

**BRIDGING NEWCASTLEGATESHEAD BOARD
FRIDAY 10 JULY 2009
MINUTES**

Present:

Jim Coulter	Chair
Phil Joyce (rep David Slater)	Newcastle City Council
Sheila Johnston	Gateshead Council
Donald Urquhart	Homes and Communities Agency
Tom Warburton	One NorthEast
Geraldine Wilcox	Independent
Steve Errington	Independent
Charlie Hughes	Newcastle LSP

Observers:

Fiona Gough	Government Office for the North East
George Curry	New Deal for Communities
Kevan Carrick	JK Property Consultants

Officers in Attendance:

Anne Mulroy	BNG
Ian Mackintosh	BNG
Julia McAweaney	BNG (minutes)

Action

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Bill Fullen, Andrea Proudlock, David Slater (Phil Joyce attending), Councillor Bill Shepherd, Councillor Angela Armstrong, Neil Barker, Chief Supt Graham Davis and Linden Watson.

The Chair welcomed Phil Joyce (representing David Slater), Kevan Carrick who was attending as an Observer and John Lord, Consultant to 1NG leading on work on the economic masterplan.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Personal, non-prejudicial declarations from Jim Coulter, Sheila Johnston and Donald Urquhart.

3. PRESENTATION BY JOHN LORD, 1NG ON ECONOMIC MASTERPLAN

- This item to be treated as confidential.
- Handouts of the presentation were available at the meeting.
- The Chair thanked John Lord for an informative presentation. Discussion will continue.

4. **MINUTES OF 15 MAY MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING PLUS ACTION NOTES**

- Third bullet point on page 4 will be removed.
- The Chair then signed the minutes as a correct record.

5. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

1NG Economic Masterplan

- BNG have commented on the draft masterplan. Discussions are ongoing.

Audit Commission Inspection Report on NCC Neighbourhood Regeneration

- BNG have been asked to work with NCC to produce an Action Plan to take forward recommendations of the report and start work on that.
- Both local authorities are going through Comprehensive Area Assessment processes at present and Anne Mulroy has been interviewed by the inspectors regarding Gateshead and Newcastle Partnership.

Resources Review Update

- Ekosgen have been appointed and the inception meeting will take place next week. This will inform discussion at 18 September Board Away Day.
- The issue of having real time information / shared information will be picked up by this work.

Research and Evaluation

- Continuing Practical, Affordable Housing Solutions work and working with legal teams. Hope to introduce products from early Autumn and both Councils have had approvals from Executive and Cabinet to proceed.
- Future Markets – will be a special meeting of the Advisory Group (set for 9 October but needs to be rearranged).
- Evaluating the Impact – Ekosgen have been appointed and work should be complete before Christmas.
- Key Facts Sheet – appended to report for information.

Board Membership

- The Board approved the appointment of Councillor Angela Armstrong, Neil Barker, Chief Supt Graham Davis and Kevan Carrick as the fifth independent Member.

6. **ACCESSING ADDITIONAL FUNDING (CONFIDENTIAL)**

- Discussion took place in relation to this confidential item.

7. STRATEGIC RISK REVIEW

- Review of strategic risks is done twice yearly but more detail has been brought out in the report in relation to major high impact potential risks.
- There was some discussion in relation to whether some of the number of red risks, the fact that many of these are inter-related and some should potentially be classed as amber. Some consolidation was also required to avoid unnecessary detail.
- NCC is strengthening its area based regeneration function to assist with delivery and capacity is being increased.
- The risk register will be reviewed in January after the impact of NCC change has taken effect, BNG's resources review is complete and discussion at the Board Away Day.

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8. Q1 BUSINESS PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

- There is only one red and that is Action 4.3 on page 22 (Programme Management Group Terms of Reference being amended) as it is something that has not yet happened.
- CDC and NGI is amber because it reflects some of the discussion.
- The Plan will be re-issued fully marked up with traffic light diagnostic.

AM/JD

9. Q1 FINANCE REPORT

- Currently a third above projected cashflow. Following discussions at Project Appraisal Panel, forecasts will be looked at in more detail in future on a quarterly basis.
- £6.9m has been claimed already. The reason for being above the forecast figure is due to Freight Depot, performance and delivery on the ground and ensuring invoices are going through promptly. However, there is still a large amount to spend in March – cashflow profile will be reviewed.
- Programme Management Group are looking at balance of over-programming level and high risk projects – strategies need to be in place and tie in with 2nd Quarter.

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10. STRATEGIC COMMISSIONS REVIEW UPDATE

- **Elswick Discovery Quarter** - a number of issues and themes were raised and it was agreed that there would be a dedicated officer workshop consisting of BNG and NCC reps to follow up on issues.
- **East Gateshead and West Central Gateshead** - this commission is making good progress but there are issues around Dunston and Deckham and need to set timescales on how the story of these places will be developed.
- **Scotswood Benwell** – Anne Mulroy is meeting with the new Director for the West of Newcastle next week to talk about BNG and how things proceed.

NCC/BNG

- **Walker Riverside** – a number of issues have come out of this review and discussion is taking place around the draft Business Plan for Walker – met yesterday to discuss some of implications and a workshop session will take place to get a better understanding of how the business plan model works and the relationship with delivery partner. BNG will make arrangements for the workshop with Phil Joyce.

BNG/PJ

11. **PROGRAMME UPDATE 2009-10**

- Need to ensure the story is interpreted accurately and a footnote will be added to explain figures where necessary.

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12. **KEY PROJECTS UPDATE (CONFIDENTIAL)**

- Updates were given on the key projects.

13. **ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES**

- 1 May and 26 June minutes received.

PROJECT APPRAISAL PANEL

- 3 July minutes received.

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- No discussion.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

15. ▪ Friday 18 September Awayday – all day. Details to be confirmed.