

**LEADERSHIP BOARD**

**Meeting held at Cavendish House, Stockton  
at 2.00pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

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ATTENDEES

Sandy Anderson (SA)	Chair Darlington Borough Council 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 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
Bill Dixon	Leader, Darlington Borough Council
Bob Cook	Leader, Stockton on Tees Borough Council
Paul Booth	President, SABIC UK Petrochemicals

APOLOGIES

Prof. Graham Henderson	Teesside University
Amanda Skelton	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council – Chief Executive

OBSERVERS

Emma Speight (ES)	One NorthEast
Anne Mulroy (AM)	Homes and Communities Agency
Ada Burns (AB)	Darlington Borough Council -Chief Executive Officer
Neil Schneider (NS)	Stockton Borough Council – Chief Executive
Kevin Parkes (KP)	Middlesbrough Borough Council
Tom Smyth (TS)	Department for Business, Innovation

	and Skills
Stephen Catchpole (SC)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Linda Edworthy (LE)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Neil Kenley (NK)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Irene Sams (IS)	Tees Valley Unlimited

## Action

### 1. CHAIR'S WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The Chair (SA) welcomed attendees to the meeting and noted that Ann Mulroy, Kevin Parkes, Davide Kuenssberg and Tom Smyth were representing David Curtis, Ian Parker, David Rossington and Margaret Coates respectively.

Apologies noted from Prof. Graham Henderson and Amanda Skelton.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

### 4. MATTERS ARISING

All of the matters arising are agenda items.

### 5. ENTERPRISE ZONE PROPOSAL

The Board was informed that there had been five responds after the 18<sup>th</sup> June and SC gave a short report on these.

A letter from George F White, acting for Queens Square Middlesbrough had requested that a change to the EZ be made. In it they expressed their concerns that properties may be affected by reduced business rates being offered in the EZ. It was recommended that this letter not be included in the submission and that a letter of response should be sent explaining the reasons and how help may be available in the future. KP stated that the EZ may well have a negative effect in retaining occupants and obtaining new ones and that the company had obviously not been at the meeting when the rationale had been explained. The Chair requested that when control measures are in place MBC re-engage with the

company.

The Board was informed that discussions are continuing with Treasury regarding capital land sites and business rates. Government is still looking at how split sites will work. The Enhanced Capital Allowances model has been presented to the Treasury and they understand that there may be a cost before benefits are seen. It is anticipated that further constructive meetings will take place prior to the decision being made in July.

It was stated the local MPs are supportive and they will take this message to Government.

It is anticipated that an announcement of the successful proposals is made within a month, before Parliament rises.

The Board was informed that the submission has to be made today and therefore it will not be presented to DoRs prior to this.

**RESOLVED:** The Board approves the submission of the proposal to Government for approval to the establishment of an Enterprise Zone in the Tees Valley.

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

The Board was provided with a draft of the supporting statement for the Regional Growth Fund Round 2.

It was stated that the document is very much work in progress and that any comments should be forwarded to LE by close of business Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, at the latest.

A summary of the proposals received to date was provided and it was noted that there are two applications that TVU are not in a position to support and these were discussed. The remaining applications are addressing gaps although the final applications have not been seen.

It was stated that over and above RGF Round 2 BIS are looking at matching up uncommitted ERDF funding and expect to receive 2000 bids.

Concern was expressed that TVU may be losing sight of Housing Renewal and it was stated that this needs to be worked forward. AM advised that she is attending a workshop in Leeds tomorrow concerning this.

**RESOLVED.**

Support is not given to the two identified applications.  
Delegated authority given to the Chairman for final sign off of the statement

## **7. BUSINESS PLAN**

The Board was provided with a draft of the TVU Partnership Business Plan, for comment, prior to consultation with partners and other stakeholders.

Comments were positive although it was suggested that 'value' should be articulated and it was noted that there was no reference to RSLs and Housing Associations

It was agreed that a three or four page Executive Summary will be produced.

RESOLVED that the Plan be approved for consultation with partners and other stakeholders.

## **8. HCA STEWARDSHIP: A PROPOSED GOVERNANCE MODEL FOR THE NORTH EAST**

The Board was provided with a copy of the HCA Stewardship – Proposed Governance Model For The North East.

AM highlighted some of the key principles for the Board to consider. Discussions took place as to the impact it would have on the North East.

RESOLVED that the proposed Stewardship Governance model for the North East be supported.

## **9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### Board Appointments

SA advised that in excess of 30 responses were received following the recent adverts and that from these 6 were selected for interview. SA, SD and AM interviewed and SA gave details of the shortlisted applicants and their CVs. The panel's recommendation is that David Robinson, Director PD Ports and Ian Kinnery, Coaching Consultant for SMEs are appointed to the Board and David Soley, CE Camerons Brewery, be co-opted onto the Board.

SD stated that all of the candidates gave positive responses and were enthusiastic and expressed the opinion that contact should be maintained with a view to getting them involved in some way in the future.

BD expressed the view that it would be beneficial to have CTC on board.

RESOLVED The recommendations are supported

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

- 28<sup>th</sup> September 2011