

TEES VALLEY LIVING

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE 2006 AT 2 P.M. AT
CAVENDISH HOUSE, THORNABY**

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| Present: | Bernard Williams | Erimus Housing (Chair) |
| | Jane Edmonds | Stockton BC |
| | Geoff Thompson | Hartlepool BC |
| | Alison Thain | Tees Valley Housing |
| | Colin Wilson | Housing Hartlepool |
| | Bryan Kitchen | Redcar & Cleveland BC |
| | Stephen Edmonds | Darlington BC |
| | Alan Hunter | Middlesbrough BC |
| | Maggie Drury | Housing Corporation |
| | Tracy McQuade | Coast and Country |
| | Stephen Bray | Accent North East |
| | Vicky Cuthberston | Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners |
| | Lorna McAteer-Bingham | DTW |
| | Steve Turner | Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit |
| | Jim Johnstone | TVL Director |
| | Mike Mealing | TVL Strategy Manager |
| | Irene Sams | Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit |
| | Sharon Devine | Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit |

229/06 Apologies

Apologies were received from Angela Lockwood, Mark Dutton, Claire Butterfield, Sharon Lonergan, Kevin Parkes, John Lowther

Action

230/06 Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 May 2006

It was noted that Roger Kay was present. They were then agreed.

231/06 Matters Arising

217/06 – MM stated that joint procurement had not progressed due to problems in identifying the correct people for the sub group. He stressed the importance of this, not only to ensure that a consistent approach adopted by the LAs but also to comply with Government advice. It was agreed that a research project is not relevant as the LAs have progressed beyond this. BW suggested that a position statement be made at the Programme Delivery Group meeting tomorrow.

MM

224/06 – The final report, which was presented to the Board on 8th June, was not approved as they wanted job descriptions for the three posts. JJ had asked the Board to let him know of the omissions that they referred to. He is waiting for Julie Allport to provide more information following the CDO Group meeting. He hopes that the new structure will be approved at the next Board meeting.

JJ/JA

Board Minutes – JJ advised that these have been circulated for information purposes

232/06 Tees Valley City Region Investment Strategy – discussion led by Nathaniel Lichfield & Partners

Vicky Cuthbertson of Nathaniel Lichfield gave some background information on the work that is being undertaken to develop a 10 year investment plan for the Tees Valley, in conjunction with Shared Intelligence and Donaldsons. She stated there is a range of investment priorities and a clearer picture is required of how HMR fits into the overall plan. It is anticipated that there will be no increase in available resources over the next ten years.

VC asked the group to provide information on HMR priorities over the next 10 years in terms of:

- what is realistic and achievable
- the scope of work with others and timescales involved.
- the split will be between public and private investment
- the risks involved in taking the plan forward

She stated that NDC and SHIP money must be considered and expressed the view that the HMR Pro-Forma will help TVL in their strategy. She is to clarify how they will get a full Housing response.

VC advised that there is a steering group involving representatives from 5 authorities, Government Office, One North East, Tees Valley Regeneration, JSU and County Durham and that the draft investment plan has to be completed by the end of July and she therefore needs the information by 15th July.

Some discussion took place as to whether the pro-forma includes aspirational needs. It was agreed these need to be included as part of bigger picture but to set out risks involved.

MM suggested a subgroup be set up to coordinate this and to ensure everyone deriving figures from the same sources. It was agreed that one meeting would be of benefit and names put forward were (included the following individuals): Roger Kay, Sharon Lonergan, Mark Dutton and Alan Hunter.

Resolved:

The Executive Group supports the preparation of the returns to assist in the review of the Tees Valley City Region Development Programme.

Sub Group to meet to discuss further.

MM

233/06 Election of TVL Executive Group Vice Chairman

JE nominated Sharon Lonergan as Vice Chair of TVL Executive Group. There were no further nominations

Resolved:

Sharon Lonergan elected Vice Chair of Tees Valley Executive Group.

234/06 Feedback on Housing Market Renewal Fund Allocation. (verbal)

JJ gave feedback from the meeting in Harrogate, where Ruth Kelly MP had announced that £18.25m has been allocated to TV. £5.5m in year 1 and £12.75m in year 2. He advised that there have been across the board cuts for the shadow Pathfinders. He suggested that the apportioning of the funding be discussed at the Programme Delivery Group meeting tomorrow for a report to be presented to the next Board meeting. He stated that the conditions attached to the funding have not yet been released.

Resolved:

Programme Delivery Group to discuss apportionment of funding

Report prepared for presentation at next Board meeting

MM

JJ

235/06 Comprehensive Spending Review 2007.

JJ referred to his report and stated that he has a copy of a letter sent to Neville Chamberlain, Chair of the Northern Way, stating that the deadline for submissions to the Treasury is 30 September 06 and that they should be no more than 20 pages long, inclusive of annexes and tables.

All discussed Local Area Agreements and questioned whether it was possible to have one specifically for TV

Housing. It was agreed that this would have a major impact. However, consideration needs to be given to where the LAs are already at with their Agreements. ST suggested that JJ speak to JL about the concept of a municipal agreement

JJ referred to the Northern Way Sustainable Communities Team report 'Quality of Place: The North's Residential Offer' which he had previously circulated. He expressed some disappointment with aspects of the report and advised that he would highlight the main issues at the meeting next week. He asked that any comments be forwarded to him by 4th July.

JJ advised that the North East Housing Forum has not met for some time and that there is a meeting next week to rectify this. He suggested that TVL should follow the North West's example and seek support from local MPs.

Resolved

That the Group seeks Board approval to produce an independent TV submission for the Comprehensive Spending Review 2007, before the deadline of 30 September 06.

JJ

A strategy and timetable are drawn up to ensure that the deadline is achieved.

JJ

Consideration is given to changing the title from Housing Market Renewal to reflect the greater focus on the wider issue of Urban Regeneration/Renaissance MPS (in particular Vera Baird and Iain Wright) to be lobbied to champion TVL's submission

ALL

LAs to ascertain where Housing is within their Local Area Agreements

JJ

LAs

Comments on the Northern Way Sustainable Communities Team report be forwarded to JJ by 4th July for JJ to raise at meeting

LAs

Speak to JL re municipal agreement

ALL/JJ

236/06 Possible TVL Research to March 2008

JJ referred to his report and all discussed.

BK advised that R&C have been chosen for a mixed communities pilot project creating mixed income communities and this has the Treasury's support although no funding has been provided. He stated that on a positive note there is strong learning network evolving and they have access to an expert panel.

It was agreed that further discussion is required before any decision made on future research projects.

Resolved

An agenda item for the next meeting as further discussion required

JJ

237/06 TVL Monitoring

ST gave a presentation on Monitoring Housing Market Renewal outlining the progress to date on developing the monitoring system. He invited the group to comment on the proposed revised indicators and whether access to the newly created website should be open or restricted. Following discussion it was agreed that initially this should be restricted.

JJ stated that although the initial exercise was massive there was a criticism that it highlighted the poorer areas and not the areas of deprivation. ST confirmed that the new indicators are more closely associated with failing housing markets and not failing markets.

Resolved:

**JSU be congratulated on excellent work undertaken
Interim solution of restricted access to the website to be adopted.**

ALL

ST

238/06 TVL Web Site development

Lorna McAteer Bingham from DTW informed the group of costs for set up and maintenance of web site. There are three available options

1. Basic set up
2. Content Management which TVL can link into to update
3. Database Content Management System

The cost of web hosting would be £200 + VAT annually and £3550 for further developments. Ongoing maintenance costs of £60 per hour.

Discussion took place regarding the positives and negatives of each option. MD explained how websites are set up and updated.

BW suggested that an announcement about the funding received should be on the website

Resolved:

**Agreed to go with option 2.
Details of the funding received to be placed on the website**

LMB

239/06 Any Other Business

None

240/06 Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting

Next Meeting will take place Thursday 3rd August at 2.00 p.m. at **Endeavour House**, Thornaby.