

EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Meeting held in Committee Room 3, Town Hall, Darlington
at 2.00pm on Wednesday 28 November 2007**

ATTENDEES

George Garlick (GG)	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC)	Chair
Ada Burns (AB)	Darlington Borough Council (DBC)	
Peter Scott (PS)	Hartlepool Borough Council (HBC)	
Jan Richmond (JR)	Middlesbrough Council (MC)	
Ian Wardle (IW)	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC)	
Mike Robinson (MR)		
Yvonne Clark (YC)	Government Office North East (GONE)	
Pat Ritchie (PR)	One NorthEast (ONE)	
Nick Muse (NM)	ONE	
Steve Davidson (SD)	Jobcentre Plus (JCP)	
Tom Crompton (TC)	Learning & Skills Council (LSC)	
John Lowther (JL)	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit (JSU)	
Jonathan Spruce (JS)	JSU	

APOLOGIES

Paul Walker	HBC
Ray Richardson	RCBC
Jonathan Blackie	GONE
Liz Smith	Confederation of British Industry North East (CBI)
James Ramsbotham	North East Chamber of Commerce (NECC)

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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 With regard to minute 8.4, **JL** confirmed that further discussions had been held with GONE and ONE regarding the CAA charging policy at Heathrow, and work is ongoing with ONE to scope out the process of preparing an application for a Public Service Obligation.

5 SUB-NATIONAL REVIEW – PROGRESS REPORT

- 5.1 **YC** updated the Board on the work of the Regional Steering Group that had been set up to discuss implementation of the SNR, and advised that a range of workstreams and interest groups had been identified. Of particular focus was the need to engage with Local Authority Leaders.
- 5.2 **YC** also confirmed that further consultation on the SNR was expected in the New Year.
- 5.3 **PR** added that there was little extra detail at the moment as to what this consultation would comprise, but did suggest the idea of a joint regional response to the consultation, to be discussed in more detail once the consultation process had started.

6 MULTI-AREA AGREEMENT

- 6.1 **JS** presented a report for decision.
- 6.2 **PR** asked for more detail on the process by which the outline MAA had been developed, questioning in particular whether the 'ask' was appropriate and whether the proposed MAA was 'narrow' in its ambition.

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- 6.3 **PR** also felt that ONE had been inadequately involved in the development of the MAA. JL reported that discussions had been held with ONE but accepted PR had not yet been involved.
- 6.4 **AB** stated that the report offered a starting point for discussion on the MAA, and that the Executive was exactly the sort of forum at which debates on these matters, as advocated by PR should be held. **TC** agreed with this, and suggested that the report be seen as a start of future discussions.
- 6.5 **PS** stated that the MAA represented a significant opportunity for the Tees Valley to be seen as a leader, and this has built on significant encouragement given to date by CLG.
- 6.6 **JL** re-iterated that the MAA is a mechanism for delivering the key priorities and the Business Case, a document in whose preparation ONE had been fully involved, and that ONE had also been involved in developing the Single Programme Delivery Plan, one of the key strands of the MAA.
- 6.7 **YC** confirmed that GONE had been involved in many of the discussions on the outline MAA, and would be taking a lead in the negotiations with Government, as set out in the recently published guidance.
- 6.8 GG suggested an extension of three weeks for discussion of the report with ONE in particular, with ONE's views to be incorporated in the final document. **JL/PR**
- 6.9 Resolved that a decision on the report be postponed, for three weeks to enable further discussions to take place with ONE, together with any other comments from other sources. **All**

7 SINGLE PROGRAMME DRAFT DELIVERY PLAN

- 7.1 **JS** introduced a report for information.
- 7.2 **PR** confirmed that much of the content of the draft Plan had arisen from close joint working with ONE, although ONE would still wish to see more detail on some of the larger projects included.
- 7.3 **NM** confirmed that the 'indicative' budget allocation referred to within the document would no longer apply, and that ONE is moving towards a joint negotiation on a defined programme. These discussions would continue.

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7.4 Resolved that the Draft Delivery Plan continue to be used as a basis for the aforementioned joint negotiation on a forward programme.

8 EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS BOARDS IN THE NE

8.1 **JL** offered a report for discussion.

8.2 Given the complexity of the subject, **GG** asked **TC** whether he could provide a summary way forward from the range of discussions that had been taking place. **TC** offered to bring forward a revised report, addressing sub-regional versus regional issues. **TC**

8.3 **GG** also asked that the revised report try to clarify the situation with regard to employer-led coalitions and the 16-19 year old strategy.

8.4 Based on the recommendations of the report as presented, both **TC** and **SD** stated that skills and employability have to be seen together, and not viewed in isolation.

8.5 **PR** stated that further work was being undertaken by ONE to understand how the region can assist lever in additional resources that can be channelled to sub-regional priorities.

8.6 Resolved that the report be noted, but that further discussion be postponed until the revised report is presented at a future meeting.

9 NORTH TEES/SOUTH TEES INDUSTRIAL LAND FRAMEWORK

9.1 **JL** offered a report for discussion.

9.2 **PS** requested that HBC be involved in the next stage of work suggested, and this was accepted. MBC involvement had previously been requested.

9.3 Resolved that the report be noted, and that the findings of the next stage of work be brought back to the Executive at a suitable future date.

10 TEES VALLEY ENERGY SECTOR – A STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT

10.1 **JL** presented a report for decision.

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10.2 Resolved that the recommendation to turn the report into a clear strategy statement and work programme be endorsed.

11 TEES VALLEY UNLIMITED WORK PROGRAMME – PROGRESS REPORT

11.1 **JL** introduced a report for information.

11.2 **GG** asked if ONE could exercise influence over the proposed national guidelines for housing funding. **PR**

11.3 Resolved that the report be noted.

12 TEES VALLEY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

12.1 **JL** presented a report for information.

12.2 **JL** also raised the issue of ONE's draft Corporate Plan, and how this links to the future programme, particularly the assumptions made on likely funding following earlier discussions with ONE.

12.3 **NM** re-iterated that the Corporate Plan includes funding in other areas and provided that a coherent and deliverable set of capital projects is brought forward, a £20 million per year allocation did not seem unreasonable. **PR** is to work with the JSU to identify the range of resources set out in the draft Corporate Plan. **PR**

12.4 Resolved that the report be noted.

13 LIST OF MEETINGS

13.1 **JL** presented a list of meetings attended by Senior Management at the JSU over the preceding period.

13.2 Resolved that the report be noted, although **GG** asked that this item should not appear on future agendas.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 None noted.

15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15.1 • Wednesday 27 February 2008
Meeting to commence at 2pm, venue to be confirmed.

Action

15.2 A programme of meetings for the 2008/09 session will be agreed at the next meeting.
