

**TEES VALLEY LIVING  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 6 JULY 2006 AT 5.00 PM AT  
THE OFFICES OF TEES VALLEY REGENERATION**

<b>Present:</b>	Neil Etherington	Chair
	Pauline Mitchell	Darlington BC
	Peter Scott	Hartlepool BC
	Tim White	Middlesbrough BC
	Dave Budd	Middlesbrough BC
	Chris Abbott	Redcar & Cleveland BC
	Bob Gibson	Stockton BC
	Julie Allport	Stockton BC
	Bernard Williams	Erimus Housing
	Alison Thain	Tees Valley Housing
	Donald Urquhart	English Partnerships
	Diana Pearce	GONE
	John Holmes	ONE
	Cath Purdy	Housing Hartlepool
	Jim Johnstone	TVL Director
	Mike Mealing	TVL Strategy Manager
	Irene Sams	TVJSU

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<p><b>238/06 Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Stuart Drummond, Julie Jacques, John Lowther, Maurice Bates, Richard Buckley, Bill Dixon and Linda Wright.</p>	
<p><b>239/06 Notes of meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2006</b></p> <p>These were agreed</p>	
<p><b>240/06 Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>232/06</b> – Resolution 2 should read 2006-2008 (2 years)</p> <p><b>236/06</b> – DP advised that details for the ½ day seminar have not yet been finalised. The proposed date is Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August and it will be at GONE. A general invitation will be extended to TVL Board members.</p>	

**241/06 Dept. of Communities and Local Government allocation of Housing Market Renewal funding to Tees Valley. Implications for the Boroughs – report for approval**

JJ referred to his report and highlighted the principles that the Programme Delivery group had agreed for ratification by the Board. These were discussed.

- The reduction in the funding be apportioned equally between the 4 LAs – this was agreed
- The allocation must be fully expended – this was agreed
- The need for transparency – this was agreed
- The need for virement – All agreed that this was required. BG questioned whether a more formal agreement was needed from the LAs. DU expressed his opinion that the Board needs to agree the framework and that the ‘rules’ should be ratified by the Board. He also stated that there was a potential impact on the SHIP allocation.
- Monthly monitoring of progress – PDG need to challenge one another If there is an issue on performance it would be referred to Board.

**Resolved**

**The reduction in funding be apportioned equally between the LAs**

**ALL**

**The loose principles of virement agreed**

**ALL**

**Research the impact of virement on SHIP funding**

**JJ**

**242/06 Comprehensive Spending Review 2007**

JJ referred to his report. All discussed and agreed that TVL should make their own submission alongside the joint submissions to be made with the Northern Way City Region Development Plan; the Northern Way Sustainable Communities group; the Northern Housing Consortium and the three regional housing for a. It was suggested that this be closely linked to the City Region Investment Plan and include an assessment of what is needed for the 15 year programme and detailing the consequences if no intervention occurs.

All discussed The Northern Way Sustainable Communities Team report Quality of Place: The North’s Residential Offer and agreed that the document was short in quality. In particular there is no notion of obsolescence stock, when dealing with the Borough wide statistics, polarity was not highlighted. Also more current information is available than that used.

DP agreed with the points made and that the figures used are at too high a level. However, she suggested that this is only one small element and that there is a real economic case. She stated that there will be heavy technical appendices to the report. She

stated that the instruction to the NW and RDA is that any argument in the report for more funding will be ignored. Additionally the Treasury will want a top level report not this report.

All discussed whether there should be a review process and the consensus was that there should be although the frequency of this was not agreed. John Holmes will keep Alan Clarke informed of progress.

It was agreed that representation on the content of the report should continue to be made and that a formal critique be made with JJ finding the best method to do this.

JJ suggested a timetable for the production of TVL submission and it was agreed that an additional Board meeting should be convened if needed, for the submission to be approved.

**Resolved**

**A critique is undertaken on the The Northern Way Sustainable Communities Team document – Quality of Place: The North’s Residential Offer.**

**TVL to also make an independent submission following the published guidelines.**

**An additional Board meeting to be convened if appropriate**

**A review process and timetable be proposed**

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**243/06 Merger of the Regional Housing Board and the Regional Planning Body (verbal report from Diana Pearce)**

DP advised that the proposals are now being implemented and that the last meeting of the RHB is 21 July 06. It expected that the changes will be seamless under the new drivers/chairs.

The Regional Assembly is a large organisation with representatives from LAs, the Social Sector and the Private Sector. The decision process for smaller issues has been delegated to an Executive Group. There are three Boards to inform overall decisions:

- Development Board – Planning & Transport
- Scrutiny Board
- Regional Housing Board

She stated that the new arrangements will be advertised through the usual channels and an event is to be organised possibly for the end of September.

**She advised that Malcolm Bowes of the Regional Assembly will take on the duties of chair of the Housing Board Executive Group and will manage the Unit of four people. She advised that she will no longer have a direct management role for the Housing Board Unit but would remain involved, as GO-NE was a full member.**

BG stated that the Regional Assembly was a small organisation and many were opposed to the move. He suggested that representatives should attend meetings regularly.

NE stated that it was an area for influence and presence for TVL and suggested that TVL seek contact with individual members.

**Tees Valley** Representatives are:

Regional Housing Board:

Councillor Bob Brady (Middlesbrough Lab) as the TV ANEC representative

Executive Committee

DU; DP; JJ; J Allport as the TV ANEC representative .

Regional Assembly

Councillor J Williams (Darlington – Lab)

Councillor L Vasey (Darlington – Lab)

Councillor K Manton (Durham County Council – Lab)

Councillor A Napier (Easington District – Lab)

Mr S Drummond (Hartlepool – Mayor)

Councillor R K Brady (Middlesbrough – Lab)

Councillor D Budd (Middlesbrough – Lab)

Councillor G Stone (Newcastle City – LD)

Councillor G Jeffrey – (Redcar – Con)

Councillor G Nightingale (Redcar – LD)

Councillor R S Fleming (Sedgefield – Lab)

Councillor R Gibson (Stockton – Lab)

Councillor K A Lupton (Stockton – Con)

Councillor K Walker – (Redcar – Ind)

Mr Alistair Arkley

## **244/06 Tees Valley Living Staff Structure**

JJ referred to report and JA, in her role as Chair of the Programme Delivery Group, confirmed that there had been some realigning of roles to individuals. She expressed concern that once again there was only a matter of weeks left on JJ's and MM's contracts despite funding being agreed to 2008.. It was agreed that these should be extended to 31 March 2008. NE thanked JA and BW for their assistance in bringing this matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

AT enquired as to whether there was going to be a shift of responsibilities from the Executive Group to the Programme Delivery Group and suggested that there should be terms of reference for the PDG. BW stated that definite terms of reference are required for the Executive Group and the PGD.

**Resolved**

**The Programme Monitoring Officers post at SO1/SO2 on full time basis to March 2008 be advertised. Partner organisations to be approached regarding a seconde**

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opportunity.  
**Responsibility for reviewing and fine tuning job descriptions  
delegated to the Programme Delivery Group  
TVL Director's and Strategy Manager's contracts extended to  
31 March 2008.**

JA

## **245/06 Verbal Update on Individual Projects**

### **Hartlepool**

There has been a CPO in the NDC part of Central Hartlepool and there had been surprises for landlord objectors as they felt they had been excluded from the earlier process. The inspectors report is expected by September 06.

The second enquiry for North Central Hartlepool starts on 18 July for three days. It is anticipated that work on the site will start in March 07.

### **Middlesbrough**

Older housing – the first two consultation processes have identified that more than 70% of residents are happy to relocate. Packages have now been announced so residents are now able to see what it means for them.

St Hildas – There are 16 Erimus properties not yet at CPO stage. There are still 30 owner/occupier properties occupied. The next stage is to go out to tender for the demolition of 100 properties.

### **Redcar**

Progressing well. Now seriously considering how much additional funding is available from own resources. Discussions have taken place with private developers and they are now showing an interest in South Bank. The Stapleton school site has been developed by Bellways and there has been an enormous amount of interest with local people queuing from 6.30 a.m. the day that they went on sale. It is a number of years since there was any new housing in the area.

Brotton NHR – the outcome will be announced to the residents on 13 July 06.

### **Stockton**

Phase 1 – there have been some technicalities to resolve with the disconnection of mains services. Demolition will commence in the near future. It's been through the Planning process and there has been lots of interest.

Phase 2 – The Council are now working with the residents.

Phase 3 – Now working with Glasshouse in an endeavour to resolve the issues with the BME communities.

**Resolved**

**The presentations be noted**

**246/06 Any Other Business**

Baroness Andrews Visit

PS advised that the visit was essentially to visit NDC. She met with the residents on the tour and also over lunch and was impressed with their positive comments and the way that it had been managed. JJ reiterated this and added that he will be writing her to answer some of her many queries in relation to TVL's progress.

**247/06 Date of future meetings**

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 5.00 p.m. at Cavendish House.

An interim meeting may be organised for mid August.