

**MINUTES: Business Advisory Group**

**Thursday 19th November**

**34/38 Beverley Road, Hull**



**PRESENT**

Barry Schofield	Tutty's Office Interiors (Chair)
Sue Dobbs	Premier Class Recruitment
Ken Baldwin	Hull BID
Graham Boanas	GKB7 Ltd
Peter Latham-Warde	PLW Consultancy
Mark Willet	Mark Willett Partnership
Jeff Clarkson	Clarkson Business Strategy
Tony Anson	Gelder and Kitchen
Paul Fielder	Lime Property
John Britton	BCG Bridgepoint
John Roberts	Destinova Consulting
Christine Ware	High 10
Tim Evison	Eon Media
Darren Glew	Eltherington Aluminium
Paul Brooke	Sewell Group
Ben Delaney	ONE HULL Business Forum

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

343. Barry Schofield welcomed Paul Brooke to the meeting and noted apologies from Andy Lawrence, Nick Miller, Glen Little, Paula Litten and Alan Gordon-Freeman.

**Agenda Item 2: Minutes**

344. The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September were agreed as a true and correct record.

**Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising**

345. There were no matters arising.

**Agenda Item 4: Building Schools for the Future**

346. Paul Brooke gave a presentation on Hull's Building Schools for the Future programme. He said the Esteem consortium was comprised of Robertson Capital Projects, Morgan Sindall Investments and the Sewell Group and all three partners brought different strengths to the partnership with both national and European experience.

347. Paul Brooke spoke about the procurement process for the project which had lasted for over a year and prohibited formal consultation with other organisations and business groups in the city. He added that the recent announcement had given Esteem 'preferred bidder' status and once the full financial details were agreed in the coming months would they be confirmed as the lead private sector developer.
348. Paul Brooke explained the Local Education Partnership model which would be formed to deliver the BSF programme. He said this model is used to bring partners together and ensure that BSF money is used efficiently and is a public private partnership between the Local Authority, Partnerships for Schools and Esteem. He said the £400m programme would involve work on 17 projects including 3 academies and would take place over a 42 month period making it the largest BSF programme in the country.
349. Paul Brooke talked through a number of different building designs which were going to create multi-purpose sites and be better at encouraging local communities to use the buildings. He said this would create a sense of ownership of the schools within the host communities as well as facilitate better adult learning. A discussion was had regarding employment and training opportunities arising from the construction process. Esteem's commitment to take on over 200 apprenticeships was welcomed.
350. Peter Latham-Warde asked about the capacity in the local labour market to deliver the project. Paul Brooke acknowledged it might be a problem but Esteem was committed to bringing positive benefits to local businesses. He added that using exclusively local companies wouldn't be possible so other regional and national companies would also inevitably be involved in the project.
351. Barry Schofield asked about the skills levels in Hull and the need for specific skills on the programme. Paul Brooke replied the local skill base was good but could be better. The BSF programme would improve skills and training for local people which would be good for Hull and future development projects.

#### **Agenda Item 5: Any other business**

352. There was no other business.

#### **Agenda Item 6: Dates of future meetings**

353. Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 3.00pm