

TEES VALLEY LIVING

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

Present: Bernard Williams Erimus (Chair)
Sharon Lonergan Stockton BC
Mark Dutton Hartlepool BC
Amanda Gallagher Middlesbrough BC
Angela Lockwood Endeavour Housing
Stephen Bray Accent North East
Alan Glew Darlington BC
Clare Butterfield Redcar and Cleveland BC
Tracey O'Neill Coast & Country Housing
Marsha Jobling Home Group
Susan Douglass Guinness Group
Steve Turner Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit
Jim Johnson TVL Director
Mike Mealing TVL Strategy Manager
Katie Dunstan TVL
Irene Sams Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit
Claire Kenyon Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit

ACTION

301/07 Apologies

Apologies were received from Jeninne Robson, Maggie Begg, Judy Mackley, Colin Wilson, John Lowther, Iain Sim, Janine Turner and Alison Thain.

302/07 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th February 2007

Agreed.

303/07 Matters Arising

276/06 – MM advised that the seminar has not yet been organised due to other priorities namely the Sub Regional Housing Strategy action plan. He has the Heritage & Design toolkit on CD and will circulate copies of this.

MM

283/07 – MM advised that the report with a recommendation would be presented at the next Executive Group meeting. SB stated that Accent Group use 'RealDemand2' system and stated that anyone wanting to discuss the system could contact Martin Jefferson. SL stated that SBC are interested in purchasing the system and MM suggested that caution should be exercised as he is in discussion with Hometrack to agree the level of information required and a joint licence for TV LAs.

JJ advised that he attended R&C's presentation giving a summary of the Local Housing Assessment and requested that TVL be invited if any other LA is doing a presentation. MM stated that he has received the Local Housing Assessments from DBC, MBC and SBC and that he and JT are to look at these.

296/07 – JJ advised that he had spoken to James Cruddas following his presentation to the Board and he had expressed his surprise at the reaction to the report. JJ advised that James Cruddas will set up a meeting with Llewellyn Davies Yeang and JJ.

296/07 – JJ advised that JR is now responsible for ensuring that the website is updated and maintained.

JR

304/07 Report back from Pathfinders Chairs meeting in Manchester 23rd February 07

JJ referred to Neil Etherington's note on the HMR Chairmans Group Meeting on 16 February 07 and highlighted the key points.

He advised that he is to receive 100 copies of the Guardian supplement and will arrange to distribute these when received.

He also stated that he has offered to present a paper at a conference being organised by CIH on behalf of the HMR Partnerships. The title will be 'Embracing the wider urban regeneration agenda'.

Resolved
Copies of the Guardian supplement to be distributed
Report noted

JJ

305/07 TVL Work Programme 2007/08

JJ presented his report and asked whether it was in the right format for presentation to the Board. He then highlighted the key areas of work.

BW stated that in his opinion the Executive should have a work programme as the following year will be one of transition as they move towards Tees Valley Unlimited. He suggested that this should include maintenance of evidence base, lobbying, external affairs and making the case for resources as part of a broader approach to regeneration.

All discussed whether the length of the reports presented to the Executive Group and Board. All agreed that a careful balance needs to be struck between being too long and too short. JJ advised that the Board prefer reports to be as short as possible

whilst losing nothing from their content and impact.

JJ suggested that the frequency of future meetings be reduced to 6 per annum. and that they are scheduled to dovetail into the Board meetings.

Resolved

Structured work programmes be prepared for the Board meeting on 29th March 2006.

Future Executive group meetings are held bi monthly

JJ
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306/07 TVL Exit Strategy

JJ presented report and all discussed.

Resolved

Report noted

307/07 Sub Regional Housing Strategy Progress

JJ referred to the report highlighted the key points and all discussed. .

It was agreed that the 5 LAs will respond to each of the templates by Wednesday 21st March 07 and then each will take a lead on one of the priorities. MD stated that HBC would want to lead on 'Understanding Housing Markets'.

BW stated that a paper will be presented to the Board on 31st May 07.

Resolved

LAs to respond to all categories on templates by Wednesday 21st March 07.

Each LA to lead on a specific priority:

HBC – Understanding Housing Markets

DBC – Rejuvenating the Housing Stock

Paper to be presented to Board on 7th June 07.

LAs
MD
AG
JJ

308/07 Utilities

JJ presented JR's report. All discussed and differing opinions were given as to whether there had been any improvement in response times.

BW thanked JR for the comprehensive report .

Resolved

Report noted

Proposed actions to be implemented

JR

309/07 TVL 'Vision'

JJ referred to the final draft of the 'Vision' document, circulated. All discussed the document.

Resolved
Report noted

310/07 Joint Procurement

SB presented his report. All discussed and agreed that for this to happen the LAs must want to work together. The PDG are considering this and a decision on the way forward will be made at the next meeting.

Resolved
Report noted

311/07 Commercial Properties

JJ referred to report and highlighted key points. Commercial properties can be acquired with HMR funding provided that they are essential to redevelopment proposals.

Resolved
Report noted

312/07 Northern Housing Challenge – 2nd Round

BW advised that 4 projects from the North East have reached the 2nd stage and of these 3 are from TV sub region. It is thought that there are 16/17 projects in the second stage. These projects are:
Erimus – Support Digital City in Middlesbrough
Tees Valley Housing – With Urban Splash for the North Shore to retain graduates.
Housing Hartlepool – Linking HMR to place making agenda with Community Land Trust .

Resolved
Position noted

313/07 Any Other Business

None

314/07 Dates of Future Meetings

All 10.00 a.m. at Endeavour House, Teesdale.

Friday 18th May 07

Friday 6th July 07

Friday 14th September 07

Friday 16th November 07

Friday 18th January 08

Friday 14th March 08