

**LEADERSHIP BOARD**

**Meeting held at Cavendish House, Stockton  
at 2.00pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

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ATTENDEES

Sandy Anderson (SA)	Chair
Steve Harker (SH)	Darlington Borough Council
Jim Beall (JB)	Stockton on Tees Borough Council
George Dunning (GD)	Leader, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Ray Mallon (RM)	Mayor, Middlesbrough Borough Council
Stuart Drummond (SD)	Mayor, Hartlepool Borough Council
Prof Graham Henderson (GH)	Vice Chancellor, Teesside University
Alison Thain (AT)	Board Member One North East and Chief Executive, Fabrick Group
Alastair MacColl (AM)	Chief Executive, Business and Enterprise North East

APOLOGIES

Bill Dixon	Leader, Darlington Borough Council
Bob Cook	Leader, Stockton on Tees Borough Council
Paul Booth	President, SABIC UK Petrochemicals

OBSERVERS

Emma Speight (ES)	One NorthEast
David Curtis (DC)	Homes and Communities Agency
Ada Burns (AB)	Darlington Borough Council -Chief Executive Officer
Richard Poundford (RP)	Stockton Borough Council
Ian Parker (IP)	Middlesbrough Borough Council – Chief Executive Officer
Margaret Coates (MC)	Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
John Adlan (JA)	Savills
Stephen Catchpole (SC)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Linda Edworthy (LE)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Sarah Johnson (SJ)	Tees Valley Unlimited

**1. CHAIR'S WELCOME**

The Chair (SA) welcomed attendees to the meeting. The Chair acknowledged the work of Councillor Ken Lupton who had previously represented Stockton Council on the Leadership Board.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2011**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

**4. MATTERS ARISING**

Regional Growth Fund (RGF) Round 1 – The Tees Valley had been successful with 5 bids totaling approximately £27m. No housing submissions had been approved however a pot of £30m had been made available for the 5 most challenging pathfinders to bid into. RGF Round 2 had been announced and closed at 12 noon on 1<sup>st</sup> July.

New Board Members – An advertisement had gone out for 2 private sector Board Members. Around 30 applications had been received. The Chair asked for a volunteer from the current private sector Board members and one from the Leaders and Mayors to assist with the interview process. Alastair MacColl and Stuart Drummond volunteered to assist with the interviews.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

**5. ENTERPRISE ZONE PROPOSAL**

The Board's approval was sought, in principle and subject to consultation, to the submission of the preferred Enterprise Zone location together with all supporting material to the Government. The Board was provided with a proposed location plan for the Enterprise Zone and also guidance issued by Government.

Savills were in attendance at the meeting and presented the EZ location plan to the Board. It was noted that TVU were

required to submit some initial information on the EZ to Government on 9<sup>th</sup> June. The submission date for the full EZ proposal was 28<sup>th</sup> June with approval expected mid July.

It was noted that an explanation of the consultation exercise (to be held over the two week period following Leadership Board), its scope and timescales together with the guiding principles had been put on TVU's and the local authorities' websites.

Arrangements had also been made for coordinated press releases and media briefings for immediately after 8<sup>th</sup> June together with consultation events with Environment Agency, Natural England and the Highway Agency.

It was noted that further meetings with Government would be taking place at which support in principle for the Enterprise Zone was being sought.

The Board requested that professional media personnel be appointed to manage the press and media process going forward.

RESOLVED that the preferred Enterprise Zone location, as shown on the plan, together with all supporting material be approved in principle and subject to consultation for submission to the Government.

## **6. REGIONAL GROWTH FUND (RGF) ROUND 2**

The Board was given an update on progress towards the development of bids for Round 2 of the RGF.

The RGF second bidding round opened on 12 April 2011 and will close at noon on Friday 1 July 2011. The second round of the fund was similar to the first with the exception that programmes were eligible in addition to individual projects and project packages. £950m was available for the second round.

It was noted that current bids were very much a work in progress and a report detailing the number of submissions etc would be presented to the special Leadership Board meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June.

In terms of the unsuccessful TV Metro submission for Round 1 of RGF it was noted that most elements of that bid were being pursued via other funding streams. Darlington Station was the only element which did not currently fit other funding streams. An initial meeting had been held between BIS and TVU and it was not considered appropriate for RGF. TVU would be

exploring other options and the Board noted it was important not to lose sight of this element of the TV Metro.

The Board also agreed that it would not be appropriate to submit any housing regeneration schemes to RGF2 unless led and proposed by the private sector.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

## **7. BUSINESS PLAN**

The Board was provided with an update of progress on producing a Business Plan.

Work had been progressing on producing a Tees Valley Partnership Business Plan which would involve all partners taking the lead on different priorities and actions in agreed timescales to help deliver economic improvement across the sub-region in both one year and four years timeframe.

In addition to this a TVU Business Plan that concentrated on the activities to be carried out by TVU only was being prepared.

It was intended that both documents would be presented to the Board meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June for consideration, amendment and endorsement.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

## **8. BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT**

The Board was given details of the proposed TVU Business Engagement Strategy.

It was explained that the Strategy represented suggested core activities which should benefit TVU in understanding the economy particularly through the eyes of businesses, what problems needed addressing and what was working and what was not. Essentially it was a flow of information in both directions at either sector or sub-regional level.

It was noted that the level of activity was meant to complement that undertaken by the Boroughs.

It was suggested that a future discussion be held on bringing together all business engagement activity carried out by TVU and the local authorities.

RESOLVED that the business engagement strategy be endorsed.

## **9. HIGH SPEED RAIL**

The Board was presented with a report that summarised the key issues for the Tees Valley and the wider North East region, in relation to the on-going debate on the future provision of a high speed rail network in the UK. It detailed evidence produced by ANEC that had informed responses to the recent Transport Select Committee Inquiry and the upcoming HS2 Consultation on this key topic. It also detailed evidence being prepared by a partnership of LEPs and City Regions in support of the early delivery of the Eastern arm of the proposed high speed rail network.

RESOLVED that the key messages as detailed in the report be endorsed.

## **10. NEEP AND NELEP**

The Board was provided with a brief update of progress on the North East Economic Partnership (NEEP) and the North Eastern Local Enterprise Partnership (NE LEP).

NE LEP – An advertisement had been issued and it was hoped a Chairman and Board would be appointed soon. The appointment of staff would follow this process. SC noted that it was important for the NE LEP to be organised soon in order that TVU could start to build a working relationship.

NEEP – It had been agreed that there should be some kind of forum in existence beyond LEPs in order to consider wider issues. It was being suggested that ANEC and NBF could come together along with LEPs, Universities etc. Discussions on this proposal were ongoing.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

## **11. TEES VALLEY INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMME – REVIEW AND PROGRESS ON TAKING THE PROGRAMME FORWARD**

The Board was given details of the achievements of the successful Tees Valley Industrial Programme and the arrangements for taking forward the programme in the future.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

## **12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Department for Transport Roadshow – There was an indication that there would be a fund for the area. It was expected that there would either be £30m for the North East area in which to 'bid' into or an allocation of £10m for the TV area and therefore TVU would need to prioritise schemes. It was recommended by TVU that £10m for the area be the approach. The Board accepted this recommendation.

European Regional Development Fund – It was noted that a new Local Management Committee was being introduced due to the transfer of ERDF functions from One NorthEast to the Department for Communities and Local Government. Alastair MacColl would be the nominee on the LMC.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

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

- 28 June 2011