Chamber of Commerce and Business Development Director, PD Ports	
Prof Graham Henderson (GH)	Vice Chancellor, Teesside University	
Paul Walker (PW)	Hartlepool Borough Council – Chief Executive Officer	
Neil Schneider (NS)	Stockton Borough Council – Chief Executive Officer	
Alan Clarke (AC)	Chief Executive, One NorthEast	
Dan Monnery (DM)	Government Office North East	

APOLOGIES

John Williams (JW)	Leader, Darlington Borough Council
Ray Mallon (RM)	Mayor, Middlesbrough Borough Council
Paul Booth (PB)	President, SABIC UK Petrochemicals
Jonathan Blackie (JB)	Regional Director, Government Office North East

OBSERVERS

John Lowther (JL)	Tees Valley JSU
Linda Edworthy (LE)	Tees Valley JSU
Jonathan Spruce (JS)	Tees Valley JSU
Sarah Johnson (SJ)	Stockton on Tees Borough Council

**1. CHAIR'S WELCOME**

The Chairman (HL) welcomed attendees to the meeting.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2009**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 were agreed as a true record.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

Tees Valley Higher Level Skills Study – the study was progressing well and it was expected that the study would be presented to the next meeting of the Board for approval.

DTVA/Heathrow – It was expected that results of the study into the PSO would show that it was not feasible. It was commented that a change in the regulatory framework was the only way forward.

Events – It was noted that the CBI Breakfast Event had been postponed as many businesses were currently too busy.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**5. A PROCESS FOR TAKING FORWARD THE CITY REGION BUSINESS CASE**

The Board considered a report on the City Region Business Case. It was considered that there was a need to update the City Region Business Case in the light of recent economic events and to influence the integrated regional strategy and provide a clear strategy for the Tees Valley for a new Government in the summer of 2010.

The Board was given details of the proposed process for undertaking the business case. Four half day sessions on the economy; housing and regeneration; transport; and employability and skills were proposed. It was proposed to involve TVU Board and sub board members and other key regional, sub regional and local partners in the half day sessions. It was noted that the outcome of the half day

sessions would be to set the key priorities and proposals for the updated business case.

It was intended that the updated business case, supplemented by the Tees Valley economic assessment and the investment plan would be submitted for approval to the Leadership Board in March 2010 and launched at the annual Tees Valley Unlimited Conference scheduled for June 2010.

It was commented that scenario planning should be prioritised. MP, informed the Board that the Chamber of Commerce would like to be involved and offered their assistance.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

## **6. FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS POST TVR**

Consideration was given to a report that sought the agreement of Tees Valley Unlimited to proposals by the shareholders of Tees Valley Regeneration (TVR) that the functions of TVR should be integrated into TVU once TVR was wound up.

It was proposed that the TVR Business Investment Team be transferred into Tees Valley Unlimited, to create synergies and potentially efficiencies with other work being carried out in the Joint Strategy Unit and other organisations in the Tees Valley family.

It was explained that a new Tees Valley Unlimited Delivery Team was proposed, which would take on the responsibility for delivering complex physical regeneration projects in the Tees Valley Investment Plan, including existing TVR projects.

It was noted that the next stage would be to look at the Tees Valley family of joint arrangements as a whole to see how synergies and efficiencies could be realised to create a Tees Valley Unlimited organisation fit for the future.

The Board was informed that further update reports would be brought to the Board.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

## **7. TVU PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Board considered the TVU first quarter performance report for 2009/10. A summary of performance against the TVU Business Plan, Single Programme, Housing and Transport was provided.

RESOLVED that the performance report be noted.

**8. UPDATE FROM SUB BOARDS**

Consideration was given to a report that detailed an update from each of the TVU Sub Boards.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**9. MAA CAPACITY BUILDING**

Consideration was given to a report that provided an update of the activities that had been taken forward in relation to building the partners' capacity to deliver the Tees Valley MAA. In particular it highlighted the training and development activities that had/were being undertaken and reviewed the Raising our Game programme which had been completed by 20 members of staff from the five Boroughs, JSU, ONE and Durham County Council.

It was noted that further work would be undertaken to develop additional training and development activities over the next 12 months which involved a broader range of TVU partners.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**10. TEES VALLEY GROWTH POINT UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a report on the Tees Valley Growth Point. It was explained that the Tees Valley had been awarded the sum of £6.2m for expenditure in 2009/11 to promote "growth" in housing development within the five Boroughs, over the period to March 2017.

The Tees Valley Growth Point Programme of Development was approved by the Tees Valley Living Board on 25<sup>th</sup> March. The Board was provided with an account of progress to date against the approved Year 1 projects.

The Board was given details of the scheme of delegation to the TVU Programme Group that had been approved by the TVL Board on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

It was explained that on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2009 a letter had been received from John Healey MP, Minister for Communities and Local Government stating that all Growth Point Programmes of Development budgets nationally, were to be cut by 25%. In Tees Valley the cut amounted to just over £1.5m. It was to only be applied only to the capital budget for year 2 of the programme. It was noted that the Growth Point officer working group would report to TVU Programme Group on 9<sup>th</sup>

September on the implications of the cut and would present a revised PoD to the TVL Board on 8<sup>th</sup> October.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

#### **11. KICKSTART HOUSING DELIVERY: UNLOCKING STALLED SITES**

The Board considered a report relating to Kickstart Housing Delivery. In the April 2009 budget the Government announced a £400m package to assist housing sites which were temporarily unable to proceed with development. The Board was given details of the progress to date with the kick start proposals and the eligibility and assessment criteria.

It was explained that schemes must be completed by March 2011 and submissions were made by developers. Final approvals had not yet been given. It was noted that there were 12 shortlisted submissions from Tees Valley within 26 in the North East out of 270 nationally. The implications at this stage were that Tees Valley may anticipate a better than “pro rata” settlement within the region and the region was in a similar position nationally.

It was noted that the Government had announced in July that it would invite a second round of submissions in September and would allocate a further £500m nationally for the second round of Kickstart submissions.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

#### **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was noted that TVJSU had applied for the Fit for Work Pilot. The Tees Valley was 1 of 3 reserves nationally but after further discussions they had now been invited to attend the interviews.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

#### **13. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

- 9 December 2009
- 17 March 2010
- 9 June 2010