

**TEES VALLEY LIVING
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 19th JULY 2007 AT 5.00 PM AT
CAVENDISH HOUSE**

Present:	Neil Etherington	Chair
	Kevin Parkes	Middlesbrough BC
	Dave Budd	Middlesbrough BC
	Sharon Lonergan	Stockton BC
	Steve Nelson	Stockton SBC
	Alan Glew	Darlington BC
	Bernard Williams	Erimus
	Cath Purdy	Housing Hartlepool
	John Lowther	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit
	Peter Scott	Hartlepool BC
	Ian Wardle	Redcar & Cleveland BC
	Diana Pearce	GONE
	Richard Buckley	Tees Valley Regeneration
	Jim Johnstone	TVL Director
	Mike Mealing	TVL Strategy Manager
	Jennine Robson	TVL
	Katie Dunstan	TVL
	Irene Sams	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit

318/07 Apologies

Apologies were received from Pauline Mitchell, Iain Sim, Alison Thain, Stuart Drummond, Donald Urquhart, Tom Warburton, Linda Wright, Julie Allport and Lynne Pallister.

NE advised that John Holmes has left ONE.

319/07 Minutes of meeting held on 14th June 2007

Agreed

320/07 Matters Arising

Northern Challenge - It is expected that successful bids will be announced at the end of the month.

Visits

- Baroness Andrews visit is 8th August. DP stated that she is not certain about her portfolio but she still wishes to visit. JJ stated that he has received her itinerary and her visit to TV will only last 2½ hours.
- Andrew Vaughan's visit has yet to be rearranged.
- JJ stated that Vera Baird has offered to arrange a meeting with Nick Brown for the 4 TV MPs. He intends progressing this as a matter of priority as Bridging Newcastle Gateshead has already met with him.

321/07 Tees Valley Sub Regional Housing Strategy Action Plan 2008 – 11

NE stated that a lot of progress had been made and thanked the LAs for their contribution. He continued that there is still work to be done. All discussed and agreed that the document needs to read better.

JJ referred to his report and highlighted the main issues.

MM advised that

- Phil Tor, Head of Housing Unit, NE Assembly has stated that the document should be submitted in an electronic format by 1st August 07 and the final published version in early August.
- The Assessment Panel (SHIP 3 Task Group) are to examine the submitted strategies and will meet on the 26th July and a further date in August.
- No feedback has been received although he is aware that TV's submission differs to the other 3 sub regions in that projects have not been directly related to the RHS 4 Strategic Objective, as this was considered to be a more constructive approach.

KP stated that the collaborative work with the Heads of Housing had been to a high degree and proved to be very constructive. AG endorsed this and added that there are mutual benefits from the bids put forward.

DP informed the group that the Housing Supply Green Paper is expected on 23rd July 07 and that this should give more detailed information on Gordon Brown's aspirations. She suggested any relevant details should be taken into

consideration.

Resolved
Progress noted

322/07 HMR Business Plan Submission and Revised Board Meeting Timetable

JJ presented report and highlighted the main issues.

JL expressed the view that a critical strength is the linkages into everything else and that the evidence of this is so powerful that it needs to be explained.

Resolved
Thursday 20th September and TUESDAY 16th October approved as the revised dates for the autumn meetings.

323/07 Hometrack Proposal

MM presented report and confirmed that there is sufficient capacity in the budget to pay £11000 for one year.

Resolved
TVL purchase the licence to use the 'RealDemand' system from Messrs Hometrack for a period of one year at a cost of £11,000

324/07 Bus Tour of Tees Valley Housing Market Renewal locations

JJ advised that the tour has been arranged for Tuesday 4th September commencing at 1.00 p.m. in Darlington and travelling to Stockton, Redcar & Cleveland, Middlesbrough and Hartlepool.

He requested names of those interested. NE suggested that Board members should bring 2 or 3 colleagues.

Resolved
Bus tour of TV to take place Tuesday 4th September 07.
Names to be forwarded to JJ

ALL

325/07 Any Other Business

Sub National Review

JL updated the group on the Sub National Review and stated the Peer Assist Review influenced it. He continued that the MAA principles have been agreed and that Tees Valley Unlimited was mentioned.

At a regional level the Assembly is being abolished with effect from 2010 but at the present time it is unclear how the regional bodies (e.g. RHB) will operate.

326/07 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 20th September @ 5.00 p.m. ENDEAVOUR HOUSE Teesdale.

