

**LEADERSHIP BOARD**

**Meeting held at the City Learning Centre Eston  
at 2.00pm on Wednesday 19 March 2008**

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ATTENDEES

Hugh Lang (HL)	Durham Tees Valley Airport	Chair
Councillor Ken Lupton (KL)	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	Vice Chair
Councillor John Williams (JW)	Darlington Borough Council	
Ray Mallon (RM)	Middlesbrough Borough Council	
Stuart Drummond (SD)	Hartlepool Borough Council	
Councillor George Dunning (GD)	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council	
Paul Booth (PB)	President, SABIC UK Petrochemicals	
Professor Graham Henderson (GH)	University of Teesside	
Alastair MacColl (AM)	Chief Executive, Business Link North East	
Alison Thain (AT)	One NorthEast and Tees Valley Housing	
George Garlick (GG)	Chief Executive	
Amanda Skelton (AS)	Chief Executive	

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APOLOGIES

Martyn Pellew (MP)	PD Ports and North East Chamber of Commerce (NECC)
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OBSERVERS

John Lowther	Tees Valley JSU
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Action

**1 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

- 1.1 The minutes were agreed as a true record.

**2 MATTERS ARISING**

- 2.1 There were no matters arising.

**3 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND THE SUB-BOARDS**

- 3.1 **JL** provided a brief summary of progress from the recent meeting of the Executive and each of the sub-boards.
- 3.2 **HL** explained that he felt that the recent announcements in the Tees Valley were showing the area was moving forward. **HL** mentioned the Skylink International Business Park at Durham Tees Valley Airport and the new import centre for Tesco at Teesport as particularly welcome developments. **AT** also raised the agreement of £50 million over the next three years for Housing Market Renewal as excellent news.
- 3.3 **GH** informed the meeting that the University of Teesside's engineering department had recently been announced as the best in the country which was quite an accolade.

**4 MULTI AREA AGREEMENT**

- 4.1 **JL** introduced the progress report on the Multi Area Agreement. He reported that a negotiation meeting with Government would be arranged at the end of April to go through the key asks.

**Resolved** that the Board noted progress to date.

**5 TEES VALLEY UNLIMITED WORK PROGRAMME 2008/9**

- 5.1 **JL** outlined the work programme for Tees Valley Unlimited. **HL** and **AM** outlined progress on the preparation of the Communications Strategy.

**Resolved** that the work programme be approved and incorporated into the forthcoming Tees Valley Unlimited Business Plan.

## **6 TEES VALLEY UNLIMITED PROGRESS REPORT**

- 6.1 Most of the items for discussion in the report were raised under the minutes of the Executive.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

## **7 TEES VALLEY HOUSING MARKET RENEWAL PROGRAMME AND GROWTH POINT**

- 7.1 JL explained that the Tees Valley had been successful in obtaining £50 million over 3 years for Housing Market Renewal. However, the expected Housing Growth Point Bid announcement had been deferred until the summer.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

## **8 SECRETARY OF STATE'S FURTHER PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DRAFT REVISED REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY FOR THE NORTH EAST**

- 8.1 JL explained that the changes proposed in the Regional Spatial Strategy were helpful to the Tees Valley.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

## **9 TEES VALLEY BUS NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS**

- 9.1 JL explained that the Major Scheme Business Case for the Tees Valley Bus Network Improvements Scheme was submitted to the Department for Transport on the 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008. Attached to the report was a summary of the business case.

**Resolved** that the report be noted.

## **10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 10.1 None noted.

## **10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)**

- 10.1 Wednesday 11 June, 2008