

redevelopment areas. NE suggested that a short paper highlighting the issues be produced.

JJ

JJ advised that the Pathfinders are keen to share best practice with regard to successful equity sharing schemes. He is to find out more information.

JJ

JJ advised that a sub group has been formed to look at the issues surrounding joint procurement.

MM

269/06 Introduction of Jennine Robson, TVL Programme Monitoring Officer

NE introduced and welcomed JR to TVL. JR gave a résumé of her career history and background.

270/06 TVL presentation to Yvette Cooper, Minister for Housing and Planning, Dept. of Communities and Local Government, Wednesday 8th November 2006

JJ referred to his report and advised that Yvette Cooper and her representative were unable to meet with TVL, as arranged. He advised that only Vera Baird MP and Stuart Bell MP attended the pre-meeting that was arranged with the Tees Valley MPs. The Middlesbrough representatives were Councillor Budd and Kevin Parkes. Paul Hackett, a PR consultant working for MBC also attended. NE apologised for his unavoidable absence.

JJ stated that the presentation was well received and found the ensuing conversation with Paul Hackett of great benefit. His comments were:

- The presentation gives a good description of the needs of TVL but does not attempt to address the government's current priorities and describe how TVL is addressing them.
- TV MPs need to be more involved.
- Need to ascertain what is on Yvette Cooper and Ruth Kelly's agenda.
- Pathfinders are looking for alliances within their groups and it may be appropriate to form a North East group.
- Events which showcase TVL schemes should be considered.
- A more focussed approach to PR needs to be adopted – JJ stated that Paul Hackett may be available to assist and that some funds may be available for reallocation if the Board decides that this

is a priority.

The government will be particularly interested in the comparatively recent phenomena of areas going out of owner occupation at the same time as affordability problems are experienced elsewhere.

JJ stated that the Communications Strategy will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

TW questioned Yvette Cooper's reasons for cancelling the meeting on so many occasions.

JL stated that at a regional level OneNE and the Northern Way are in regular discussion with DCLG and the Treasury. Within this there are 5 working groups covering Housing, Economic development, transport, planning and green infrastructure . He stated that Jo Boaden from North East Regional Assembly is chair of the Housing group and suggested that JJ contacts her.

Resolved

Communication Strategy to be presented to Board at next meeting

Information regarding owner/occupiers to be collated.

Dialogue with Jo Boaden, North East Assembly to be entered into.

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271/06 Single Housing Investment Pot (SHIP) and Housing Market Renewal (HMR) Fund Expenditure 2006/07

JJ referred to report.

TW stated that MBC would like a detailed account from HBC on the way that the additional funds are to be spent and the need for them to be transferred at this time . He stated that this would be necessary to provide reports to the MBC Executive.

GT/PS

GT stated he is aware of the sensitive nature of this issue and that there has been extensive dialogue at a formal level with MBC representatives over a number of weeks.

NE, on behalf of the Board, congratulated the LAS on the way that this matter has been dealt with.

Resolved

Table 2 is used as the basis of negotiation with DCLG in establishing an agreed profile of expenditure during 2006 – 07.

ALL

An additional sum of £600,000 is allocated to Hartlepool BC for property acquisition and relocation assistance during 2006-07, reducing the allocation to Middlesbrough BC by a similar amount. The allocation to Middlesbrough during 2007-08 to be increased by £600,000 to compensate Hartlepool BC to produce a report detailing exactly what the additional funds will be used for.

ALL

GT

272/06 Verbal update on individual projects – LA reps to highlight ‘headline’ issues.

HBC

The CPOs for the North Central Hartlepool project have been approved and confirmed by DCLG. Following the statutory challenge period anticipate taking formal possession of site with George Wimpey commencing demolitions and construction work in early 2007.

The challenge period in respect of Mildred/Mayfair Street (NDC) ended at 5.00 p.m. 7th November. As yet the one challenge anticipated had not yet materialised. Demolitions have already commenced. To facilitate some of the early new build programme (13 bungalows in partnership with Endeavour Housing)

Continuing to work on the broader scoping work and looking ahead two to three years.

MBC

Older Housing Project – The ombudsman has reported on complaints made by six residents on a number of aspects, including the adequacy of the consultation process. In all cases the principles of the objections have been dismissed.

St Hilda’s – Negotiations with the remaining residents are ongoing. The contract to demolish phase 2B is to go out to tender this month

North Ormesby – Negotiations are ongoing with 9 properties remaining to be acquired.

Central Whinney Banks - Of 412 properties, 388 have been demolished. A CPO was served and two objections were raised. A public enquiry took place in October and the outcome is expected by the end of the year. Phase 1 completed and phase 2 should be completed by the end of the year.

Grove Hill – Erimus is continuing to engage the community through home visits to discuss individual circumstances, housing needs and the assistance that can be offered to move affected residents. Two drop in sessions were held in September.

R & C

Progress is good and acquisitions are proceeding and positioning themselves well to take forward into the next financial year.

They feel that there are many opportunities for joint working and are investigating ways that this might work e.g. sharing a service.

Resolved

Report on joint working to be prepared for presentation to Executive Group.

JJ

SBC

Phase 1 – completed acquisitions. The utility companies have caused major problems with delays in disconnections but they still anticipate clearance by the end of the financial year.

Phase 2 & 3 - Following consultations with the BME communities there is to be a refining of the boundary of Phase 2 and refurbishment rather than demolition in Phase 3.

273/06 Any Other Business

None

274/06 Dates of Future Meetings

NE referred to report and stated that he could see no benefit in holding a meeting on 4th January 07 and suggested that this was cancelled. He also stated that the frequency of the meetings would be reviewed for 2007/08.

Resolved

The dates of future meetings are:

7th December 2006

8th February 2007 (not 1st February as stated on report)

1st March 2007

All to be held at 5.00 p.m. at Cavendish House.