

EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Meeting held at the City Learning Centre, Normanby Road, South Bank
at 2.00pm on Wednesday 27 February 2008**

ATTENDEES

George Garlick (GG)	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC)	Chair
Peter Scott (PS)	Hartlepool Borough Council (HBC)	
Jan Richmond (JR)	Middlesbrough Council (MC)	
Amanda Skelton (AS)	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC)	
Yvonne Clark (YC)	Government Office North East (GONE)	
Pat Ritchie (PR)	One NorthEast (ONE)	
Tom Crompton (TC)	Learning & Skills Council (LSC)	
Joanne Fryett (JF)	North East Chamber of Commerce (NECC)	
John Lowther (JL)	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit (JSU)	

APOLOGIES

Ada Burns	Darlington Borough Council (DBC)
Paul Walker	HBC
Jonathan Blackie	GONE
Steve Davidson	Jobcentre Plus (JCP)
Chris Roberts	LSC
James Ramsbotham	NECC

OBSERVERS

Jonathan Spruce	Tees Valley JSU
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1 CHAIR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

- 1.1 **GG** welcomed attendees to the meeting, particularly the substitutes and those attending for the first time.

2 APOLOGIES

- 2.1 As noted previously.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- 3.1 The minutes were agreed as a true record.

4 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 None that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5 MULTI-AREA AGREEMENT

- 5.1 **JL** presented a report for decision.
- 5.2 **PR** endorsed **JL's** introduction to the report and stressed the significant amount of joint working between the JSU and ONE that had contributed to the current position on the MAA. **PR** confirmed that ONE feels much more involved in the process than previously, and wishes the Region and the City Region to come together to form a joint position from which to press the Government on the MAA 'asks'.
- 5.3 **YC** stated that GONE's role is one of supporting the City Region in its aims and to join with the challenge to Government. **YC** stressed that GONE still wishes to see more work on quantifying the benefits and added value of the MAA.
- 5.4 **JF** indicated that the aims of the MAA are recognised by the private sector, particularly the need to be flexible and respond to the needs of the private sector.
- 5.5 **JR** added that the Audit Commission (through the CAA process) is doing some work on the MAA, but that there seems to be a lack of understanding as to the MAA's aim and content.
- 5.6 **PR** indicated that the consultation document on the SNR implementation is due out around 12 March, although there is still uncertainty as to what will be included in the document relating to delegation.

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5.7 <u>Resolved that</u> the report be noted and that the proposed way forward in relation to drafting an MAA was endorsed.	All
6 EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS BOARDS IN THE NORTH EAST	
6.1 TC presented a report for decision, but apologised for a printing error that seemed to have arisen and meant that one section has been omitted. TC to circulate the full version to the Executive.	TC
6.2 Through the review of functionality, TC explained that the LSC is suggesting that individual employers should not be invited to sit on the City Region sub-Board, but rather employer representatives. The role of the sub-Board is very much seen as a delivery mechanism to follow on from actions agreed through the Sector Skills Council.	
6.3 AS stressed the importance of providing feedback to the employers that attended the event at Wynyard to help formulate the report.	LSC
6.4 TC asked whether the sub-Board should actually be called an Employment and Skills Group. This Group should then be looking primarily to engage with employers rather than be another Board.	
6.5 GG stated that actually identifying the gaps in skills at a City Region level would be a significant breakthrough.	
6.6 JR questioned the rationale for not including Members on the sub-Board, as with the others within the City Region governance structure.	
6.7 PR felt that the Government has set out a demand-driven system led by employers and that the role of the Sub-Board should be to lend a practical focus to test this approach. PR wishes to see further articulation as to how the sub-Board would fit with existing arrangements at a Regional level.	
6.8 TC added that the role of Durham and North Yorkshire Councils within the sub-Board needs to be clarified, although the challenge is to provide a coherent and simple structure that can help deliver actions and issues raised elsewhere.	
6.9 <u>Resolved that</u> TC amends the report to reflect the comments and then presents the amended report for discussion at the forthcoming Leadership Board meeting.	TC

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- 7 TEES VALLEY UNLIMITED WORK PROGRAMME – 2008/09**
- 7.1 **JL** introduced a report for discussion.
- 7.2 **JL** indicated that, following discussion at the next Leadership Board meeting and each of the sub-Boards, this report would be turned into a business plan for the next meeting of the Executive. **JSU**
- 7.3 **JL** highlighted the likely forthcoming announcement on the Housing Growth Point bid, and **JS** elaborated on the key elements of the transport programme, including the imminent submission of the major scheme bid for the Bus Network Improvements.
- 7.4 **JR** asked about the planned Communications Strategy, and **JL** replied that Linda Edworthy, the new Senior Assistant Director at the JSU, would be working with the Leadership Board to develop this. **JSU**
- 7.5 **GG** asked that electronic copies of the sub-Board documents be made available. **JSU**
- 7.6 Resolved that the report be noted.
- 8 TEES VALLEY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME REPORT**
- 8.1 **JL** offered a report for information.
- 8.2 **PR** to check the status of the Stockton Riverside Sites Acquisition project. **PR**
- 8.6 Resolved that the report be noted.
- 9 DfT CONSULTATION PAPER – ADDING CAPACITY AT HEATHROW**
- 9.1 **JL** introduced a report for decision.
- 9.2 **JL** indicated that the draft consultation response is generally supportive of the third runway proposals, given the additional slots that this may provide. In addition, **JL** noted that bmi has announced an improved service for Summer 2008, but that it is reviewing its Heathrow slot requirements for 2009.
- 9.3 Resolved that the report be agreed, and that the consultation response be submitted as presented.

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10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 None noted.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

- 11.1
- Wednesday 21 May 2008
 - Wednesday 27 August 2008
 - Wednesday 26 November 2008
 - Wednesday 25 February 2008

Meetings to commence at 2pm, venues to be confirmed.
