

MINUTES: Steering Group
Tuesday 19th May 2009
34/38 Beverley Road, Hull



PRESENT

Tony Cosgrove (Chair)
Gordon Shields
Paul Litten
John Sharp
Francesca Devine
Peter Duffield
Barry Schofield
Sue Dobbs
Paul Burnley
Laura Waites
Ben Delaney

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Apologies for Absence

787. Apologies were received from David Burnby, Richard Brough, Linda Ellis, Paul Cowell, Jonathan Leafe, Tony Anson, Richard Tuplin and Nick Pontone.

Agenda Item 2: Minutes

788. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th April 2009 were agreed as a true and correct record.

Agenda Item 3: Matters arising

789. John Sharp raised concerns regarding the redevelopment of the marina area and said there would be a meeting for berth holders in the near future to discuss the proposals.

Agenda item 4: Hull Deal

790. Paul Burnley gave an update on the Hull Deal which would consolidate the existing business support provision in a single package branded in an easily accessible way. A new printed publication would be produced and the project would be publicised via Hull in Print, the Hull Daily Mail and local banks were also supporting it. The support would be targeted at the disadvantaged areas but all businesses in the city would be eligible.

Agenda item 5: LAA Progress and WNF Projects

791. Laura Waites gave a presentation on the Local Area Agreement, the four ONE HULL Strategic Delivery Partnerships and their key areas of work and also spoke about the Working

Neighbourhoods Fund. She said Hull's allocation of WNF totalled £38 million which would be spent over a 3 year period and the priority areas for WNF were skills, employment, enterprise with several projects focused on the issue of NEETS. A second round of funding had been completed with a further 9 projects being approved. She explained a number of projects and the work they were doing to support people into employment.

792. Gordon Shields asked if there had been any progress made towards agreeing the Multi Area Agreement. Paul Burnley replied that there had been some difficulties in agreeing the MAA but he would find out the latest situation and report back.

Additional Paper

793. An additional paper was tabled regarding Hull City Council's response to the Highways Agency's public consultation on A63 Castle Street. Members were asked to support the Council's response which was to support the 'underground base' option. Members discussed at length the different options. The Chair proposed a vote on whether or not to support the Council's preferred option. 5 voted against and 3 members abstained.

Agenda item 6: Preparation for the Quarterly Forum

794. Ben Delaney said there would be elections for 6 positions on the Steering Group at the Forum meeting. It was suggested that an update on WNF spending would be of interest to Forum members.

Agenda item 7: Reports

795. ONE HULL Executive Group - There was nothing to report.
796. Earning Partnership – Ben Delaney said the previous meeting of the Earning Partnership had focused primarily on the Comprehensive Area Assessment but also included updates on Hull's economic situation, the ONE HULL Annual Conference and the Earnings Plan.
797. Business Advisory Group – Barry Schofield said the previous meeting was a very positive one with Nicola Yates as the guest speaker. Issues covered included the 'Blitz the Streets' campaign, parking in the city centre, procurement, social clauses and empty property. He added that a Parking and Planning sub-committees would be formed to look at the issues raised in more detail.

Agenda item 8: Any Other Business

798. There was no other business

Agenda item 9: Dates of Future Meetings

799. Steering Group: Tuesday 14th July 2009 at 3.00pm
 Tuesday 8th September at 12 noon
- Business Forum: Tuesday 14th July 2009 at 4.30pm