

**TEES VALLEY LIVING  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008 AT 5.00 PM AT  
CAVENDISH HOUSE**

<b>Present:</b>	Neil Etherington	Chair
	Kevin Parkes	Middlesbrough BC
	Julie Allport	Stockton BC
	Cllr Steve Nelson	Stockton BC
	Pauline Mitchell	Darlington BC
	Geoff Thompson	Hartlepool BC
	Donald Urquhart	EP
	Carol McCann	HBF
	Richard Buckley	TVR
	Jim Johnstone	TVL Director
	Mike Mealing	TVL
	Jennine Robson	TVL
	Irene Sams	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit

**374/08 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Tom Warburton, Diana Pearce, Stuart Drummond, Dave Budd, Lynn Pallister, Ian Hopley, Alison Thain, Julie Jacques, Bill Carr, Cath Purdy and John Lowther.

**375/08 Minutes of Meeting Held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2008**

RB stated that his apologies were not recorded. The minutes were then agreed.

**376/08 Matters Arising**

368/08 – JJ advised that the meeting with Sir Bob Kerslake has been re-arranged to take place on 18 June 08 during the Housing Conference at Harrogate.

371/08 – JA stated that all targets were achieved and MM stated that he is submitting the final return.

**377/08 Housing Market Renewal Programme Review 2006-08**

MM referred to the report and highlighted the main points.

DU congratulated everyone and stated that all of the Pathfinders had struggled with Revenue Funding and suggested that as much research as possible should be done in partnership in an endeavour to reduce revenue costs. JJ stated that he and CMcC had attended a meeting at GONE where discussions had taken place regarding more research being undertaken at Regional level to ensure that information across the region is consistent. All discussed and agreed that research should be in partnership.

**Resolved**  
**Report noted**

**378/08 CLG Funding Offer 2008/09**

JJ referred to his report and highlighted the main issues. All discussed the changing market and the level of intervention required. NE stated that this is a key issue for JJ to take to the Pathfinders and HBF meetings and that he should monitor what is happening elsewhere so that he can inform the Board at the next meeting. MM stated that he has a meeting with Steve Turner of the JSU scheduled to discuss the way forward.

**Resolved**  
**Level of funding for housing market renewal initiatives during 2008 – 2009 noted.**  
**Noted that years 2 and 3 funding allocations are indicative and may be subject to change depending on decisions made by the new HCA.**  
**The annual percentage distribution of SHIP and HMRF grant on for 2008-09 as agreed by partner Councils endorsed. Noted that the distributions for 2009-10 and 2010-11 could be subject to review if implications arise following confirmation of funding allocations for these two years.**  
**The TVL Director is authorised to liaise with respective councils in agreeing the final profile with CLG.**  
**NE requested that Research be an agenda item for the next Board meeting.**

JJ

**379/08 TVL Audit Commission Baseline Assessment visit 28 April – 7 May 2008**

NE stated that he considered that the Assessment had been conducted fairly and relatively well and that the

main areas covered were joint procurement and the way in which everything integrated.

Representatives from the LAs gave a résumé of their discussions with Yvonne Taylor and RB stated that he had not been contacted.

JJ stated that he should receive a report of the visit by the end of May and stated that he will circulate for comments when received. The report will be discussed in detail at the TVL Board Awayday on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008.

**Resolved**  
**Report noted**  
**Report of visit to be circulated**

JJ

**380/08 Progress Report on Tees Valley Growth Point Bid**

JJ referred to report and highlighted main issues. He stated that further information regarding costs has been requested and that he is circulating a list for comments. The classification of the sites has been completed by each LA and this will need to be revisited collectively. He stated that no new date has been given for the announcement.

**Resolved**  
**Report noted**

**381/08 TVL Board Awayday 2008 to discuss the integration of TVL into Tees Valley Unlimited**

JJ referred to the report and all discussed the best format for the awayday. DU suggested that it may be appropriate for there to be a facilitator and everyone agreed. JJ agreed to invite Lee Shostak of Shared Intelligence to act as facilitator. A full report making a series of recommendations on the future of TVL will be circulated prior to the Awayday on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2008

**Resolved**  
**Suggested outline for awayday agreed.**  
**Awayday to be organised.**

JJ

**381/08 Any Other Business**

None

**382/08 Date of Next Meeting**

WEDNESDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> July 08 @ 5.00 p.m. at Cavendish House, Teesdale, Thornaby.