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TEES VALLEY LIVING

Tees Valley Living (TVL) is the name given to the “housing” component of Tees Valley Unlimited. TVL has harnessed £92m funding over the past 5 years to implement housing projects in the five Tees Valley Boroughs.

TVL’s main achievements are:

- The achievement of Housing Market Renewal (HMR) “Pathfinder” status. (The only area outside the originally designated list of nine to do so – despite many urban areas expressing an interest)
- The establishment of effective HMR monitoring systems to track progress in both spending and the achievement of outputs and outcomes. Future funding is dependent upon successful performance.
- Co-ordinating the submission of the region’s first Tees Valley Sub Regional Housing Strategy and Action Plan which secured the greatest sub regional share of resources in the North East.
- Securing New Growth Point status for Tees Valley with a high scoring submission, which achieved 100% of the resources made available to it.
- Co-ordinating the preparation of the Housing Market Recovery Programme which will feature prominently in Tees Valley’s “single conversation” with the Homes and Communities Agency.
- The co-ordination of a comprehensive programme of research into Sub Regional housing issues, which will inform present and future policies and proposals.

Growth Update

Tees Valley has been awarded Round 2 Growth Point (GP) status. This brings the total number of Growth Points to 75 nationally.

Tees Valley has received £6.2m of unringfenced GP funding to March 2011. It will be spent on areas which Tees Valley consider will generate the greatest number of new homes.

Tees Valley has also bid for £25m from the Community Infrastructure Fund for transport investment to facilitate growth over the same period – Government decision due in February.

HMR Priorities

The overall objective is to radically improve the central areas of the main Tees Valley towns to create self sustaining communities neighbourhoods where people choose to live.

TLV has directed its HMR resources into four key areas over the last five years:

- Central Middlesbrough
- Central Hartlepool,
- Greater Eston, and
- Central Stockton

Major redevelopment is underway in all four areas and will continue for a further 10 years.

Between 2008 – 2011:

- 2,000 further properties will be cleared for redevelopment
- 1,700 new homes will be built to meet modern demand and high standards of sustainability and energy efficiency.