

LEADERSHIP BOARD

Meeting held at Cavendish House, Stockton
at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 30th April

ATTENDEES

Sandy Anderson (SA)	Chair
Councillor Bill Dixon (BD)	Leader, Darlington BC
Councillor David Budd	Deputy Mayor, Middlesbrough BC
Councillor George Dunning (GD)	Leader, Redcar & Cleveland BC
Councillor Bob Cook (BC)	Leader, Stockton on Tees BC
David Soley (DS)	Executive Chairman, Tenergy, Wilton Group, Camerons Brewery, ERS
Tim Grant (TG)	Darlington College (FE representative)
Alastair MacColl (AM)	CEO BE Group
Neil Graham (NG)	Homes and Communities Agency
Alison Thain (AT)	CEO, Thirteen Group
Amanda Skelton (AS)	CEO Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
Dave Stubbs (DSt)	CEO Hartlepool Borough Council
Mike Robinson (MR)	CEO Middlesbrough Borough Council
Neil Schneider (NS)	CEO Stockton on Tees Borough Council
Ada Burns (AB)	CEO Darlington BC
Linda Edworthy (LE)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Neil Kenley (NK)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Stephen Catchpole (SC)	Tees Valley Unlimited
Graham Pendlebury (GP)	DfT (LEP Sponsor)

1	<p>Chair's Welcome</p> <p>SA opened the meeting and welcomed Chris Fraser and Gareth Edmunds from Sirius Minerals PLC and Councillor David Budd who is representing Ray Mallon.</p>
2	<p>Apologies</p> <p>David Robinson, Naz Parker, Ian Kinnery, Paul Booth, Nigel Perry, Professor Graham Henderson and Christopher Akers-Belcher.</p>
3	<p>Conflicts of Interest</p> <p>None declared</p>
4	<p>Minutes of previous meeting and any matters arising</p> <p>Agreed</p>

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York Potash Strategic Overview by Chris Fraser CEO and Gareth Edmunds of Sirius Minerals PLC.

Chris gave a back ground to the company and took the Board through a presentation on the company's vision for the future and how they are developing the project. Points made by Chris in the presentation:

- The site does not touch any European designated sites and is the most mitigated mine in the world.
- £13m tonnes of production per annum
- It has taken 4 years of construction with virtually no visual impact on the area

The Economic Benefits:

- 3,300 construction jobs and 8,000 in the supply chain
- Over 1,000 permanent production jobs, with at least a further 1,000 in the supply chain
- Contribution to the UK's GDP of £930 million per annum
- Add 9% to the size of North Yorkshire economy
- Generates exports to the value of £1.1 billion per annum
- Reduces balance of trade deficit by 4%
- Contribution in tax of £250 million per annum
- York Potash Foundation payments up to £7 million a year

On the York Potash Foundation there is funding for:

- Education and training
- Health and well-being
- Environmental protection and improvement
- Community Facilities
- Skills development for the unemployed

On a Talent Development Programme it is:

- Already supporting 5 graduates
- A further 5 this year
- 4 apprenticeships already in place
- A further 20 on approval
- New framework for the mining industry
- At least 500 people to be trained over the construction period

Chris explained the pre-application public consultation results and the consultation responses.

SA asked Chris about the operation at Wilton. Chris advised:

- The site is on Wilton, the steel works side
- Greenfield site by the rail line, they have options on this ground

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portal for the transport system, where they will launch the 1st tunnel down • The site will be a granulation/storage facility in 1st phase of project • Connectivity to the Port on the Bran Sands site, discussions had with PD Ports • Jobs around maintenance crew/transport system/granulation/port facilities <p>GD commented it was good to see the amount of jobs but asked for clarification on NEETS and the deferred planning application.</p> <p>Gareth advised on the education and skills side, Scarborough BC has currently lined up to help train 500 people in the construction period in conjunction with Sirius. On the planning application there is a vast amount of work going on, lining up submission for July.</p> <p>NK asked if there would be any further supply chain events and said we have to ensure SME bids can tap into the supply chain and be clear on criteria they need to meet.</p> <p>Gareth said there is a commitment with the TV and NY LEPs, making contractors aware of what skills are available. There will be events/opportunities in conjunction with Sirius. 1000 businesses have registered an interest.</p> <p>SA thanked Chris and Gareth for their presentation and confirmed the TV LEP is willing to help to make the project successful, TVU happy to do a joint submission with NY LEP to the National Park.</p>
6	<p>Jeremie 2</p> <p>SC asked the Board for the approval to the latest developments in negotiating and implementing a Jeremie 2 Access to Finance Scheme for the Region. SC and Ralph Pickles attended the inaugural project board on 10th April. Detailed work to be undertaken by the project team who will report to the project board and each LEP to appoint a representative to ensure individual interests are considered and accepted wherever possible. Government has formally agreed to the use of £1m of legacy monies to meet costs of establishing the fund. Also monies can be used to meet the EIB fee likely to be in the region of £500k which will be paid only if the fund is established.</p> <p>The Board agreed they were happy to support.</p>
7	<p>Exploitation of Shale Products – report on Investigation into Fracking in the USA</p> <p>SC informed the Board of a visit organised by NOF to Oklahoma and Louisiana to see at first hand extracting of shale products by fracking. He highlighted 1.4 of his report on the opportunity for the Tees Valley and being well placed for the receipt of products such as syngas which would provide cheaper feedstock for the processing industries. Work to be done collectively.</p> <p>SA spoke of this being a part of our city deal and we should keep pressing the issue.</p> <p>MC spoke of a recent Economic Development Group when they discussed this and said Government is aligned to what Tees Valley wants to do, conversations had.</p> <p>NK suggested this could be a future presentation to the Board.</p> <p>DS advised we should carry on the relationship with NOF, keep the momentum going.</p>

	<p>SA suggested we keep pressing UKTI on the matter.</p> <p>Report noted.</p>
8	<p>TVU's Structure, Membership and Operation</p> <p>SC asked the Board to discuss the current Governance arrangements to ensure that they are fit for purpose. Anne Yare of Deep Ocean has been approached to join the board as the subsea sectors representative.</p> <p>BD thought it useful to do some groundwork now, prepare a road map for early 2015. There will be local elections in April/May 2015 when there may be changes to the membership of the Local Authorities.</p> <p>Report noted and SA/SC to do more analysis and SA to meet separately with Board members.</p>
9	<p>Local Growth Fund Presentation</p> <p>SA asked GP to give a feedback to the group. GP has been involved in meetings with Greg Clark, Lord Heseltine and Lord Shipley and advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking for more information/detail on specifics on projects • Do not want any further detailed submission • No appetite to force LEPs to do further prioritisation • On skills looking for more convincing argument on how proposals enhance skills provision • On transport need to avoid business as usual, the schemes we do normally, need to demonstrate where there is real evidence to unlock schemes/barriers • On the Private Sector, Government looking for more commitment e.g. Durham Tees Valley Airport • They consider our submission a modest set of propositions • About to enter negotiation stage, we have to be clear on our brief, Lord Shipley happy to advise <p>SA asked GP about transformational projects/shovel ready projects. GP said it is important to have some shovel ready schemes which can demonstrate early impact/success.</p> <p>SC responded to GP's feedback and the lack of clear criteria, not being clear what the process is. We need to avoid judicial review, we will submit list, enter the negotiations with a couple of caveats.</p> <p>SA confirmed with the group they were happy with the ranking with minor changes when we have further guidance.</p>
10	<p>RGF's Update</p> <p>LE reported on the good news stories on the RGF Rounds 1 – 5. The report updated on Lets Grow, Tees Valley Catalyst Fund, Tees Valley Business Compass, and The Tees Valley Jobs and Skills Investment Scheme highlighting the number of jobs created.</p> <p>The report was noted.</p>

<p>11</p>	<p>Chair's Updates</p> <p><u>Economic Development Group</u> – input from the 5 Local Authorities on updates from the town centres/regeneration. Hartlepool attended the last meeting, Middlesbrough to present to the next.</p> <p><u>Place</u> – Place has a very important part to drive our ambitions. AT hopes a piece of work they have prepared Economic Impact of Housing can be shared with the Leadership Board.</p> <p><u>Investment Panel</u> – NS updated. The group has been dealing with Jeremie and the Local Growth Fund.</p> <p><u>ELS</u> – in IK's absence, LE updated the group. IK has recently attended a LEP meeting in London with Lord Young where they discussed Ready Unlimited, a not for profit social enterprise that transforms young people's skills, attitudes and outcomes. This is in Rotherham and is seen as a good practice example. It has been recommended to LEPs as a potential way forward. ELS to look at this and will bring it back to Leadership Board. Also discussed Enterprise Advisers – Lord Young stated he wanted LEPs to play a bigger role in their engagement with schools and advocated an enterprise adviser for each school. He would like LEPs to liaise with schools to help them take on an enterprise adviser in each school.</p> <p><u>TIG</u> – LE updated in DR's absence. Infrastructure Plan now on the website. Key issues considered – rail issues/agendas.</p> <p><u>Innovation</u> – LE updated on a recent meeting of the Innovation Group – the focus on how to make use of the EU Structural Funds to take forward the Innovation Agenda. Focus on research and development activities.</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Dates of next meetings</p> <p>23rd July 2014</p> <p>22nd October 2014</p> <p>28th January 2015</p> <p>22nd April 2015</p>