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**PLANNING & ECONOMIC STRATEGY BOARD**

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

**at 2.00pm on Tuesday 15 January 2008**

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ATTENDEES

Councillor Bob Cook	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC)	Chair
Councillor David Budd	Middlesbrough Council (MC)	
Councillor Mark Hannon	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council (RCBC)	
John Simpson (JSi)	Darlington Borough Council (DBC)	
Peter Scott (PS)	Hartlepool Borough Council (HBC)	
Kevin Parkes (KP)	MC	
Lisa Walker (LW)	RCBC	
Richard Poundford (RP)	SBC	
Rita Lawson (RL)	North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC)	
John Leer (JL)	Tees Valley Regeneration (TVR)	
Mike McNulty (MM)	Environment Agency (EA)	
Stan Higgins (SH)	North East Process Industries Cluster (NEPIC)	
Jim Johnstone (JJ)	Tees Valley Living (TVL)	
Jonathan Spruce (JSp)	Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit (JSU)	

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OBSERVERS

Andrew Craig	Tees Valley JSU
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APOLOGIES

Councillor John Williams	DBC
Stuart Drummond	HBC
Councillor Mark Hannon	RCBC
Richard Alty	DBC
Tim White	MC
Ian Wardle	RCBC
Paul Whitaker	NYCC
Geoff Herbert	Hambleton District Council (HDC)
David Elliott (DE)	Richmondshire District Council (RDC)
Bob Ward	Durham County Council (DCC)
Malcolm Bowes	North East Assembly (NEA)
Tom Warburton	One NorthEast (ONE)
Joe Docherty	TVR
Jonathan Lamb	Business Link North East (BL)
Malcolm Potter	Tees Valley Engineering Partnership (TVEP)
Keith Robinson	Keith Robinson & Co
John Irwin	Storey:ssp
John Lowther	JSU

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**1 APOLOGIES**

- 1.1 As noted previously (including substitutes).

**2 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 None declared.

**3 NOTES OF THE MEETING ON 9 OCTOBER 2007**

- 3.1 Agreed as a true record.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

- 4.1 Item 6.10 – **JSp** advised the Board that the resolution that the future needs of the energy sector be addressed through the Executive and Leadership Board had been actioned, and that Renew Tees Valley and the JSU had been tasked with preparing a detailed energy strategy. **SH** also advised the Board of emerging support for the continuation of nuclear power within the City Region.
- 4.2 Item 8.1 – **JSp** stated that ONE and the JSU had taken forward the work needed to support any application for a Public Service Obligation to maintain the link between Durham Tees Valley Airport and London Heathrow.

**5 CATTERICK GARRISON**

- 5.1 **RL** advised the Board that, as DE had sent his apologies to the meeting, there was little to update on progress with regard to the Catterick Garrison masterplanning work.
- 5.2 **SH** stated that there was enormous potential for skill sets sharing between ex-MoD employees and the process industry, and noted that this issue was to be discussed at the forthcoming Employment and Skills Board meeting.
- 5.3 **RL** agreed that this item should be retained on future agendas and that NYCC/RDC would present any key outcomes of the masterplanning process at the appropriate time.

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**6 NORTH TEES/SOUTH TEES INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK**

- 6.1 **JSp** introduced the report for information, and noted that the work to be commissioned flowed directly from the discussions at the previous Board meeting about the need to join up the examination of employment land opportunities in this area.
- 6.2 **MM** asked that environmental constraints be considered as part of any asset analysis, and also that the Highways Agency be included within the work.
- 6.3 **Councillor Hannon** requested that this work join up with other work, such as transport, in order to identify the necessary infrastructure requirements, and also asked how much pressure could be brought to bear on the private sector to trade land for the greater good.
- 6.4 **PS** emphasised the need to examine all opportunities on both sides of the River Tees.
- 6.5 **SH** stated that there is a need to make the Tees Valley a location of choice for investors, and, in order to do this, we need to examine all barriers to land use and availability.
- 6.6 Resolved that the report be noted, and that outputs will be brought back to the Board at a future meeting.

**7 A NEW NORTHERN GROWTH POINT**

- 7.1 **JJ** gave a presentation on the recent proposal for the Tees Valley to become a new housing growth point.
- 7.2 **Councillor Hannon** asked how it would be possible to overcome future opposition to the plans. JJ replied that all sites included within the bid are already in the public domain, and hence this risk is reduced.
- 7.3 **PS** expressed some concern over the possibility for national and regional bodies “micro-managing” the process in the future. JJ replied that any Delivery Plan would need to set out how this would not be necessary, and indeed, would actually hinder delivery.
- 7.4 **KP** warned that the City Region will still need to articulate the need to draw down on other funding sources to deliver its Investment Plan, even if the bid is successful and provides access to the Community Infrastructure Fund. KP also suggested the need for a high level of delivery in the early years, to show momentum.

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7.5 **MM** expressed concern that we can be sure that the design and energy excellence referred to within the bid document can be achieved.

7.6 **Councillor Budd** stressed the need to continue the strong partnership approach through the design and implementation phase.

7.7 The Board thanked **JJ** for the presentation and Members look forward to the possible announcement on the success of the bid in February.

## **8 MULTI-AREA AGREEMENT**

8.1 **JSp** introduced the report for information, highlighting the main progress on the MAA, and in particular, the elements that would impact on the Board's role and remit in the future.

8.2 **Councillor Budd** asked how transport funding would be included in the Agreement. **JSp** replied that current RFA allocations for the Tees Valley would be included from the start, together with any future schemes within the City Region included as a result of the RFA review later in 2008.

8.3 Resolved that the report be noted.

## **9 TEES VALLEY JOINT MINERALS 7 WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS: PREFERRED OPTIONS REPORTS**

9.1 **JSp** introduced the report for decision, and outlined that this was part of a statutory process.

9.2 Although the Board was required to view the report and approved the contents for further consultation, **PS** highlighted to Members the sensitivity of some of the information contained in the report.

9.3 Resolved that the recommendations of the report be agreed as set out.

## **10 EUROPEAN ISSUES FOR THE YEAR AHEAD**

10.1 **JSp** presented the report for information, providing a summary of the forthcoming European legislation, and highlighting what each means for the City Region.

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10.2 **SH** asked whether there was a need to put together some small working parties to provide a co-ordinated response to some of the planned consultations. **SH** also wondered whether the City Region could be more co-ordinated in seeking European funding for projects when such funding is made available. This would be discussed within the City Region and reported back to the next meeting.

10.3 In terms of transport legislation, **Councillor Hannon** noted that the continuation of the planned Tees Valley Metro Line A further east towards Loftus and Brotton would play a significant part in reducing car use in this area and provide additional access to work opportunities.

10.4 Resolved that the report be noted.

**11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

11.1 None noted.

**12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)**

- 12.1
- Tuesday 15 April 2008
  - Tuesday 15 July 2008
  - Tuesday 14 October 2008
  - Tuesday 13 January 2009

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

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