

MINUTES: Steering Group

Tuesday 14th July 2009

The Octagon, Hull



PRESENT

Tony Cosgrove (Chair)
David Burnby
Richard Tuplin
Martin Cuthbert
Gordon Shields
John Sharp
Francesca Devine
Barry Schofield
Sue Dobbs
Paul Burnley
Paul Cowell
Jonathan Leafe
Nick Pontone

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Apologies for Absence

800. Apologies were received from Richard Brough, Linda Ellis, Paul Litten and Ian Kelly.

Agenda Item 2: Minutes

801. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2009 were agreed as a true and correct record.

Agenda Item 3: Matters arising

802. Marina: John Sharp reported that a meeting had been held between the Marina management and berth holders regarding the regeneration of the Marina. Concern was expressed about the lack of communication with Hull Forward about progress. It was suggested that this issue could be raised with John Holmes, Chief Executive of Hull Forward at the main Forum following the Steering Group.

803. Working Neighbourhoods Fund: Nick Pontone tabled a report detailing all of the Working Neighbourhoods Fund projects approved to date. The Steering Group asked for an update on the Multi-Area Agreement, which would share some joint economic targets with the East Riding. Paul Burnley reported that it was unlikely a Multi-Area Agreement would be taken forward. It was noted that a Humber-wide bid had been submitted to the 'Future Jobs Fund'.

804. Nick Pontone highlighted that both the Labour and Conservative parties were encouraging formalised joint working between neighbouring local authorities on economic, regeneration, planning and skills issues. Other 'city-regions' were further ahead in terms of their

governance arrangements which both helped them lobby harder for transport schemes and have more powers and funding devolved to them in future. It was felt the Forum should continue to promote joint working in the Humber along 'economic boundaries' and encourage local authorities to position themselves for potential future devolution.

805. A63 Castle Street: Nick Pontone reported that he would be attending a workshop organised by the Highways Agency to discuss the detailed options for the A63 Castle Street scheme. The proposed 'underground' and 'overground' options had undergone public consultation and the Highways Agency would propose a recommended scheme to Ministers at the end of 2009. Nick Pontone highlighted the importance of hitting this deadline to get the scheme in the roads programme, which would come under serious pressure due to the state of the public finances.

Agenda item 4: Business Forum Elections

806. Nick Pontone reported that the Forum had circulated an 'expressions of interest' form to all members for the Business Forum Steering Group and vacancies on the ONE HULL partnerships. There had been a significant amount of interest and a paper was tabled with the following recommendations:

HBF Steering Group

(five places for election with existing members able to stand for re-election)

Francesca Devine, Devine Law

Iain Bland, Paragon Data Services

Peter Duffield, Smailes Goldie

Linda Ellis, HOTA

John Britton, BCG Bridgepoint

HBF Business Advisory Group

Govind Manocha, Spring Estate Agents

Uche Akali, Hallmark Solicitors

Phil Batty, Force 7

Mark Willett, Mark Willett Partnership

Tony Anson, Gelder & Kitchen

Sue Dobbs, Premier Class Education

ONE HULL Environment & Climate Change Standing Advisory Group

Ron Warner, Abacus Consulting Engineering Ltd / AMEY plc

ONE HULL Earning Strategic Delivery Partnership

(in addition to the current Business Forum appointed chair and members)

Darren Glew, Eltherington Aluminium

ONE HULL Community Engagement and Empowerment Standing Advisory Group

Phil Batty, Force 7

ONE HULL Culture and Lifestyle Standing Advisory Group

John Gilbert, Eskimo Soup

807. The Steering Group agreed to the appointments for the ONE HULL partnerships and agreed to recommend to the main Forum that the five candidates for the five available places be elected.

808. The Steering Group noted that Sue Dobbs and Tony Anson would move onto the Business Advisory Group and the Chair thanked them for their contribution to the Forum. This was particularly the case for Sue Dobbs who was an original Steering Group member.
809. The only vacancy which had not been filled as part of the this election process was for the ONE HULL Equality and Cohesion Standing Advisory Group. Steering Group members were encouraged to propose any names of interested candidates.
810. The Chair queried the process for the election or re-election of the ONE HULL Business Forum Chair. Nick Pontone reported that the Business Forum members elected the Steering Group, who then elected a Chair from amongst their number. It was agreed to conduct an election for the Business Forum Chair and Vice-Chair(s) at the first Steering Group meeting in January 2010. Existing officers would be eligible for re-election.

Agenda item 5: Recession Response

811. Paul Burnley gave an update on the response of Yorkshire Forward to the recession which included measures to try to encourage business to access services such as Business Link Yorkshire and Train to Gain. It was noted that some types of support hadn't been widely promoted with a more targeted approach taken as resources were limited. The package put in place by Hull City Council, including the Local Work Guarantee was also noted.

Agenda item 6: Building Schools for the Future

812. Nick Pontone updated the Steering Group on the procurement process for Building Schools for the Future. He noted that the two bidders, Esteem and Balfour Beatty, would be submitting their bids in the coming weeks and would want to demonstrate a positive local impact both in terms of the supply chain and possibly links between education and local business.
813. The Steering Group agreed that there was the potential for considerable wider local benefit from the BSF programme, over and above the improvement in school facilities. They felt it was particularly important that the local supply chain opportunities were maximised and that the policies recently agreed on 'local benefit clauses' needed to be used positively. It was agreed that the Forum would work with bidders to maximise local opportunities where appropriate.

Agenda item 7: Preparation for the Quarterly Forum

814. The agenda for the 23rd Quarterly Business Forum which would follow the Steering Group was reviewed. Speakers would include the newly appointment Chairman of Hull Forward, Ian McIntosh, as well as his Chief Executive John Holmes and Jim Dick who would speak about the Cat Zero project.
815. Members were invited to submit ideas for the 24th Quarterly Forum which would be held on 20th October at the Ferens Art Gallery, possibly with a culture theme. It was agreed that possible speakers could include the work of the ONE HULL Culture & Lifestyle Partnership, The Deep Rivers project and possibly sport and the work of the Ferens Art Gallery itself. Jonathan Leafe also suggested that members be informed about the city's bid to be a 2018 World Cup venue as their support was important.
816. Looking to the future programme for 2010, John Sharp highlighted that a Forum linked to the General Election may be appropriate, perhaps with parliamentary candidates debating the

relevant issues. Francesca Devine highlighted that the issues relating to debt management plans and insolvencies were particularly relevant as the recession unfolded and a good speaker on this subject may be of interest. Martin Cuthbert reported that thousands of businesses and jobs in the region were at risk and research suggested the economy may not recover until 2015.

Agenda item 8: Reports

817. ONE HULL Executive Group – the Chair and Richard Tuplin reported that the Executive Group had now committed most of the Working Neighbourhoods Fund resources behind projects. The Enterprising Britain success for Hull also showed the importance of joint work between public and private sectors.
818. Earning Partnership – the partnership was undergoing a restructuring to improve delivery on the Earning targets in the Local Area Agreement.
819. Business Advisory Group – Barry Schofield indicated that he was unable to attend the last meeting but that David Calvert from the Environmental Technologies Centre of Industrial Collaboration had presented. The planning sub-committee had met on 26th June with the City Planner and a new sub-committee on parking was being established. John Holmes would be the guest at the next Business Advisory Group meeting.

Agenda item 9: Any Other Business

820. There was no other business

Agenda item 10: Dates of Future Meetings

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| 821. Steering Group: | Tuesday 8 th September at 12 noon
Tuesday 20 th October at 3.00pm |
| Business Forum: | Tuesday 20 th October 2009 at 4.30pm |