

**TEES VALLEY LIVING  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2007 AT 5.00 PM AT  
THE OFFICES OF TEES VALLEY REGENERATION**

<b>Present:</b>	Neil Etherington	Chair
	Stuart Drummond	Hartlepool BC
	Kevin Parkes	Middlesbrough BC
	Dave Budd	Middlesbrough BC
	Ian Dunn	Redcar & Cleveland BC
	Chris Abbott	Redcar & Cleveland BC
	Julie Allport	Stockton BC
	Pauline Mitchell	Darlington BC
	Bernard Williams	Erimus
	Cath Purdy	Housing Hartlepool
	John Lowther	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit
	Diana Pearce	GONE
	Donald Urquhart	English Partnerships
	Jim Johnstone	TVL Director
	Mike Mealing	TVL Strategy Manager
	Jennine Robson	TVL
	Katie Dunstan	TVL
	Irene Sams	TVJSU

**296/07 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Richard Buckley, John Holmes, Tom Warburton, Linda Wright, Councillor Gibson and Julie Jacques.

**297/07 Notes of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2007**

Agreed.

**298/07 Matters Arising**

**261/06**

Commercial Properties – JJ advised that he presented a short paper at the last executive group meeting. He stated that essentially funding can be used for the acquisition of commercial properties in designated HMR areas.

Equity Sharing Schemes – BW stated that this has been on hold due to the TV Sub-Regional Housing Strategy Action Plan.

Action

**290/07**

JJ advised that he had met with the HBF representatives and stated that he would provide progress reports to both TVL and the TV Chief Development Officers group.

**JJ**

**291/07**

MM advised that the issue regarding self evaluation had not yet been resolved. JL stated that he will take this forward.

**JL**

MM stated that they are about to enter the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the BME study. Consultants have been appointed and a scoping exercise is the next stage. There are five key areas to focus on.

**299/07 Report Back From Pathfinders**

NE referred to the report and highlighted the main issues from the meetings. All discussed.

DP stated that Communities England is a new organisation, commencing in 2009, which will incorporate English Partnerships, Housing Corporation and CLG. Margaret Ford chairs the transition team.

**Resolved**  
**Reports noted**

**300/07 Tees Valley Living Annual Report**

JJ referred to report and highlighted key issues. All discussed with particular reference to lobbying for future funding.

JL updated the Board on Tees Valley Unlimited. The proposals are currently going through the Cabinets of the five TV LAs and following this there will be a consultation process. He stated that the proposal is that TVL remains as it is.

**Resolved**  
**Report noted**

**301/07 TVL Work Programme 2007/2008**

JJ referred to report. BW stated that he suggested a work programme for the Executive Group to utilise the limited

resources effectively.

He stated that a milestone meeting has been arranged in early June to approve the Sub Regional Housing Strategy Action Plan.

JL stated that he would give a presentation on TVU at the next Board meeting.

JL

**Resolved**

**Report noted**

**Meeting scheduled agreed**

**Presentation on TVU to be given at next Board meeting**

JL

### **302/07 TVL Exit Strategy**

This was removed from the agenda.

### **303/07 Sub Regional Housing Strategy Progress**

JJ referred to his report and stated that the Heads of Housing and TVL are making good progress and are achieving the Action Plan Programme deadlines.

KP suggested that it would be beneficial if a broader discussion takes place at the end of April. It was agreed that the first draft should be given as wide a circulation as possible. JL stated that it is important to work with external organisations e.g. GONE, Housing Corporation.

**Resolved**

**Report noted**

### **304/07 Utilities**

JJ presented the report. The Board congratulated JR on a very good report. DP stated that another Chair has raised this problem with Richard McCarthy Director General DCLG and that she would like to send the TVL report to him.

**Resolved**

**Report noted**

### **305/07 Any Other Business**

Northern Housing Challenge

CP advised that 17 of the 80 applications to the Northern Challenge Housing scheme have progressed to the second stage. There are four schemes in the North East and three of these are within Tees Valley.

DU declared his interest, as he is a member of the appraisal panel. He stated that there is £50m available and that the next round of appraisals will take place in May with final decisions taken in September.

**306/07 Date of Next Meeting**

10.00 a.m. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 07 at Endeavour House, St Mark's Court, Teesdale.