

**MINUTES: Business Advisory Group**

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011**



**Pacific Exchange, 40 High Street, Hull**

**PRESENT**

Barry Schofield	Tutty's Office Interiors (Chair)
Peter Latham Warde	PLW Consultancy
John Hakes	Hull Bid
Jeff Clarkson	Clarkson Business Strategy
John Illingworth	Goodwin Development Trust
Susan Dobbs	Premier Class Education
John Roberts	Destinova Consulting
Claire Crowther	Your New Horizon
Uche Akali	Hallmark Solicitors
Andy Lawrence	Staintonward
Paul Cheeseman	Humberside Police Authority
Gill Pike	Humberside Police Authority
Miranda Prynne	Hull Daily Mail
Antony Towle	ONE HULL Business Forum

**Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

466. Apologies were received from Kathryn Shillito, Mark Willett, Tim Evison, John Britton, Alex Burgess, John Sharp, and Hannah Crookes.

**Agenda Item 2: Minutes**

467. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 were agreed as a true and correct record.

**Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising**

468. i) Business Advisory Group, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010 – In terms of parking, it was noted that the ONE HULL Business Forum had been in touch with Graham Hall and subsequently had a response. Graham Hall did not specifically answer point 446 of the previous minutes; therefore the subject would be followed up as a matter of course. However due to the recent council budget cuts and changes it would not happen imminently.
469. It was noted and agreed that due to the change of council leadership; newly appointed members would be invited to future BAG meetings for a formal introduction.
470. It was noted that the Forum would carry out further questionnaires throughout the year, although no programme had been set.

#### **Agenda Item 4: ONE HULL Update**

471. Antony Towle provided an update on the new structure within ONE HULL. Antony Towle reported that the number of staff within the ONE HULL team had been reduced significantly, but there was to be a closer link with the Business Support team within Hull City Council.
472. It was also reported that no further information had been provided on the future of the Earning Partnership. It was still expected that the Business Advisory Group would still be required to provide private sector input though. A full update would be given when information was available.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Humberside Police Authority**

473. The Chair welcomed Paul Cheeseman, Strategic Development Manager, Humberside Police Authority and invited him to discuss the previous year's consultation.
474. Paul Cheeseman provided a brief overview of the overall theme of the presentation that concerned ascertaining levels of trust in the Humberside Police. The presentation moved on to discuss the performance of Humberside Police stating that overall crime had been reduced by 8% which was in line with Government targets.
475. It was noted that there were 42 police forces in England and Wales. Humberside was ranked as 39th in terms of overall crime and, while there had been significant reductions in crime, socio economic factors may well play a part in making it difficult for the force to move towards the top of the table. In terms of Hull's position, this was one of four police divisions within the force and performance was compared against a family of other 'most similar' police divisions in England and Wales. Hull was in a group of 15 divisions which included, amongst others Leicester, Bradford and Hartlepool. There had been significant reductions of crime in Hull and the division ranked as having 6th lowest levels of crime in the family with the levels being below the family average'
476. It was also commented that although business crime had been reduced, it could be further reduced by businesses taking more responsibility for crime prevention.
477. It was noted that Goodwin Development Trust had been running a project called 'Preventing Re-offending Project' (PROP), which helped offenders find homes and jobs when they left Hull Prison. Re-offending rates had dropped from 67% to around 18% as a result of this scheme.
478. It was also noted that Hull City Council had scrapped the Connexions service for young people. It was suggested that local businesses should be encouraged to help schoolchildren through mentoring programmes to help prevent some of the young society turning to crime.
479. It was noted that the Humberside Police Authority – as it stood – would not be in existence by May 2012. This would be due to the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners. It was suggested that there should be a follow up meeting with the Business Advisory Group later on in the year to discuss the new structure. This was agreed by the group.

#### **Agenda Item 6: Any Other Business**

480. There was no other business reported.

**Agenda Item 7: Dates of next meeting**

481. Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 2.30 pm