

## TEES VALLEY LIVING

### MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE GROUP MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 6 JULY 2007 AT 10.00 A.M. AT ENDEAVOUR HOUSE, THORNABY

<b>Present:</b>	Angela Lockwood	Endeavour Housing
	Stephen Bray	Accent North East
	Anna Gibson	Coast & Country Housing
	Tracy O'Neill	Coast & Country Housing
	Martin Hawthorne	Tees Valley Housing Group
	Colin Wilson	Housing Hartlepool
	Alan Glew	Darlington BC
	Alan Hunter	Middlesbrough BC
	Clare Butterfield	Redcar and Cleveland BC
	Nigel Johnson	Hartlepool BC
	Jane Edmends	Stockton BC
	Bill Carr	Housing Corporation
	Susan Douglass	Guinness Northern Counties
	Steve Turner	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit
	Jim Johnstone	TVL Director
	Mike Mealing	TVL Strategy Manager
	Irene Sams	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit
	Mike Romano	Eldonian

#### 324/07 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mark Dutton, Sharon Lonergan, Alison Thain, Maggie Begg and Jennine Robson.

#### 325/07 Notes of Meeting 18 May 2007

These were agreed.

#### 326/07 Matters Arising

321/07 – JJ advised that the following have agreed to lead on good practice workshops  
Jennine Robson – Loans for Home Improvement – March 08  
Kevin Reed – Respect Agenda  
Sharon Lonergan – Equity Loans – December 07  
He requested that any other volunteers contact JR direct.

#### 327/07 Developing Community Enterprises – 'Best Practice' Presentation from the Eldonian Project, Liverpool

Mike Romano of the Eldonian Project, Liverpool gave a presentation on the work undertaken by the project. The aim of

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the project was to create employment opportunities in local neighbourhoods around regeneration. Following this all discussed. CB stated that R & C felt that sustainability was a missing link from the comprehensive approach that they were taking and that they are working closely with the Eldonian Project to introduce social enterprises to address this.

**328/07 Sub Regional Housing Strategy (SRHS) Action Plan – Progress**

JJ referred to report and highlighted main issues. All discussed. JJ stated that it is essential that a lobbying campaign is embarked upon following completion of the strategy. CB stated that the strategy needs broadening out to encompass more than the LAs. MM requested non LAs to email him with their contributions as a matter of urgency.

**Resolved**

**Progress towards completion of the Sub Regional Housing Strategy Action Plan noted.**

**Non LAs to email contributions to MM early next week.**

**BC to contact MM with Housing Corporation comments**

**BC**

**329/07 Report back from Pathfinder meeting with Richard McCarthy (DCLG)**

JJ referred to the report and highlighted the main issues. He stated that Richard McCarthy, Director General still considers that there are 9 Pathfinders and 3 HMR areas. He voiced the view that TVL should 'go alone' as West Cumbria are not a good ally and West Yorkshire's issues are completely different to those of TVL, although he has regular contact with Lyndsay Greenwood, Director of the West Yorkshire Housing Partnership.

BC stated that some Pathfinders may have surplus funds at the year end and suggested that TVL should try to target these. MM stated that there is a similar under-spend issue with SHIP in respect of energy efficiency.

AL stated that TVR & TVL need to engage better, regarding sustainable communities.

**Resolved**

**Timetable to be developed for the HMR Business Plan submission**

**Information regarding the submission content to be circulated**

**JJ**

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**330/07 Monitoring Housing Market Renewal**

JJ referred to report and stated that he took it to the Chief Regeneration Officers Group last week and they were supportive of the work being done.

ST explained the rationale for the change in the information base. He confirmed that he is to meet with KP to discuss MBC concerns.

ST circulated a map indicating the areas identified using both the old and the new criteria. All discussed.

ST suggested that Community Vitality Index (CVI) may be better led by the LSPs and stated that he would report back to the group on this.

**Resolved**

**Continue to proceed with the HVI & CVI  
Feedback on the LSPs to be provided**

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**331/07 Sub Regional Strategic Housing Market Assessment**

JJ referred to report and all discussed. JE expressed concern that the way forward had not yet been agreed and stated that this needed to be done quickly.

**Resolved**

**Agreed that the Joint Strategy Unit takes the lead, in conjunction with Tees Valley Living, in co-ordinating the preparation of a Tees Valley Strategic Housing Market Assessment as a matter of priority.**

**A presentation to be arranged for local authority housing and planning managers to outline an SHMA proposal.**

**JJ**

**332/07 Hometrack – Housing Market Database**

MM referred to report and all discussed. Various concerns were expressed, the major one being about the age of the data and the fact that this becomes more out of date in years 2 and 3 but the price remains constant.

**Resolved**

**Purchase the Real/Demand package for one year at a price of £11,000, with a view to extending this should it prove to be of relevance.**

**MM**

**333/07 Any Other Business**

BME Study

AL requested an update on the position of the BME study as it

had become time critical for them. She stated that the North East do not usually bid for funds and that consequently any bids made would be seriously considered, but supporting information is required.

**SB/JR**

Joint Procurement

SB stated that he had met with the Sub Regional Procurement Group and they expressed their willingness to allow TVL to tap into their expertise. The Group were most interested in the demolition process and SB to send them details of the scope and size for the 5 LAs over 3 years. JR is to ensure that this is progressed.

**334/07 Date & Time of Next Meeting**

10.00 a.m. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September at Endeavour House Teesdale.