

# Regeneration & Transport Select Committee

A meeting of Regeneration & Transport Select Committee was held on Monday, 20th June, 2011.

**Present:** Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Norma Wilburn, Cllr Michael Clark, Cllr Ian Dalgarno, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Bob Gibson (Vice Cllr Norma Stephenson) Cllr Mrs Maureen Rigg and Cllr Andrew Sherris.

**Officers:** Andy Bryson (RES) Tara Connor, Sue Daniels, Paul Diggins, Richard McGuckin, Richard Poundford, Carol Straughan, (DNS) Peter Mennear and Kirsty Wannop (LDS)

**Also in attendance:** Cllr Mike Smith (Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport)

**Apologies:** Cllr Paul Kirton and Cllr Norma Stephenson

## **RTS 1/11**      **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Norma Wilburn declared a personal non prejudicial interest in the item entitled Overview of Regeneration and Transport Services as she was the owner of a business in Norton and as a Member of the Know How North East Board.

Cllr Bob Gibson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in the item entitled Overview of Regeneration and Transport Services as a Member of the Know How North East Board.

## **RTS 2/11**      **Efficiency, Improvement & Transformation (EIT) Review of Events, Arts & Tourism - Action Plan for Agreed Recommendations**

Members were presented with the Action Plan setting out how the agreed recommendations from the EIT Review of Events, Arts and Tourism would be implemented and target dates for completion.

AGREED that the Action Plan be approved

## **RTS 3/11**      **Overview of Regeneration and Transport Services**

Members received a presentation providing an overview of Regeneration and Transport Services.

The information on Regeneration and Economic Development included the following:

- Funding and Business Development
- Employability and Skills
- Enterprise
- Tees Achieve
- Tees Valley Unlimited/Local Enterprise Partnership
- Town Centres
- Tourism

The information on Planning Services included:

- Development Services
- Spatial Planning

- Building Control

The information on Technical Services included:

- Local Transport Plan
- Community Participation Budget
- Traffic and Road Safety
- Public Transport
- Car Parking
- School Capital Projects

The main issues discussed were as follows:

- Tees Valley bids to the Regional Growth Fund and the success rate from the first Round;
- The nature of the proposed Tees Valley Enterprise Zone, and the survival rate of start-up businesses in the area;
- The range of internal performance targets that are monitored by Planning Services;
- The development of the Tees Valley Metro, and local train stations;
- The role of the Community Participation Budgets.

AGREED that the information be noted.

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### **Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation (EIT) Review of Regeneration and Economic Development**

- **to agree draft scope and project plan**
- **to consider the baseline report**

Consideration was given to the Scope and Project Plan for the EIT Review of Regeneration and Economic Development.

The main services that would be covered by the review included:

- Economic development;
- Employability;
- Enterprise.
- Business support;
- Inward investment;
- Business Centre operations.
- Support for Tees Valley Unlimited (TVU) and the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP);
- Physical regeneration;
- Town centre development; and
- Strategic role of Tees Achieve;

Members received the baseline information for the review.

Members requested that further information be required on the following points:

- Marketing of the range of business support available
- The social impact and benefit of Tees Achieve courses, as well as its importance in relation to employability
- Business start up survival rates

AGREED that the scope and project plan be agreed, and further information be

provided as requested.

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**Quarterly Progress Updates on Previously Agreed Recommendation**

Consideration was given to progress of the implementation of previously agreed recommendations. There were outstanding recommendations from the reviews of Sustainable School Travel and the EIT review of Commissioning and Provision of Public and Community Transport.

Members requested that the unavailability of external funding be recorded as the reason for non-achievement of construction of the bridge between Preston Hall and Ingleby Barwick, in relation to the review of Sustainable School Travel.

AGREED that the Progress Updates be noted and the assessments for progress be confirmed.

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**Work Programme**

**- to consider the work programme for forthcoming meetings**

Members were reminded that the next meeting was 18th July 2011.