

**TEES VALLEY LIVING
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2006 AT 5.00 PM AT
THE OFFICES OF ENDEAVOUR HOUSING**

Present:	Neil Etherington	Chair
	Pauline Mitchell	Darlington BC
	Stuart Drummond	Hartlepool BC
	Mark Dutton	Hartlepool BC
	Kevin Parkes	Middlesbrough BC
	Ian Wardle	Redcar & Cleveland BC
	Chris Abbott	Redcar & Cleveland BC
	Bob Gibson	Stockton BC
	Julie Allport	Stockton BC
	Diana Pearce	GONE
	Bernard Williams	Erimus Housing
	Cath Purdy	Housing Hartlepool
	Donald Urquhart	English Partnership
	Jim Johnstone	TVL Director
	Mike Mealing	TVL Strategy Manager
	Irene Sams	TVJSU

Action

256/06 Apologies

Apologies were received from Alison Thain, Peter Scott, Tom Warburton, Richard Buckley, Linda Wright, John Holmes, Cllr. Budd and Julie Jacques.

257/06 Notes of meeting held on 7th September 2006

The notes were agreed.

258/06 Matters Arising

251/06 – JJ informed the group that the interviews for the Programme Monitoring Officer took place on 19th September. Four candidates were interviewed and three of these were strong. Jennine Robson has been appointed and starts on 30th October 06.

252/06 – JJ confirmed that he now has a new presentation giving an overview of what's next for TVL.. He advised that it has been given to the Northern Branch of the CIH and CP, as Institute chair confirmed that it was well received. JJ advised that the Communication Strategy will be

presented to the Board at the next meeting.

JJ

254/06

Northern Housing Challenge – NE advised that the Executive Group is working through this.

Merger of Housing Corporation and English Partnerships – DU advised that he had nothing to add to the position stated.

259/06 Comprehensive Spending Review 2007 – A Tees Valley Living Submission

NE advised that an electronic version of the report had been sent to DCLG and the Treasury on 29 September 06 and that the hard copies are to be submitted by 15 October 06. He stated that it is one of six 'daughter' documents to the Tees Valley Business case and that details will be released to the Press the next day.

He thanked JJ, MM and everyone else involved for their efforts.

Resolved
Submission noted

260/06 Housing Market Renewal Fund DCLG Offer Letter

JJ referred to his report and advised that the PDG will discuss in detail the implications of the grant being paid in arrears. JA stated that she will speak to central accountancy as SBC is the accountable body.

NE stated that there were no other issues beyond that of retrospective payment of the grant.

Resolved
Councils recommended to accept the terms of the offer of grant as set out in the DCLG letter dated 26 September 2006 and authorise Stockton Borough Council to sign the funding agreement on their behalf. Implications of grant being paid in arrears to be discussed

JA

261/06 HMR Fund – Projects recommended for support

JJ referred to his report and stated that it was considered

appropriate for the LAs to each give a ten minute presentation detailing their projects and the context within which they are set.

Resolved

Endorsement of the recommendation of the Tees Valley Living Programme Delivery Group that projects included in the report to them at its meeting on 14 September 2006 be adopted for the allocation of grant from the Housing Market Renewal Fund 2006-08.

The issue of equity stakeholders to be discussed at the next Board meeting

TVL to respond to the Housing Corporation's paper on investment

JJ

NE/JJ

262/06 Verbal update on individual projects – LA reps to highlight 'headline' issues

This item was deferred as the current position had been stated in the presentations.

263/06 Regional Spatial Strategy, Examination in Public Inspector's Panel Report – Implications for Tees Valley Living

JJ referred to RSS EiP panel report and stated that they had recommended that Tees Valley increase its share of the Regional housing allocation. On a pro rata distribution Tees Valley might have expected only 25% of the regional total. This positive outcome is attributed to the strength and cohesiveness of the well researched case that all Tees Valley representatives were able to present at the EiP. BG stated that TVL must continue to make their voice heard at a variety of different fora.

Resolved

Situation noted

264/09 Any Other Business

Merger of Housing Corporation and English Partnerships

DU stated that an announcement is due in three weeks time.

Housing Gap Fund

DU advised that the EU directive for the Housing Gap Fund approval expires on 31 December 2006. DCLG are working on this but at the present time no further approval will be

given after this date.

Resolved
Position noted

265/06 Dates of Future Meetings

The dates of future meetings, which are to be held at 5.00 p.m. at Cavendish House, Teesdale are:

Thursday 9th November 2006

Thursday 7th December 2006

Thursday 8th February 2007

Thursday 1st March 2007