

TEES VALLEY LIVING BOARD

Meeting held at Cavendish House, Thornaby at 5.00pm on Thursday, 18th November 2010

ATTENDEES

Angela Lockwood (AL)	Endeavour Housing Association	Chair
Cllr David Budd (DB)	Middlesbrough Council	
Richard Buckley (RB)	Tees Valley Unlimited	
Cath Purdy (CP)	Housing Hartlepool	
Mark Leigh (ML)	Home Builders Federation	

OBSERVERS

Anne Mulroy (AM)	Homes & Communities Agency
Paul Campbell (PC)	Redcar & Cleveland Council
Diana Pearce (DP)	Government Office North East
Kevin Parkes (KP)	Middlesbrough Council
Pauline Mitchell (PM)	Darlington Council
Damien Wilson (DW)	Hartlepool Council
Chris Duffill (CD)	Shared Intelligence
Martin Waters (MW)	Stockton Council
Tracy O'Neill	Coast and Country Housing
Phil Jones (PJ)	One NorthEast
Rick Elliott (RE)	Arc4
Philip Barnes (PB)	NLP
John Lowther (JL)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Jim Johnstone (JJ)	Tees Valley Living
Mike Mealing (MM)	Tees Valley Living
Jennine Nunns (JN)	Tees Valley Living
Michael Canavan (MC)	Tees Valley Living
Sarah Johnson (SJ)	Tees Valley Unlimited

APOLOGIES

Iain Sim	Coast and Country Housing
Julie Nixon	Stockton Council
Cllr Steve Nelson	Stockton Council
Stuart Drummond	Hartlepool Council
Cllr Lynn Pallister	Redcar & Cleveland Council
Alison Thain	Tees Valley Housing/Fabrick

1 CHAIRS WELCOME AND REPORT BACK FROM PATHFINDER CHAIRS/CLG MEETING

The Chair gave an update from a meeting of the Pathfinder Chairs and CLG.

The following comments were made:-

- HMR areas were concerned over the recent loss of funding and end dates.
- The Regional Growth Fund allocation process was still unclear in terms of achieving housing outputs.
- A consultant should be appointed to look at the current HMR programme to recommend housing priorities for the RGF bid to be submitted on 21st January. The selection process will look at the exit strategy for each scheme and also look at the impact of not completing the programme.

RESOLVED that a consultant be appointed to recommend housing priorities for the RGF bid

2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

3 NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16TH SEPTEMBER 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2010 were agreed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

The Audit Plan would be presented to the meeting on the 13th January for approval.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

5 THE TEES VALLEY HOUSING INVESTMENT IMPACT AND ASPIRATIONS STUDY – FINAL REPORT

The Board was presented with the draft final report for the “Study of the Impact of Recent Programmes within the wider context of Regeneration in Tees Valley”. A presentation of its main findings was given by the consultants Arc4 and Nathaniel Lichfield and Partners. The report looked the impact of all housing investment programmes in Tees Valley in the period 2003-10. It looked in detail at 11 Intervention Project Areas (IPAs) as a broad sample of housing regeneration activity across Tees Valley. The assessment of “adjacency and

displacement” impact considered all schemes in receipt of HMR funding as required by the Audit Commission. Its broad conclusions were that there had been major progress made in creating sustainable communities in the disadvantaged areas but there was still a massive amount to do. If the progress was halted there was a real danger of a return to market failure in the most challenging areas.

RESOLVED that the report be approved for circulation to a wider audience.

6 COMPREHENSIVE SPENDING REVIEW – IMPLICATIONS FOR THE TEES VALLEY HOUSING AGENDA

Board members had requested a special meeting to consider the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review. Concerns were raised about the CSR’s impact on the future of the Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder programme and the Growth Point Programme of Development.

It was noted that the coalition government had not abandoned the HMR and Growth Programmes, but had stated that future bids for projects included within these programmes should be made to the Regional Growth Fund. It was informed that the Pathfinder Chairs and Directors groups were keen to express their concern over this proposal to the Government.

Anne Mulroy from the HCA gave a verbal presentation of the latest position on the HCA’s position nationally and regionally and their likely future engagement with Local Authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships. It was considered that the Tees Valley were in the right position for bids to the RGF. Funding for the HCA had decreased and discussions with all partners were ongoing about the limited commitment this year.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The Board endorses the approach being taken by the Pathfinder group to produce evidence demonstrating the positive progress of the programme and emphasise that it must continue.
2. The Board supports the presentation of our own research on the positive impact of housing investment in Tees Valley generally and in HMR in particular to key individuals, placing emphasis on the scale of the work remaining.

7 **TEES VALLEY ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND INVESTMENT PLAN / REGIONAL GROWTH FUND BID PROGRESS**

The Board considered a report that had been approved by the Tees Valley Unlimited Leadership Board on 9th November 2010 relating to the TVERIP and the process involved in preparing bids for the Regional Growth Fund.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

8 **TEES VALLEY LIVING EXIT STRATEGY**

The Board was given an update on the TVU review. The following key points were made:-

- The TVU Leadership Board had agreed the core principles for TVU and these would be implemented through the transition project.
- There had been fundamental changes to the financing of TVU as funding from HCA and ONE was no longer available. The Tees Valley Local Authorities contribution would be continuing.
- The Managing Director had been appointed along with a Director for Business Investment and a Director for Policy and Strategy.
- The staff structure below senior management was currently being finalised and was expected to be presented to the project board at the end of November.
- Steps had been taken to wind down the activities of those teams directly funded by the HCA and ONE. The teams affected were Tees Valley Living, Visit Tees Valley, Employment and Skills and the Delivery Team.
- Phase 2 would deal with the remainder of staff with the new staff structure expected to be in place by the end of March 2011.
- In terms of the Governance arrangements it was proposed to continue with the Leadership Board and have an Investment Board. Currently it was not proposed to have an Executive Board or any Sub Boards but to have Advisory Boards possibly chaired by a Leadership Board member. Proposals for governance arrangements would be going to the project board at the end of November.

The Chair expressed her thanks, on behalf of the Board, to the staff at Tees Valley Living for their hard work.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 13th January 2011