

ECONOMIC REGENERATION & TRANSPORT PARTNERSHIP MINUTES
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH MAY 2010

Chair:	Tony Campbell	Creative Glass
Members:	Richard Poundford Lesley Cannon Chris Butler Judith Stothard Phillip Addison Jan Harris Chris Johnson Pauline Osborne Tom Bowman Sandra Morton Robin Davison Simon Scotchbrook Maurice Perry	Stockton Borough Council Job Centre Plus Five Lamps Organisation Princes Trust Western Area Partnership University of Teesside Yorkshire Bank Federation of Small Businesses Eastern Area Partnership Board Stockton Riverside College Tees Valley Engineering Partnership the Agile Group Stockton Borough Council

Advisors/Observers:

Gillie Hatton	The Billingham Partnership
Peter Chimney	New College Durham
Danielle Barnes	Know How North East
Paul McGee	Know How North East
Mike Craddock	NETA Training
John Loather	Tees Valley Unlimited
Mark Thompson	Five lamps Organisation
Roland Todd	Stockton Borough Council
Cath Baggott	Stockton Borough Council
Rachel Newton	Stockton Borough Council
Mark Rowell	Stockton Borough Council
Rachael Hartley	Stockton Borough Council

NO **ITEM COMMENTS / DECISION**

OWNER, ACTION & TIMESCALE

1. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTION**

Tony Campbell welcomed the Partnership and guests to the meeting and introduced the meeting.

APOLOGIES

Neil Mitchell
Doug Elphee
John Clift
Neil Kenley
Bob Cook
Richard McGuckin
Bryan Bunn
Tina Williams
Rachel Powell

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were declared

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MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th March 2010 were agreed as a true record.

4. **COMMUNITIES FUND 12 MONTHS REVIEW**

RT provided a report for the first 12 months delivery of the Communities Fund. The Communities Fund provides support to help people move closer to the labour market and into employment. In the first year 1,641 residents were engaged and 378 people started work, of which 84 had been out of work for over one year, 45 had been out of work for over 2 years and 32 had been out of work for over 3 years. 72 had sustained employment for more than 26 weeks.

4.2 PM said this reflected the change in the employment market resulting in more temporary and contract jobs.

4.3 Whilst providing the same type of support the 3 providers operate in different ways

DISCUSSION

4.4 DB explained that as worklessness affects the whole family and not just the person out of work, Newtown try to work with the whole family, especially those families with children who are not in education employment or training. Know How North East also work closely with the housing providers and focus on supporting single parents back into work.

4.5 PC explained that New College Durham have spent 5 months setting up 2 main centres in the Hardwick area and have successfully engaged with 180 people.

4.6 MT explained that that the Five Lamps have delivered a number of projects and concentrate on the support which includes job search sessions and literacy and numeracy skill sessions. Aftercare offered to clients is important, and services are available until 8pm so that clients can get help with social issues.

4.7 JL asked whether the jobs being offered include Future Job Fund jobs. RT confirmed that some of them were.

TEES VALLEY INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMME

5. John Lowther gave a presentation on the Tees Valley Industrial Programme which has been developed

Discussion:

5.1 RD explained that Tees Valley Engineering Partnership is looking at support for advanced engineering working with One North East

to develop joint schemes.

- 5.2 PO asked whether the grants for business investment would be available for small businesses. JL advised that they would be. Circulate information on procurement portals
- 5.3 PO asked what is being done to ensure money is staying in the area and that local businesses benefit through the supply chain of those receiving the grants. Also how the amount of funding received by smaller businesses will be monitored. RD explained that when businesses apply for a grant, One North East will ask which Tees Valley businesses will have an involvement in the project. JL will speak to ONE about information on the links to small businesses through GBI grant supported.
- 5.4 MR explained that when planning permission is required Section 106 agreements can help secure local benefit through jobs and sub-contracting, which results in creating local jobs, and local businesses becoming involved. Copy presentation to be circulated
- 6 **ENTERPRISE CULTURE PROJECT**
RN presented a summary of the Enterprise Culture Project. Explaining that the overall aim of the project is to increase enterprise awareness, self employment and entrepreneurship for 14-19 year olds. The project is funded for three years.
- Discussion:**
- 6.1 JH asked what happens with the profits. RN explained that the profits are put back into the business or to fund further enterprise activities in school or centre.
- 6.2 JH asked whether it was appropriate for a 16 year old to be operating a business similar to those operated by adults as this could give them a false sense of ability to compete with those with more experience. RN explained that the young people are learning transferable skills which can be used after 16-19 education. The project should also raise their ambition to want to further their own career prospects.
- 6.3 DN asked for RN to contact her to establish how Know How North East can get involved with enterprising activities and projects. RN to contact DN to establish how Know How North East can work with her to provide enterprise projects by 16th July 2010
- 6.4 CB said that he reinforced the need for enterprise activities for 14-19 year olds.
- 6.5 SM said that the College does bring enterprise into many of its courses and that the support received from business towards young people has been appreciated.
- 7 **ENTERPRISING YOUNG BRITAIN 2010**
RN reported to the Partnership about the nationwide competition being held to find the most enterprising place in the UK, and that Stockton is submitting an application. The entry form was circulated to the group, and the Partnership was asked for ideas and comments. All to read through the application form and forward ideas, and comments to RH by 21st June 2010.
- 8 **DATE & TIME of NEXT MEETING**

14th July 4pm at the Castlegate Quay Watersports Centre, Moat Street, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 3AZ.