

**ECONOMIC REGENERATION & TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP MINUTES**  
**MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010**

<b>Chair:</b>	Tony Campbell	Creative Glass
<b>Members:</b>	Richard Poundford Bob Cook Lesley Cannon Chris Butler Andy Hatton Judith Stothard Phillip Addison Jan Harris Chris Johnson David Longstaff Neil Kenley Tom Bowman Tina Williams	Stockton Borough Council Stockton Borough Council Job Centre Plus Five Lamps Organisation Global Anodes Princes Trust Western Area Partnership University of Teesside Yorkshire Bank Federation of Small Businesses Tees Valley Regeneration Eastern Area Partnership Board Central Area Board
<b>Advisors/Observers:</b>	Claire Robinson Allan Mansfield Mark Rowell Rachael Hartley	Stockton Borough Council Stockton Borough Council Stockton Borough Council Stockton Borough Council

<b><u>NO</u></b>	<b><u>ITEM COMMENTS / DECISION</u></b>	<b><u>OWNER, ACTION &amp; TIMESCALE</u></b>
1.	<b><u>WELCOME/INTRODUCTION</u></b>  Tony Campbell welcomed the Partnership and guests to the meeting and introduced the meeting.  <b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>  Nasser Din Sandra Morton Neil Mitchell Bryan Bunn Robin Davison Cllr Maurice Perry David Whiting John Clift Andy Cattermole Mike Lakinski	
2.	<b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b>  None were declared	

3.

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010 were declared as a true record.

#### **14-19 REFORM**

Allan Mansfield & Claire Robinson gave a presentation on the 14-19 reform programme. MR outlined the 14-19 Employer Engagement Task Group, and its strategy, and gave details of an Employer Engagement Breakfast Event on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **4.2 DISCUSSION**

AM explained that by 2013 learners will have to stay in education until the age of 17 and the age of 18 by 2015.

4.3 RP asked whether learners can enter employment at 16 years  
AM advised that this is possible, providing there is training available.

4.4 RP explained about the £180 million investment for Building Schools for the Future. The Partnership were told that the academies are to establish in September, and it was explained how a Campus Stockton can be created through collaborate and partnership working.

4.5 TW said that it is important that parents understand the changes, and how they can help.

4.6 CR asked if the 14-19 Partnership could work with TW to ensure that parents are familiar with the reform and ensure that the changes are fully explained to the parents. RP to take this suggestion back to the 14-19 Building Schools for the Future board.

CR to contact Tina Williams by April 2010, to establish how to assist parents with the changes.

4.7 RP asked whether diplomas could be studied in schools across Campus Stockton.  
AM advised they could, and that Business Admin & Finance is an example.

4.8 CB asked if the voluntary and community sector can be recognised within Employer Engagement. MR responded to this comment explaining that the voluntary and community sector are part of Employer Engagement.

#### **5. REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP ACHIEVEMENTS**

5.1 RH explained that the purpose of the report is to capture all of the suggestions made at the meetings and to show how the suggestion has been developed. It was agreed that the updated report would be brought to the Partnership on a six monthly basis to update on the progression of the suggestions.

5.2 RP thanked members for giving their time to the Partnership, and

explained that suggestions and comments are taken forward.

- 5.3 PA suggested that the report could be taken back to area boards to demonstrate the how the suggestions and comments made in the meetings are taken forward.

All area board reps to take the report to the next area board meetings to update .

## 6 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 6.1 AH reported that the 60 million business and enterprise money from the Tees Valley Industrial Programme was outlined at a recent North East Chamber of Commerce meeting. AH felt that small businesses would not benefit, and it was not made clear how the money would be spent.

NK/RP/MR responded, explaining that whilst the majority of the funding will be spent on infrastructure to move the Tees Valley to a low carbon economy. However, support for small businesses is available through the programme.

Tees Valley Industrial Programme to be discussed as a future agenda item.

## 7 **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

12<sup>h</sup> May 4pm at the Castlegate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3AZ.