

**LEADERSHIP BOARD**

**Meeting held at Cavendish House, Stockton  
at 2.00pm on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

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ATTENDEES

Sandy Anderson (SA)		Chair
John Williams (JW)	Leader, Darlington Borough Council	
Ken Lupton (KL)	Leader, Stockton on Tees Borough Council	
Ray Mallon (RM)	Mayor, Middlesbrough Borough Council	
Stuart Drummond (SD)	Mayor, Hartlepool Borough Council	
George Dunning (GD)	Leader, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	
Dave Budd (DB)	Middlesbrough Council	
Alan Welby (AW)	One NorthEast	
Paul Booth (PB)	President, SABIC UK Petrochemicals	
Tom Warburton (TW)	Homes and Communities Agency	
Prof Graham Henderson (GH)	Vice Chancellor, Teesside University	
Paul Walker (PW)	Hartlepool Borough Council – Chief Executive Officer	
Malcolm Page (MP)	Deputy Chief Executive, One NorthEast	
Alison Thain (AT)	Board Member One North East and Chief Executive, Fabrick Group	
Ian Parker (IP)	Middlesbrough Borough Council – Chief Executive Officer	
Ada Burns (AB)	Darlington Borough Council - Chief Executive Officer	
Neil Schneider (NS)	Stockton on Tees Borough Council- Chief Executive Officer	
Neil Pickering (NP)	Homes and Communities Agency	
Martyn Pellew (MP)	Business Development Director, PD Ports	

## APOLOGIES

Alastair MacCall	Chief Executive, Business and Enterprise North East
Pat Ritchie	Regional Director, Homes and Communities Agency

## OBSERVERS

John Lowther (JL)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Linda Edworthy (LE)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Jonathan Spruce (JS)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Neil Kenley	Tees Valley Unlimited
John Rundle (JR)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Peter Bell (PB)	Stockton on Tees Borough Council

## Action

### **1. CHAIR'S WELCOME**

The Chair (SA) welcomed attendees to first meeting as Chair. The Chair outlined that he hoped the Board could concentrate on what they could deliver and how they could make life on Teesside better.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

SA declared an interest in the item entitled 'Taking Forward the North and South Tees Framework' due to being Chair of ENSUS.

### **5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2010**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 were agreed as a true record.

### **6. MATTERS ARISING**

Role of Government's Tees Valley "Champion" – Update - SA reported that Martin Donnelly was still keen to be Tees Valley "Champion" but as he had been promoted to a job at the Foreign Office a further update would be brought to a future meeting of the Board.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

### **7. IMPLICATIONS OF GOVERNMENT POLICY CHANGES CONCERNING REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES – IMPLICATIONS FOR TEES VALLEY UNLIMITED – THE**

## **GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS FOR LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIPS**

The Coalition Government announced its intention to abolish Regional Development Agencies and replace them with Local Enterprise Partnerships - joint local authority business bodies brought forward by local authorities to promote local economic development. These may take the form of existing RDAs in areas where they were popular.

ANEC/NBF had proposed to Government the setting up of a strategic regional economic body to carry out a limited number of functions best done at the regional level (foreign direct investment, sector development, encouraging innovation/product development, managing the European Regional Development Fund and Venture Capital Funds). The proposals for Tees Valley Unlimited identified those functions best carried out at a sub-regional level to meet the distinctive and specific needs of the Tees Valley (economic strategy, investment plan, commissioning activity, coordinating place based regeneration, coordinating business investment, strategic infrastructure planning). Both proposals were complementary.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2010 Vince Cable announced the appointment of Paul Callaghan as Chair of One NorthEast until December 2012 recognising that the North East was an area "where business support through a regional agency was both necessary and appreciated". The report also sets out how the Tees Valley Unlimited could complement the ANEC/NBF proposal. The proposals in the report were designed to ensure that the region and the Tees Valley maximise their contribution to the development of the national economy. The report also proposed a programme of action for taking these proposals forward.

RESOLVED that:-

The Leadership Board support in principle:-

- a) the ANEC/NBF proposal for a strategic regional economic body;
- b) Tees Valley Unlimited developing a role which is complementary to the ANEC/NBF proposal carrying out the functions initially set out in paragraphs 8 and 10 of the report; and
- c) the development of a programme of engagement with regional public and private sector bodies to explain our proposals and to discuss their further development.

## **8. TEES VALLEY STATEMENT OF AMBITION**

Consideration was given to a report that followed on from the discussion on the Statement of Ambition document and considered the next steps i.e. what the Board will do with the document and how the Board will develop the plans to implement the ambitions expressed in it. A copy of the Statement of Ambition document was attached to the report for Members information.

It had been proposed to hold a conference in July to engage, consult and try to achieve the buy in from a wide audience from the business community and other public and voluntary sector bodies. However, at this point TVU were concerned that July was too soon for a variety of reasons that were listed within the report.

It was therefore proposed to postpone the Conference until October when it would be clearer about the regional and city regional arrangements, the funding situation, have an Investment Plan detailing the actions that would be delivered and the TVU review was further progressed. It was proposed that the next few months be used to engage and consult with the broader TVU partners, the business community through existing business networks, LSPs and the voluntary sector through facilitated sessions on the draft Statement of Ambition.

It was proposed that the 16<sup>th</sup> July which had already been notified to all TVU partners for the conference be utilised as part of this engagement and consultation process on the Statement of Ambition.

The Statement of Ambition document highlighted some of the activities that would be the priority to deliver the ambitions and outcomes. However, it was necessary to prepare an Investment Plan that provided greater detail on all of the activities that would be necessary to deliver the ambitions and outcomes.

The timetable for the preparation of the Plan was to have sign-off from all partners by the end of September 2010. It was therefore proposed that as well as a session on the Statement of Ambition with TVU partners on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010 a session with just the TVU Leadership Board members be held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010 focussing on the development of the Investment Plan.

Whilst it was appropriate to postpone the conference from the perspective of achieving buy in to the Statement within Tees Valley through different mechanisms it was not appropriate to

postpone engagement with Government. TVU needed to be in a position to discuss the Statement of Ambition, early thoughts on the activity needed and TVU views on Local Enterprise Partnerships. It was therefore recommended that a meeting be sought with Greg Clark and senior civil servants as soon as possible.

It was essential that TVU also engaged effectively within the North East to ensure that the TVU proposals were fully understood and were seen as complimentary to emerging regional arrangements.

Members felt that the meeting with Greg Clark could be pivotal to the whole process and that it should be arranged as soon as possible. Members agreed that KL and R M seek to arrange the meeting and represent TVU at the meeting.

RESOLVED that:-

- a) The TVU Conference be postponed until October 2010.
- b) An engagement and consultation session be held with TVU partners on the draft Statement of Ambition on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and attend other network meetings such as the Chamber, FSB, CBI, LSPs and the voluntary sector network meetings to consult a broader audience on the Statement.
- c) A working session of the Leadership Board be held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010 on the Investment Plan.
- d) A meeting be sought with Greg Clark and senior civil servants as soon as possible.

## **9. INWARD INVESTMENT UPDATE**

N K presented Members with an Inward Investment Update. Members discussed the situation at Corus and whether the release of land was blocking future schemes. AT reported that strategic sites were being required.

Members thanked NK for his presentation and requested that they be an Inward Investment Update once a quarter.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted.

## **10. TAKING FORWARD THE NORTH AND SOUTH TEES FRAMEWORK**

The North and South Tees Industrial Development Framework identified and prioritised public sector investment within the

Tees Valley industrial core. It gained wide private sector support, and was a key spatial priority in the Statement of Ambition.

The proposal would take the Framework forward so it could be accountable to Leadership Board and transparent to the private sector. The proposal would establish a Steering Group with a Project Director and Project Manager, tasked with delivering the Framework in the medium term.

Not only would the governance structures take this key programme forward, it was a prime example of how TVU, in its new form, could prioritise its resources to deliver its strategic outcomes, utilising the skills and expertise which exist across TVU, for example:-

- The Strategy Team will lead on spatial planning frameworks, sector development plans, project manage the programme and progress policy and funding opportunities;
- The Business Investment Team will be responsible for implementation of the Framework, lead on land acquisition and market intelligence;
- The Delivery Team will manage land assets once acquired.

The Board was asked to support this approach, recommend private sector representation on the Steering Group, and review progress in 6 months time.

RESOLVED that:-

- a) The approach taken to deliver the North and South Tees IDF be supported.
- b) Private sector composition of the Steering Group be recommended.
- c) The Steering Group Chair (PB) to make the appointments to the Steering Group from the private sector.
- d) Progress on the six month work programme be reviewed at the Leadership Board meeting in December 2010.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)**

- 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010