

TEES VALLEY LIVING BOARD

**Meeting held at Cavendish House, Thornaby at 5.00pm on Thursday, 16th
September 2010**

ATTENDEES

Angela Lockwood (AL)	Endeavour Housing Association	Chair
Alison Thain (AT)	Tees Valley Housing/Fabrick	
Cllr Lynn Pallister (LP)	Redcar & Cleveland Council	
Cllr David Budd (DB)	Middlesbrough Council	
Stuart Drummond (SD)	Hartlepool Council	

OBSERVERS

Anne Mulroy (AM)	Homes & Communities Agency
Ian Wardle (IW)	Redcar & Cleveland Council
Diana Pearce (DP)	Government Office North East
Sharon Thomas (ST)	Middlesbrough Council
Pauline Mitchell (PM)	Darlington Council
Jane Edmends (JE)	Stockton Council
Damien Wilson (DW)	Hartlepool Council
Les Southerton (LS)	Tees Valley Unlimited
John Lowther (JL)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Jim Johnstone (JJ)	Tees Valley Living
Mike Mealing (MM)	Tees Valley Living
Jennine Robson (JR)	Tees Valley Living
Michael Canavan (MC)	Tees Valley Living
Richard Buckley (RB)	Tees Valley Unlimited

APOLOGIES

Jim Darlington	One NorthEast
Mark Leigh	Home Builders Federation
Julie Nixon	Stockton BC
Cllr Steve Nelson	Stockton Council
Cath Purdy	Housing Hartlepool

1 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

2 NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH JULY 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2010 were agreed as a true record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4 THE TEES VALLEY HOUSING INVESTMENT IMPACT AND ASPIRATIONS STUDY

The Tees Valley Housing Investment Impact and Aspirations Study Executive Summary was circulated to the Board for comment.

The following comments were made:

- The study did not adequately address the progress that had been made with the South Bank Housing Renewal Strategy or the work that was being done on social and environmental issues in Grangetown.
- The area of Grove Hill should have been included within the study.
- Some recent changes to Gresham had not been referenced within the report.
- Some 'headlines' needed to be extracted from the report for the CSR review.
- The document needed to be presented in a more positive way.

It was noted that further discussion would be undertaken with the consultants to recast the draft report to take concerns into account. A revised study would be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

5 TEES VALLEY LOCAL INVESTMENT PLAN PROGRESS

The Board was given an update on the current position of the development of the Tees Valley Local Investment Plan.

There had been good progress and TVU were currently putting together an LIP Action Plan. Work was currently ongoing with the RSLs to look at private sector housing. It was expected that a draft of the Investment Plan would be circulated on 13th

October.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

6 AUDIT COMMISSION PERFORMANCE REVIEW ACTION PLAN

The Board was presented with a report that set out the current position on the Audit Commission (AC) Performance Review Action plan as approved by the Board on 15th July 2010. It was noted that since the board meeting the Coalition Government had announced that the Audit Commission would be abolished in 2012.

The 2010 Performance Review would still proceed but on a much scaled down level. Some of the Performance Review recommendations would not therefore be assessed in this year's review.

It was informed that "Task and Finish" groups had been established to address the Action Plan components.

The Board agreed that the work should continue on the action plan. The work of the task and finish groups would be presented at the TVL Board meeting on 13th January 2011.

RESOLVED that the implementation of the Tees Valley Audit Commission Performance Review Action Plan continues.

7 TEES VALLEY UNLIMITED REVIEW

The Board was given an update on the Tees Valley Unlimited Review. Work had been carried out to look at the current funding arrangements for TVU and the changes in Government funding. It was noted that activities would be refocused around the LEP submission and that TVU were trying to establish with ONE how resources would taper. In terms of housing, discussions were ongoing in relation to resource allocations and also what work the Local Authorities would be taking on.

It was expected that TVU would be restructured by the end of March 2011. 2011/12 would be a transition year for TVU as resources declined.

Announcements on LEP's had originally been expected two weeks from the date of submission which was on 6th

September but this was now expected the end of October 2010.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

8 TEES VALLEY GROWTH POINT PROGRAMME OF DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Board considered a report that provided a summary of the grant expenditure and outputs achieved to date in implementing the Tees Valley Growth Point (GP) Programme of Development (PoD).

The report also gave details of the current situation with regards to 2010/11 GP Capital Funding and unallocated GP Revenue Funding.

The Board approved an extension to the Growth Point Managers contract to the end of March 2011.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The progress of both capital and revenue funded projects be noted. The unallocated revenue funding be noted and will be allocated following the outcome of the CSR.
2. The Growth Point Managers contract be extended to end of March 2011.

9 TEES VALLEY HMR PROGRAMME 2010/11

The Board considered a report on the Tees Valley HMR Programme 2010/11.

It was noted that the HMR programme was almost at the 6 month stage of the 2010-11 financial year and the Board was provided with an update from each of the Tees Valley Local Authorities.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

10 HMR REVENUE BUDGET 2009/11

The Board was presented with a report that summarised the current level of expenditure against the revenue budget for 2010-11 and identifies commitments for the remainder of the financial year.

The Board agreed that in light of reducing budgets the identified unspent reserve amount be rolled forward.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was a brief discussion on whether or not the Board needed to meet before its next scheduled meeting on 13th January 2011. It was agreed that a Board meeting should be called after the outcome of the Spending Review is known on 20th October, to discuss the implications for Tees Valley.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

.The next meeting will be at **5pm on Thursday 18th November** 2010 at Cavendish House.