

LEADERSHIP BOARD

**Meeting held at Cavendish House, Stockton
at 2.00pm on Wednesday 25th July 2012**

ATTENDEES

Sandy Anderson (SA)	Chair
Steve Harker (SH)	Councillor, Darlington Borough Council
Bob Cook (BC)	Leader, Stockton on Tees Borough Council
George Dunning (GD)	Leader, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Gill Rollings (GR)	Middlesbrough Borough Council, Chief Executive Officer
David Soley (DS)	Executive Chairman, Tenergy, Wilton Group, Camerons Brewery, ERS
Ian Kinnery (IK)	Independent Advisor, Team Massive Results
Alastair MacColl (AM)	Chief Executive, Business and Enterprise North East
David Robinson (DR)	Group Chief Executive Officer, PD Ports
Nicola Bailey (NB)	Hartlepool Borough Council, Chief Executive Officer
Stuart Drummond (SD)	Mayor, Hartlepool Borough Council
Alison Thain (AT)	Board Member One North East and Chief Executive, Fabrick Group
Paul Booth (PB)	Vice Chancellor, Teesside University
Amanda Skelton (AS)	President, SABIC UK Petrochemicals
Anne Mulroy (AM)	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council – Chief Executive
Margaret Coates (MC)	Homes & Communities Agency
Neil Kenley (NK)	BIS
Linda Edworthy (LE)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Stephen Catchpole (SC)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Richard Alty (RA)	Tees Valley Unlimited
James Ramsbotham (JR)	Director of Place, Darlington Borough Council
	NECC

1.	CHAIR'S WELCOME
2.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Graham Henderson, Vice Chancellor University of Teesside David Curtis, Homes & Communities Agency Cllr Bill Dixon, Leader, Darlington Borough Council Ray Mallon, Mayor, Middlesbrough Borough Council Ada Burns, Chief Executive, Darlington Borough Council</p>
3.	<p>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST</p> <p>Councillor George Dunning and Councillor Bob Cook declared personal non-prejudicial interests in the 'Durham Tees Valley Airport update' due to being Board members on the Durham Tees Valley Airport Board.</p>
4.	<p>PRESENTATION BY JAMES RAMSBOTHAM, NECC</p> <p>JR gave a verbal update to the Board. The NECC covers areas from the Scottish border down to Northallerton/Thirsk (the wider Tees Valley area). The NECC also work closely with the 3 Local Enterprise Partnerships. JR made it clear that there is need to emphasise the positives of the North East. There are exports to shout about which have grown over the last 4 years from £8million to £14million. JR expressed that the Government need to invest in infrastructure to improve accessibility for companies and ensure that they have access to key water and energy infrastructure assets. JR circulated a diagram which showed the 'Change in private sector employment in year to Feb-Apr 2012' in which the North East was the highest (6.9%) JR stressed that 85% of companies do not take on apprenticeships and that engineering graduates are rare. JR was enthusiastic in telling the group that we should celebrate the success that the North East is and that it's well connected internationally.</p> <p>SA raised the issue that school children need to be excited about a career in Engineering and that motivation is needed within Schools. Keen to work alongside NECC to do this.</p> <p>RA noted that Foundation for Jobs in Darlington are targeting pupils from year 6 – year 11 and is happy to share experiences of success.</p> <p>AM asked for the support of the NECC in the ERDF funding bid with TVU and Durham. James agreed to look at this.</p> <p>SA concluded this section. Suggested that it is important for TVU and the NECC to continue working well together.</p>

<p>5.</p>	<p>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS (28/3/12 and 11/6/12) AND MATTERS ARISING</p> <p>Minutes were agreed.</p> <p>SC gave an update on the conference in Estonia which was a ‘speed dating’ style event where Airports met with Airlines. The industry itself is in trouble however there were some leads to follow up from the event. There is a short term gloom however airlines spoken with were positive that when the economy picks up, regional airports will pick up activity. The strategy is to ensure that a viable aviation offer is maintained at DTVA to be able to take advantage of an upturn in the market. There will be a statement issued on the strategy on the Airport which can be used once the outcome of the Airport RGF 3 bid has been announced.</p> <p>Item 13 – SC and SA are having ongoing discussions on the ‘Tees Valley Champion’.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>HOUSE BUILDING IN THE TEES VALLEY</p> <p>AT discussed the attached report to the group on ‘House Building in the Tees Valley – It’s Role in the Economy and the Problems of the Sector’ Alison wanted to set a marker down about the continuing importance of housing at the Leadership Board. It is clear that housing makes a significant contribution to the economy and in particular construction industry. There is a need to have the right houses in the right place and of the right quality. Realises that there are empty houses which are being dealt with by the 5 local authorities.</p> <p>Also noted that improvements in infrastructure and house building need to be connected to ensure best possible offer and quality of life.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>CITY DEAL UPDATE</p> <p>SC discussed the attached update on the meeting with Greg Clark at which he was enthusiastic about Tees Valley applying in the second wave.</p> <p>In the Autumn there will be a 2nd wave of submissions for a City Deal which is likely to be competitive with not everyone being successful.</p> <p>Government may ask for 1 or 2 ‘wow’ factors which makes the Tees Valley bid stand out.</p> <p>Whilst TVU are being encouraged to go ahead and bid for the City Deal</p>

	there is need to weigh up the advantages and disadvantages.
8.	<p>FUTURE WORKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH NORTH YORKSHIRE LEP AND POSITION GENERALLY</p> <p>There have been several meetings with the North Yorkshire LEP and there have been discussions with them on common areas. It is clear that there are topics which overlap.</p> <p>Despite concerns over limited resources a close relationship and good communication with the NY LEP was encouraged by the Board.</p> <p>It was agreed that work with other LEP's should also occur on the basis of forming alliances/relationships on a need by need approach.</p>
9.	<p>RAIL DEVOLUTION</p> <p>LE discussed the attached report. Manchester, Leeds and Sheffield are keen to take on full rail devolution and it is necessary to ensure that our views are fully represented.</p>
10.	<p>TVU MANAGEMENT REPORT</p> <p><u>RGF3</u> A long list was about to emerge in the next two weeks and all companies will be contacted whether they have been successful or not. There will be a much clearer view by the next Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Growing Places Fund</u> All have been approved. However one private sector company bid has fallen by the wayside as it has secured a better deal from its own bank.</p> <p><u>Tees Valley Business to Business Summit</u> Positive event with over 300 attendees. There will be a summary sheet circulated to the Board. Thinking of turning this into an annual event with greater sponsorship next time.</p> <p>Neil Kenley conducted a presentation to the Board on Supply Chain Opportunities.</p>
11.	<p>PANEL REPORTS</p> <p><u>Transport & Infrastructure</u> The first meeting went well with discussions on key priorities on issues around the Tees Valley i.e. rail and road.</p> <p><u>Economy</u> At the Economic Development Group meeting supply chain and chemical</p>

	<p>sector were discussed and there is a need to understand the skills implications.</p> <p><u>Employment & Skills</u> There was a summary issued by Ian Kinnery which sets out the discussions at the last Employment & Skills Board meeting. There was a presentation by Nik Grever at that meeting regarding Foundation for Jobs and work is ongoing on how to get businesses involved.</p> <p><u>Place</u> Business plan to be circulated. Work could be linked in to Investment Panel.</p> <p><u>Investment</u> Investment Panel discussed early draft of Investment Plan regarding headline investment proposals.</p>
12.	<p>REVIEW OF LEP's</p> <p>Have to accept that some LEPs are doing better than others, however TVU has an excellent record and reputation with Government and the private sector locally.</p>
13.	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>ROC's announcement today and the contact with companies involved is very positive about the news.</p> <p>Lord Heseltine was at the North East Economic Forum meeting with SA. They discussed how the public and private sectors work together in the North East and how this enhances economic growth. Lord Heseltine has agreed to visit the Tees Valley on 18th September.</p>