

LEADERSHIP BOARD

Meeting held at Cavendish House, Stockton
at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 23rd July 2014

ATTENDEES

Sandy Anderson (SA)	Chair
Councillor Bill Dixon (BD)	Leader, Darlington BC
Councillor David Budd (DB)	Deputy Mayor, Middlesbrough BC
Councillor George Dunning (GD)	Leader, Redcar & Cleveland BC
Councillor Bob Cook (BC)	Leader, Stockton on Tees BC
Ian Kinnery (IK)	Team Massive Results
Tim Grant (TG)	Darlington College (FE representative)
David Robinson, CEO	PD Ports
Naz Parker (NP)	Homes and Communities Agency
Paul Booth (PB)	Sabic
Amanda Skelton (AS)	CEO Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Dave Stubbs (DSt)	CEO Hartlepool Borough Council
Mike Robinson (MR)	CEO Middlesbrough Borough Council
Neil Schneider (NS)	CEO Stockton on Tees Borough Council
Ada Burns (AB)	CEO Darlington BC
Linda Edworthy (LE)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Neil Kenley (NK)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Margaret Coates (MC)	BIS
Tom Walker (TW)	BIS (Whitehall LEP Sponsor)

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| 1 | <p>Chair's Welcome</p> <p>Sandy welcomed Tom Walker, our new Whitehall LEP sponsor to the Leadership Board, Tom is replacing Graham Pendlebury. Also a welcome to Councillor Budd who is covering for Ray Mallon today. SA thanked TG for his contribution to the Board, this is TG's final meeting before retiring.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Apologies</p> <p>Ray Mallon, Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher, Nigel Perry, Alison Thain, Alastair MacColl, Professor Graham Henderson, David Soley, Stephen Catchpole and Anne Yare.</p> |

3	<p>Conflicts of Interest</p> <p>Councillor Dunning expressed a none pecuniary interest in the Sabic item.</p>
4	<p>Minutes of previous meeting and any matters arising</p> <p>Agreed</p>
5	<p>Presentation by Paul Booth, Sabic</p> <p>Paul gave a presentation to the Board on the Chemical Industry of Tomorrow and the engagement required from LEPs. Action: Slides and a pamphlet to be circulated to Board members.</p>
6	<p>David Laws, NECC</p> <p>Late apologies from David Laws, unfortunately he has been called out of the region on urgent business today and conveyed his apologies to the Board.</p>
7	<p>Making Local Economies Matter</p> <p>LE introduced this item. Two main reports have been published on the Labour Party thinking on the future of LEPs. One contentious issue is their thinking on the scale/geography of LEPs with potentially the push for fewer LEPs. It was agreed we have to align our case for retaining the Tees Valley LEP. TVU has prepared a draft response.</p> <p>SA said the Tees Valley is a functioning entity and was seeking the support of the Board. In a recent telephone conversation with Lord Adonis, SA had made our position very clear to him. From recent discussions with Andy McDonald MP, Andy was very supportive of the Tees Valley LEP.</p> <p>GD expressed his support but felt the Labour Party would reincarnate the regional work.</p> <p>BC stated Alex Cunningham was supportive of the Tees Valley LEP. He also felt we must get the message across to the people who write the manifesto and work with our neighbouring LEPs as a region.</p> <p>BD said the Tees Valley Leaders had stated the benefits of TV LEP.</p> <p>AB felt there was a principle of subsidiarity, some things worked at different levels. Asked if the Board/TIG could think about LEPs/combined authorities/rail, what are the things we should be doing.</p> <p>Action: It was agreed we should send John Healey our response and invite him to a meeting to start the conversation.</p> <p>At this point of the meeting SA invited TW to introduce himself to the group. Tom informed the meeting of his role in BIS, he has been involved in negotiations of the City Deals/Local Growth deals. TW previously worked in the EZ team in DCLG on housing, planning and regeneration. He explained about the current changes made and was replacing Graham Pendlebury as</p>

	<p>our Whitehall LEP sponsor. TW made 5 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greg Clark still the Local Growth Fund Minister - Thanked everybody for the work on the Local Growth Deal - Delivery is key, push forward projects into deliverable projects - Keep the momentum going - We are entering the policy making agenda <p>TW is keen to work with us in shaping the agenda.</p>
8	<p>Jeremie 2 – Access to Finance</p> <p>LE gave an update. The Project Board is in place, Stephen Catchpole and Ralph Pickles are our representatives. TVU has appointed Jonathan Gold as our independent advisor. The implementing body is to be established, Ward Hadaway have been appointed to carry out this work. Also recruitment underway for a Project Manager, interviews planned for 27th August. Discussions with DCLG/BIS on the financial instruments. LEPs being asked to work with other LEP areas to share experiences and to potentially jointly commission activity where it made sense to do so. The Board noted the report.</p>
9	<p>HS2</p> <p>The LEP is being asked to join a consortium to evaluate the Eastern route for HS2 and make a contribution of £10,000. It was agreed it was in our interests to support but investigations needed to be carried out/discussed with colleagues in the North East and North Yorkshire. Action: Agreed a note to be prepared in advance of next meeting for Board to action on where HS2 fits alongside the NE/ECML rail.</p>
10	<p>Local Growth Fund Update</p> <p>LE introduced this item. Discussions had with HCA. Some areas more advanced on how/what HCA's assets to be used. Work to be undertaken on funding agreement and assurance framework. NS asked NP for his observations. NP said we have to look at pipeline of projects, align investment to our strategic ambitions.</p> <p>TG asked if there would be a second round in the Autumn. TW said this was work in progress, some projects prioritised, possibility of more Government money but Government do not tend to provide more money so close to an election. 2015/16 committed.</p> <p>LE said TVU will put out messages through a managed process.</p> <p>Action: It was agreed the Board were happy to devolve responsibility to the Investment Panel to agree and sign off the funding agreement and funding</p>

	agreement with Government.
11	<p>Business to Business Summit</p> <p>NK gave an update on the Summit of 9th July. It was a big success, more attendees/exhibitors than previous years, 90 exhibitors/approx 750 attendees. This is the biggest event of its kind in the Tees Valley.</p>
12	<p>Chairs' Updates</p> <p><u>NK - Economic Development Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation from Graham Hillier on CPI - NK to link work with the Business Compass and TAMP - Presentation from Richard Horniman, MBC on Middlesbrough Town Centre - Presentation from John Hildreth, Business Durham on the NE Centre of Excellence Catapult on Satellite Technology in Industry. TVU/Teesside University and Durham University involved. Issue as to how SMEs can tap in. - Updates on RGF6 and AMSCI. EDOs to push RGF6, £2m pot - Contract Catalyst - going well but some issues with DCLG. <p><u>IK - ELS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation from Darush Dodds, ESH on 'Building my Skills' programme across schools. This programme helps young people to be more work ready. This year it will cater for 10,000 students, 60 businesses involved with 352 workshops working to school timetable. Cost to schools is zero. All our 5 local authorities involved with at least 2 schools each on the programme. Other similar programmes discussed High Tide, Princes Trust, Foundation for Jobs. A lot happening but it is not coordinated. <p>LE informed following recent TVU Review increased capacity around skills, working with LA partners to tackle issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IK also informed of the annual Tees Valley Skills event on 6th November at Wynyard Hall. <p>DR – TIG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rail - infrastructure moving forward. The James Cook station was formally opened last week. Work ongoing with Bank Top Station/Business Case/appointing appropriate people. - Tees Valley Bus Network - to engage with bus operators on bus strategy contracts. - LE updated on a Network Rail workshop that took place yesterday on a way forward for Bank Top Station.

	<p><u>NS - Investment Panel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Items discussed ERDF/ESF/European Agriculture Fund/LEADER Project. - EZ 3 year extension, EZ reprofiling, key workstreams. <p><u>LE - Innovation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Innovation Group attempting to translate strategy into priorities. <p>SA introduced his paper on Board Review. He summarised the paper and went through his recommendations. Action: The Board agreed with SA's recommendations and it was decided we would set aside half day/day to review strategy.</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Dates of next meetings</p> <p>22nd October 2014</p> <p>28th January 2015</p> <p>22nd April 2015</p>