

PLANNING & ECONOMIC STRATEGY BOARD

**Meeting held in the Ward Room, Castlegate Quay Watersports Centre,
Stockton**

at 2.00pm on Tuesday 9 October 2007

ATTENDEES

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| Councillor Bob Cook | Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) | Chair |
| Councillor John Williams | Darlington Borough Council (DBC) | Vice Chair |
| Stuart Drummond (SD) | Hartlepool Borough Council (HBC) | |
| Richard Alty (RA) | DBC | |
| Peter Scott (PS) | HBC | |
| Kevin Parkes (KP) | Middlesbrough Council (MC) | |
| Ian Wardle (IW) | RCBC | |
| Carol Straughan (CS) | SBC | |
| Paul Whitaker (PW) | North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) | |
| David Elliott (DE) | Richmondshire District Council (RDC) | |
| John Banks (JB) | Durham County Council (DCC) | |
| Tom Warburton (TW) | One NorthEast (ONE) | |
| Nigel Orr (NO) | Tees Valley Regeneration (TVR) | |
| Mike McNulty (MM) | Environment Agency (EA) | |
| Jonathan Lamb (JLa) | Business Link North East (BL) | |
| Malcolm Potter (MP) | Tees Valley Engineering Partnership (TVEP) | |
| Stan Higgins (SH) | North East Process Industries Cluster (NEPIC) | |
| Peter Ellis (PE) | Renew Tees Valley (RTV) | |
| Keith Robinson (KR) | Keith Robinson & Co | |
| John Irwin (JI) | Storey:ssp | |
| Jonathan Spruce (JS) | Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit (JSU) | |

APOLOGIES

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| Councillor David Budd | MC |
| Councillor Mark Hannon | Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC) |
| Tim White | MC |
| Ian Wardle | RCBC |
| Geoff Herbert | Hambleton District Council (HDC) |
| Malcolm Bowes | North East Assembly (NEA) |
| Joe Docherty | TVR |
| John Lowther | JSU |

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1 CHAIR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

2 APOLOGIES

- 2.1 As noted previously.

3 NOTES OF THE MEETING ON 10 JULY 2007

- 3.1 **JS** apologised to **JB** for omitting his name from the list of attendees in error. Otherwise, the minutes were agreed as a true record.

4 CATTERICK GARRISON

- 4.1 **DE** stated that the MoD is currently reviewing its long term development plan for the site, hence the suggested presentation will be delayed until this has been completed.

5 WORK PROGRAMME 2007/08

- 5.1 **JS** introduced the report setting out the agreed work programme for the Board as developed from the Leadership Board.

6 TEES VALLEY ENERGY SECTOR

- 6.1 **PE** presented the report and accompanying document for discussion by the Board.
- 6.2 **KR** commented that the need to move forward with a strategic approach to energy is obvious, but that the big issue is one of appropriate leadership.
- 6.3 **MP** outlined that TVEP had done some work in 2005 and concluded that the Tees Valley could become an energy hub and felt that Tees Valley Unlimited was the best mechanism to take this forward.
- 6.4 **JI** fully endorsed the report, but also agreed that there is a need to decide who takes the lead, including how the benefits of this sector can be communicated within schools.

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- 6.5 **CS** added that there is also a wider issue of how we are to communicate this new sector to local residents who may be affected by future plans.
- 6.6 **TW** stated that the North East is still leading the field in terms of private sector investment in energy and suggested the need to drive this USP through other areas of the City Region Business Case.
- 6.7 **MM** agreed with the need to look at the bigger picture, and also consider the demand side as well as the supply side, with a practical example of the EA's work with schools on energy efficiency.
- 6.8 **KP** stated that there is a need for a series of actions and early wins to be agreed, such as the carbon neutral development at Middlehaven.
- 6.9 **JB** emphasised that there were broader opportunities with the City Region partners and stressed the need to look at all opportunities for joint working on energy.
- 6.10 The Board thanked **PE** for the presentation and resolved that it would recommend to the Executive and Leadership Board that further work be undertaken to develop a more definite strategy and work programme.

7 STRATEGIC HOUSING MARKET ASSESSMENT – BRIEF

- 7.1 **JS** offered a report for decision.
- 7.2 **DE** stated that he was pleased to see links to the North Yorkshire Districts in the brief, and stressed the need to forget local boundaries and bring such assessments together through Regional Assemblies.
- 7.3 **JB** supported the approach to overlap areas and informed the Board that DCC's assessment should be complete by the end of December.
- 7.4 **CS** stated that the assessment provide valuable evidence for the Local Development Framework process and hence the need to commission the assessment at the earliest opportunity.
- 7.5 **PS** confirmed that the housing market assessments already done at local levels would provide the building blocks for this wider assessment.

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7.6 **TW** also highlighted work being undertaken by The Northern Way that will help inform the commission.

7.7 Resolved that the Board approves the brief as presented and looks forward to presentations of progress and outcomes at future meetings.

8 FLIGHTS FROM DURHAM TEES VALLEY TO HEATHROW

8.1 **JS** introduced the background to the item and the copies of the recent correspondence for information.

8.2 **JI** confirmed that the North East Chamber of Commerce is also lobbying hard on this issue.

8.3 Resolved that the papers presented be noted.

9 SOUTH TEES EMPLOYMENT LAND

9.1 **JS** introduced the report for information.

9.2 **JI** questioned whether this work will just confuse the LDF process. **CS** replied with an explanation as to how this work will fit with reviews of employment land already undertaken by the Local Authorities for their LDFs. **CS** also stated that the work has followed from the presentation by NEPIC at the previous meeting.

9.3 **KP** suggested the need to make better links and foster strategic co-ordination between the various sectors requiring future employment land.

9.4 **RA** confirmed that there are both demand and supply side approaches to the review of employment land, and this work tries to bring some of those together to inform a coherent future strategy.

Resolved that the report be noted.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 None noted.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

11.1 • Tuesday 15 January 2008

Meeting to commence at 2pm, venue to be confirmed.

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