

Regeneration & Transport Select Committee

A meeting of Regeneration & Transport Select Committee was held on Monday, 1st October, 2007.

Present: Cllr Maurice Perry (Chairman); Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr John Fletcher, Cllr Paul Kirton, Cllr Fred Salt and Cllr Michael Smith.

Officers: P K Bell, G Birtle, D Ladd (LD); R Todd (DNS).

Also in attendance: Ms E Crabbe (North East Employers Coalition); J Spruce, S Dennison (Tees Valley Joint Strategy Committee); M Potter (Tees Valley Engineering Partnership).

Apologies: Cllr Eileen Craggs, Cllr Kevin Faulks and Cllr Liz Nesbitt.

RTS 21/07 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

RTS 22/07 **Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2007.**

Consideration was given to the content of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2007.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2007 be forwarded to Council for consideration.

RTS 23/07 **Review of Employability**

Evidence from:-

Ms Egizia Crabbe - North East Employers Coalition

Mr Jonathan Spruce - Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit

Mr Malcolm Potter - Tees Valley Engineering Partnership

As part of the Review of Employability the following witnesses had been invited to the meeting to give evidence to Members:-

Ms Egizia Crabbe - North East Employers Coalition

Mr Jonathan Spruce and Sarah Dennison - Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit

Mr Malcolm Potter - Tees Valley Engineering Partnership

The evidence presented by Egizia Crabbe (North East Employers Coalition) covered the following keys areas:-

1. Background to National Employment Panel (NEP)
2. Strategic Objectives
3. Employer Coalitions/North East Employer Coalition (NEEC)
4. Key Areas of NEEC Activity
5. Areas of Involvement

6. Stockton Specific Activity

7. Period of Transition

The evidence presented by Jonathan Spruce and Sarah Dennison (Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit) covered the following keys areas:-

1. Development and Key Asks of Business Case
2. Elements of the Proposed Multi Agency Agreement
3. Structure of Tees Valley Unlimited
4. Details and Structure of Employment and Skills Board
5. Emerging City Region Issues

The evidence presented by Malcolm Potter (Tees Valley Engineering Partnership) covered the following keys areas:-

1. Background to Tees Valley Engineering Partnership (TVEP)
2. News items on TVEP relating to employability
3. What can be achieved by working collectively
4. Engineering figures for the Tees Valley and Stockton Borough
4. Details of the skills shortage and the amount of future work

Malcolm Potter then went on to give Members detailed answers to the questions that had been given to him prior to the meeting.

Members were then given the opportunity to ask questions of the witnesses.

The Chairman thanked the witnesses for their attendance at the meeting.

CONCLUDED that the evidence from the witnesses be received.

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Work Programme

Members were presented with an updated Scope and Project Plan for the Review of Employability.

CONCLUDED that the Scope and Project Plan be noted.