

## TEES VALLEY LIVING

### MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE GROUP MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2007 AT 10.00 A.M. AT ENDEAVOUR HOUSE, THORNABY

<b>Present:</b>	Bernard Williams	Erimus (Chair)
	Sharon Lonergan	Stockton BC
	Jane Edmends	Stockton BC
	Mark Dutton	Hartlepool BC
	Janine Turner	Middlesbrough BC
	Angela Lockwood	Endeavour Housing
	Stephen Bray	Accent North East
	Alan Glew	Darlington BC
	Clare Butterfield	Redcar and Cleveland BC
	Marsha Jobling	Home Group
	Colin Wilson	Housing Hartlepool
	Alison Thain	Tees Valley Housing Group
	Steve Turner	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit
	Jim Johnstone	TVL Director
	Mike Mealing	TVL Strategy Manager
	Jennine Robson	TVL Programme Monitoring Officer
	Irene Sams	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit
	Claire Kenyon	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit

#### ACTION

#### 292/07 Apologies

Apologies were received from Andrea Abbott, Susan Douglass, Maggie Begg and Judy Mackley

#### 293/07 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007

284/07 – R & C representative is Roger Kay.

They were then agreed.

#### 294/07 Matters Arising

276/06 – JJ advised that MM is organising a seminar to take place before the Heritage and Design Study is signed off. MM has the final document and will circulate in the near future.

283/07 – MM advised that the Research Group had recently received a presentation from Hometrack. He stated that there was a mixed response and the Research Group is going to produce a report for presentation at the next Executive Group meeting. ST stated that he found it interesting and is looking at the different data sets that the 'RealDemand2' system has.

284/07 – JT stated that MBC representative is Alan Hunter.

286/07 – SB stated that the Joint Procurement Group is to meet on 22 February and requested additional representatives. He stated that he has also invited the Northern Housing Group as they have previously expressed an interest. BW reiterated that TVL must demonstrate Practical working together.

287/07 – JJ advised that JR is now leading on “utilities”. BW suggested that over recent weeks a new contractor has been brought in which has resulted in an improvement in the service provided. Not everyone has experienced an improvement.

288/07 – JJ advised that Baroness Andrew’s visit has now been cancelled until after the election. He proposes not pursuing this.

289/07 – JJ advised that the proposals from HBC and MBC are going to be looked at more closely. He stated that it should run parallel to SHIP commencing in 2008.

#### **295/07 Developments in Relation to the N.E. Regional and T.V. Sub-Regional Housing Strategies**

JJ referred to his report. BW stated that TVL have been asked to play a co-ordinating role and that the ownership of this remains with the Heads of Housing Group. JJ stated that a scoping exercise is to be undertaken and he is to meet with John Lowther regarding the resources needed to undertake this large, important piece of work. .

All discussed TVL’s position in relation to the other sub-regions and agreed that the gap is diminishing and TVL need to be much more practical and focussed on priorities. It was also agreed that innovation is the way forward.

JT stated that the Housing Corporation were querying whether the councils would wish to be involved in developing a protocol for schemes funded by the Housing Corporation.

#### **Resolved**

**Speak to JL regarding resources required to undertake co-ordinating role**

JJ

#### **296/07 Tees Valley Living Work Programme 2007/08**

JJ referred to report and highlighted the key elements.

He advised that James Cruddas, Head of Sustainable Communities, The Northern Way Team had made a presentation to the Board following their concerns about the way that Tees Valley had been portrayed in the recent ‘Northern Way newsletter’. Following the presentation the consensus was that nothing had been said to alleviate these concerns.

BW stated that as TVL have limited resources available, priorities need to be clearly defined. JT suggested that an Annual Report be produced and a copy sent to the RHB. This was agreed.

All discussed the web sites. JJ stated that there are two , TVL and JSU and confirmed that there is a protocol for these. JSU site – been available since July 06. Monitors data for in excess of 230 neighbourhoods. TVL site – this is maintained by DTW. Minutes of meetings are placed on this.

**Resolved**

**Annual Report to be produced**

**Comprehensive report to be presented at next meeting.**

JJ

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**297/07 TVL/Home Builders liaison update**

JJ referred to report .

**Resolved**

**TVL to act as mediator for LAs with the House Builders.**

JJ

**298/07 Developing a Framework for sharing good practice**

MD presented his report. All discussed the benefits of sharing good practice and the ways of doing this. AT informed the group about IGINITE, a centre of excellence for sustainable communities and suggested that there may be funding available to assist TVL in developing their own web based centre of excellence.

**Resolved**

**IGNITE too be contacted regarding availability of funding.**

**A TVL skills directory be developed**

JR

JJ

**299/07 Any Other Business**

There was no other business

**300/07 Date of Next Meeting**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 10.00 a.m. at Endeavour House.