
LEADERSHIP BOARD

**Meeting held in the Mandela Room, Middlesbrough Town Hall
at 2.00pm on Wednesday 13 June 2007**

ATTENDEES

Hugh Lang (HL)	Durham Tees Valley Airport (DTVA)	Chair
Councillor Ken Lupton		Vice Chair
Councillor John Williams		
Stuart Drummond (SD)	Hartlepool Borough Council (HBC)	
Ray Mallon (RM)	Middlesbrough Council (MC)	
Councillor George Dunning	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC)	
Alison Thain (AT)	One NorthEast (ONE) and Tees Valley Housing	
Alastair MacColl (AM)	Business Link North East (BL)	
Professor Graham Henderson (GH)	University of Teesside (UoT)	
George Garlick	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC)	
Ada Burns	Darlington Borough Council (DBC)	
John Lowther (JL)	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit (JSU)	

APOLOGIES

Martyn Pellew (MP)	PD Ports and North East Chamber of Commerce (NECC)
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Jonathan Spruce	Tees Valley JSU
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1 CHAIR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

HL welcomed attendees to the inaugural meeting of the Tees Valley Unlimited (TVU) Leadership Board.

HL informed the Board that Councillor Lupton was to serve as vice Chair on a rotating basis.

HL also informed the Board that the final position on the Board, nominally held for a representative of the chemicals sector, had been offered to Paul Booth of SembCorp, and that this offer had been accepted.

HL commented that TVU had evolved over a number of years, and now had strong regional and national support in addition to the City Region, but that the emphasis of the new structure, and the focus of the Leadership Board, should be on delivery.

HL also noted the need to communicate the purpose of TVU in a robust manner.

2 APOLOGIES

As noted previously.

3 THE STORY SO FAR

JL offered a paper for information and took members through a brief presentation.

HL asked about Local Authority approval to the work programme. **JL** replied that much of the programme came from the delivery of the City Region Business Case, which had already been endorsed by the Authorities.

AM asked whether all of the sub-boards had been populated. **JL** replied that invitations to most of the sub-Boards were now being sent out, but that membership of the Private Sector Business Group was still to be discussed and nominations sought. This is to be led by **HL** and **MP**.

HL / MP

Resolved that the report be noted by the Leadership Board.

4 ROLE OF THE LEADERSHIP BOARD

HL stressed that the Board was intended to operate in shadow form until April 2008 to provide flexibility in the early stages.

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HL continued by stating that his opinion was that the Leadership Board's role was to provide advice and guidance at a strategic level, and not to start by re-visiting the City Region Business Case.

HL noted the recommendation of the following report in respect of the need to prioritise work programmes and asked that the sub-Boards undertake this within the context of activity mapping, so that the Leadership Board could see clearly progress towards delivery

TVU sub-Boards

Councillor Dunning suggested that part of the role of the Leadership Board was to advocate large scale projects within the Business Case such as Teesport.

RM agreed that TVU should endorse key projects and influence key stakeholders to achieve our aims and address our needs. He quoted the example of how transport is now higher on ONE's agenda than it has been, and stated that the work on the hydrogen economy could allow the Tees Valley to be a world leader in this field.

RM further felt that the Tees Valley should be proud of its industrial heritage, and that TVU should be selling the new Tees Valley as a creative forceful area in which to live and do business.

AM felt that the Board's role was to own the strategy blueprint, to agree it and ensure that it was delivered.

Councillor Lupton stated that he felt that it was very important to utilise the wide range of skills that the Board members have to ensure the delivery of the Business Case.

GH endorsed the need to build on our strengths and be forceful about our successes and the advantages that the City Region has.

Councillor Williams agreed that the sub-Boards are the most appropriate mechanisms for examining the detail, but that the "blueprint" should be owned by the Leadership Board. He also noted that the draft terms of reference included the task of liaising with local MPs, which he felt would be best undertaken through discreet lobbying.

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AT asked about the role of the Leadership Board in dispute resolution. **GG** responded that it was hoped that any disputes that did arise through the delivery programme would be addressed either through the sub-Boards or the Executive. However, **HL** also commented that the Leadership Board should take responsibility for dispute resolution in the unlikely event of this being required.

The discussion concluded with **GG** highlighting that the role of the Leadership Board would also be shaped by the development of the Multi-Area Agreement with Government, as included later on the agenda.

5 WORK PROGRAMME FOR TEES VALLEY UNLIMITED 2007/08

JL offered a paper for decision and took members through a brief presentation.

HL asked about the work with the Highways Agency (HA) and how we are attempting to ensure 'buy in'. **JL** noted that the joint study with the HA, and their involvement on the Transport Board at a high level of senior management, should help with this.

Councillor Lupton commented that part of the skills strategy should be in targeting schools to ensure that young people are aware of the opportunities within the Tees Valley. **RM** added that there needs to be a balance between the skill sets and needs.

JL highlighted to members paragraph 5.2(e) of the report, and the offer from the University of Teesside to prepare a paper as to how educational establishments could work better together.

Resolved that the report be approved by the Leadership Board, and that the sub-Boards be requested to prioritise their own work programmes and report back to the Leadership Board at the next meeting. Also that GH commences the work outlined in paragraph 5.2(e) and report back to a subsequent meeting.

GH

6 MULTI-AREA AGREEMENT – PROGRESS

JL offered a paper for decision and took members through a brief presentation.

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AM noted that much of the content of the proposed agreement seems to make a lot of sense in terms of effective programme management and commented that it does not seem such a big 'ask' of Government.

Resolved that the report be endorsed by the Leadership Board.

7 SINGLE PROGRAMME 2006/07 – OUTTURN REPORT

JL offered a paper for information.

Resolved that the report be noted by the Leadership Board.

8 SINGLE PROGRAMME 2007/08 – SPEND POSITION

JL offered a paper for decision.

AT suggested that, to reflect the strategic view of the Board agreed previously, detailed outturn reports should be considered by the sub-Boards and that the Leadership Boards would receive progress reports by exception.

Resolved that the action set out in the report be endorsed by the Leadership Board.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None noted.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

- Wednesday 12 September 2007
- Wednesday 12 December 2007
- Wednesday 19 March 2008

All meetings to commence at 2pm, venues to be confirmed.
