

LEADERSHIP BOARD

Meeting held at Cavendish House, Stockton
at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 22nd April 2015

ATTENDEES

Sandy Anderson (SA)	Chair
Councillor Bill Dixon (BD)	Leader, Darlington BC
Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher (CAB)	Leader, Hartlepool BC
Councillor Bob Cook (BC)	Leader, Stockton on Tees BC
David Soley (DS)	Executive Chairman, Tenergy, Wilton Group, Camerons Brewery, ERS
David Robinson (DR)	CEO PD Ports
Alison Thain (AT)	CEO, Thirteen Group
Alastair MacColl (AMc)	CEO, BE Group
Nigel Perry (NP)	CEO, CPI
Paul Booth (PB)	President, Sabic UK Petrochemicals
Martin Raby (MRa)	Principal, Cleveland College of Art and Design (FE+ representative)
Margaret Coates (MC)	Policy Advisor BIS
Tom Walker (TW)	LEP Whitehall Sponsor
Ian Kinnery (IK)	Independent Advisor, Team Massive Results
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 Borough Council
Neil Kenley (NK)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Stephen Catchpole (SC)	Tees Valley Unlimited

1	<p>Chair's Welcome</p> <p>SA opened the meeting and welcomed Tom Walker, our Whitehall LEP Sponsor.</p> <p>SA spoke of the contribution of Councillor George Dunning, Mayor Ray Mallon and Professor Graham Henderson who will no longer be on the Board and wanted to place on record the Board's acknowledgement and gratitude for all they had done for TVU both before and after its formation as the LEP.</p>
2	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Anne Yare, Naz Parker, Professor Graham Henderson, Mayor Ray Mallon, Councillor Mary Lanigan, Linda Edworthy</p>

3	Conflicts of Interest - None
4	<p>Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>SC updated the group on Jeremie 2. The Jeremie 2 project team gave a presentation to yesterday's ESIF Committee. They are now in a position to start preparing an Investment Plan. There has been a delay in the flow of money which was hoped would follow immediately the ending of Jeremie 1, but money will start to flow in mid to late 2016.</p>
5	<p>Presentation by Iain Robinson, Stockton BC on the Place Prospectus</p> <p>Iain Robinson from Stockton BC attended to give a presentation on the Place Prospectus which has been prepared for the Tees Valley. It had become apparent there was no document which told the story of the Tees Valley so this has been produced to show the quality of place, events, and places to visit with 3 key themes on Live, Work and Play. The document is now printed and ready to be distributed to partners. It was highlighted there was no photograph of the University but it was acknowledged this can be remedied when it is updated. Lots of positive comments were made and it was felt it should be distributed as widely as possible e.g. hotels, exhibitions, events, not only locally but nationally. The prospectus is available via the web as a pdf but it was suggested that a link included in e mails could widen access. It was also felt it was a useful tool to be included to support recruitment packs. Overall a very positive response.</p> <p>Action: NS to develop plan with Comms Group</p>
6	<p>CPI Innovation Projects</p> <p>NP gave an overview of CPI which is an independent body with an integrated technology and business capability that supports the development of the UK process industry and UK manufacturing. CPI's focus is on industrial biotechnology and biologics; printable electronics; formulation and flexible manufacturing. NP explained why CPI and the Catapult exist and that they translate research into commercial business propositions. NP informed the group of CPI's major investment opportunities for the region. NP concluded his presentation by showing a short video on the concept of 'the factory of the future'.</p> <p>SC said the work of CPI is the lifeblood of this area, the strapline of the Tees Valley Innovation Strategy is that it is an innovation offer to the UK. There is much optimism for the future.</p> <p>NP spoke of new challenges, following the General Election he emphasised the need to ensure that Ministers were well briefed on this capability.</p> <p>AB spoke of the work on Key cities which can contribute to growth, citing CPI as an example.</p> <p>SA thanked NP for his presentation concluding CPI is one of our major success stories. Just ten years since its formation, CPI now employed over 250 scientists and engineers, developing innovative technologies and its success stressed the importance of patient investment by both public and private sectors.</p>
7	<p>Tom Watson, LEP Sponsor (Whitehall)</p> <p>Tom said our LEP has really worked over the past 5 years, the partnership was a genuine one and the City Deal had shown our commitment to addressing local</p>

	<p>challenges. Tom asked the LEP to embrace the CA model and to develop thinking on the devolution of powers. He encouraged us to keep the SEP under review, not to wait for Government to ask for it to be refreshed. We should have a pipeline of projects e.g. biorefinery and share ideas with BIS. Catherine Cowell and Margaret Coates are always happy to engage.</p>
8	<p>ESIFs Update</p> <p>SC gave an update on the current position regarding open calls and the timetable. Presentation to be distributed with the minutes. DR spoke of the difficulty with the web process when registering, forewarning not to leave it too late to the deadline date. Action: SC to check.</p>
9/10	<p>Transport/Infrastructure Update and Progress made 2010 – 2015</p> <p>SC remarked that we tend to not speak of our successes and these papers simply highlighted what we have achieved over the past 5 years.</p> <p>NP stressed that we have to position ourselves to be able to influence developing policies, e.g. the Northern Powerhouse with east/west transport links becoming critical.</p> <p>PB felt there are clear areas where we can collaborate with other LEPs better than we have been to find out where we agree not just disagree eg on waste management.</p> <p>SA informed the Board that, via Jude Kirton-Darling, MEP, we had been invited to a breakfast briefing in Strasbourg on Industrial CCS. NK felt this was important recognition of the progress we had made – Rotterdam is the only other area to have been invited.</p>
11	<p>Update Report – Culture in the Tees Valley Economic Strategy</p> <p>AB presented in the absence of Professor Graham Henderson. Simple propositions have been addressed through a task and finish group that has met 4 times, the degree of engagement is very broad, it is a shared responsibility (TVU/LAs/University/Arts Council). An action plan is being prepared to come up with clearer outcomes. The core themes are emerging:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote place making, get the assets of the Tees Valley better known. • Looking at a potential Capital of Culture bid for 2015 to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the first passenger railway • The group has been looking at priorities such as social inclusion and business growth • To explore the establishment of a destination management organisation <p>Professor Graham Henderson has agreed to continue as Chair of the Task and Finish Group following his retirement.</p> <p>Action: Leadership Board support the work of the culture group.</p>
12	<p>Autumn Statement</p> <p>SC thought that given the impending general election it is appropriate to think of lobbying the incoming Government on some of the Tees Valley key projects which could transform our economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biorefinery

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13	<p>Chairs' updates</p> <p><u>DR – TIG Group</u></p> <p>Covered in the meeting but DR complained about the very slow response of Network Rail on all projects .Tom agreed to investigate.</p> <p><u>NS – Investment Panel</u></p> <p>LGF – several projects have now been signed off including CCAD, Myton Way, A66, TAMP. DTVA Southside deferred, more work ongoing with Peel/SC.</p> <p>RGF – Business Compass and Jobs and Skills Investment Scheme – approaching 800 new jobs. Agreed to sign off next tranche of pipeline schemes – good work in progress.</p> <p><u>DS – Economic Development Group</u></p> <p>£300,000 grant to carry out a Local Carbon Action Plan, working on implementation/further submission</p> <p>Catalyst Fund - £6m committed further £1.6 April and £1.5 May. £507m private sector funding, safeguarding 365 jobs, creating 103 jobs.</p> <p>Business Compass – offered £2m to 22 companies, created 60 jobs. Once totalled created 280 jobs, attracted £9.5 capital investment from private sector. The Business Compass has engaged with 400 companies/clients, referred on 300 who have found other sources of funding.</p> <p>Business Summit 8th July at Teesside University.</p> <p>Inward Investment (2014/15), 1265 jobs, safeguarded 260, capital investment £530 million.</p> <p>5,000 new construction jobs should be achievable, trying to advance which projects to bring forward.</p>
14	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>SA informed the group that Dave Stubbs is retiring next month and thanked him for all his help.</p>
15	<p>Dates of next meeting - 22nd July 2015</p>