

ECONOMIC STRATEGY BOARD

Meeting held at Castlegate Quay, Stockton on Tuesday, 20th April 2010

ATTENDEES

Councillor Bob Cook	Stockton BC	In the Chair
Councillor David Budd	Middlesbrough BC	
Antony Steinberg	Hartlepool BC	
Mike McNulty	Environment Agency	
Lynn Watson	Redcar & Cleveland BC	
Steve Petch	Darlington BC	
Keith Robinson	Vantis PLC	
Stan Higgins	NEPIC	
Chris Hawking	Middlesbrough BC	
Richard Poundford	Stockton BC	
Richard Buckley	Tees Valley Unlimited	
Jochen Werres	North Yorks CC	
Eddie Halstead	One North East	
Jonathan Spruce	Tees Valley Unlimited	
John Lowther	Tees Valley Unlimited	
Sarah Johnson	Tees Valley Unlimited	

APOLOGIES

John Irwin	Storeys:ssp
Nigel Perry	Centre for Process Innovation
John Anderson	Darlington BC
Robin Beveridge	One North East
Ian Wardle	Redcar & Cleveland BC
Clair Hewitt	Hambleton Council
Carol Straughan	Stockton BC
Ray Hudson	Durham University

1 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bob Cook declared a personal/non prejudicial interest in the item entitled 'Tees Valley Industrial Programme Update' as he was employed by GrowHow.

2 NOTES OF THE MEETING ON 19TH JANUARY 2010

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2010 were agreed as a true record.

3 MATTERS ARISING

Bus Network Improvements Major Scheme

The Board was informed that with regard to the Bus Network Improvements major scheme, the Tees Valley had been allocated £37.5m at the end of March 2010. The scheme would be rolled out over the next 3/4 years.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

4 TEES VALLEY STATEMENT OF AMBITION

The Board considered a report that summarised the progress with the Statement of Ambition and detailed the timetable for its completion.

It was noted that Directors of Regeneration had considered that the document needed to be more Tees Valley specific. The Leadership Board had considered that the priorities should be grouped together.

A revised version of the Executive Summary was circulated for consideration.

The Board made the following comments:-

- It should be noted that in terms of industry the Tees Valley is keeping the momentum going on what has been built up already.
- More reference to the Universities needs to be made.
- Retail, Offices and the Digital Economy needs to come together with the place agenda and the importance of centre of the Tees Valley in Middlesbrough needs to be referenced.
- The Tees Valley needs to target higher value jobs in order to increase GVA and also consider how to attract a different set of industries.
- The focus needed to be on tackling unemployment also.
- Commercial intelligence needed to be better in order to recognise opportunities.

- The role and advantages of each settlement in the Tees Valley needed to be identified.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

5 TEES VALLEY INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Board considered a report that provided an update on progress of the Tees Valley Industrial Programme Update.

The Board was reminded that in December 2009, the Government had announced £60 million for a Tees Valley Industrial Programme. The purpose of the programme was to deal with the short term issues related to the proposed mothballing of Corus which included apprenticeships and business support, accelerating inward investment and providing the resources to deal with the provision of infrastructure and support for investment to implement the Low Carbon Economy Transition Plan.

A clear programme had been developed, and help had started to come forward. It was noted that a number of projects were still to be finalised, but the programme generally accorded with Tees Valley aspirations.

The Board was provided with the latest programme update e-brief from One NorthEast.

It was noted that the city region should be congratulated for the hard work that had gone into producing a coherent package in a short period of time.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

6 NORTH EAST STRATEGY UPDATE

The Board was provided with the following updates:-

- Planning Advisory Group – concerns had been raised over sharing evidence and this was currently being looked at.
- Economic Assessments were coming forward but these needed to be looked at in the context of One North East's assessment.
- Local Development Frameworks were being worked on but it was considered that a meeting should be arranged in order to consider how they fit together.
- Integrated Regional Strategy – work on this was likely to accelerate over the summer if it was to continue post election.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

7 TVU BUSINESS PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT 2009/10

The Board was provided with a draft of the first Tees Valley Unlimited Annual Performance Report (2009-2010) for information.

It was explained that the TVU Business Plan (2009-2012) identified outcomes and outlined activities for the year. The performance report provided information on the progress of those activities and the performance indicators. The report covered both the Performance Indicators and Targets and the progress of Key Actions and Milestones identified throughout the year (April 2009-March 2010).

RESOLVED that the draft Tees Valley Unlimited Business Plan Performance Report (2009-2010) be noted.

8 TVU COMMUNICATIONS PROTOCOLS

The Board was presented with a report outlining the TVU Communications Protocols. The protocols had been established in order to make communications surrounding TVU and the Tees Valley as a sub region clearer.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13 July 2010

Meeting to be held at 2.00pm – venue to be confirmed.
