

Minutes from the Airedale Partnership Board meeting held 6 October
2:00pm Carnaud Metal Box

Present: Cllr Simon Cooke, (Chair) CBMDC
William Jowitt, Carnaud Metal Box
Trevor Higgins, BT
Mick Milner, Leach & Thompson
Cllr Lynne Joyce, CBMDC
David Gates, Bradford Vision

In Attendance: Andy Taylor (AT), Regeneration Manager (Airedale),
CBMDC
Robert Brough (RB), Brokerage & Network Coordinator
BMDC

1. Welcome and introductions:

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies:

2.1 Received from Jean McAllister (Learning Partnership), Bob Gomersall (Bradford Technology Group Ltd)

3. Minutes of the previous meeting:

3.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 21 July were agreed as correct and would be placed on the website.

4. Matters arising:

4.1 It was confirmed that a CD containing the masterplan baseline documents had been sent to the Board members.

4.2 Discussions regarding the development of a wireless hub in Airedale, eg., Saltaire had not yet taken place but would be progressed before the next Board meeting.

4.3 It was noted that the 3 Board members nominated at the last Board meeting had been interviewed by consultants on behalf of Arup to evaluate their performance in delivering the masterplan.

5. Declarations of interest:

5.1 These would be given at the appropriate time during the meeting.

6. Masterplan update: Andy Taylor

6.1 AT reported that the roadshows and consultation events have all been completed including the Bingley Show, and the feedback analysed. Specifically, feedback from Bingley and Shipley Town had shown that there is still a need for further publicity, consultation and discussion to explain the Town Centre masterplans to a wider audience.

- 6.2 An update of project progress had been previously circulated to the Board members, this was explained in detail and the Board endorsed and supported the progress and activities undertaken.
- 7. Draft Delivery Plan: Andy Taylor**
- 7.1 AT circulated a Draft Delivery Plan for the Airedale Masterplan which outlined a proposed delivery structure and work priorities to progress implementation. The Chair commented that he was not in favour of the option of a combined delivery team for the Airedale and Manningham Masterplan outlined in the document. His view was that a differing range of skills would be needed to deliver the 2 Masterplans and it was essential that Airedale had a dedicated team to champion its implementation. This view was supported by the Board.
- 7.2 Board members were asked to consider the document and forward comments to AT.
- 8. Rural Backdrop Workshop: Robert Brough**
- 8.1 An outline of the planned workshop was given by RB. The workshop will be held on 2nd November at the Bradford & Bingley Sports Club and aims to be the first step in implementing the rural elements of the plan by developing a strong partnership of organisations and delivery partners.
- 9. Board members homepage: Robert Brough**
- 9.1 As part of the continual development of the Airedale Partnership website the Board was asked whether they would like a member's page to be established to allow them to feedback and or discuss aspects of the plan plus get regular updates on progress. This was agreed.
- 10. Board membership: Andy Taylor**
- Cllr Lynne Joyce proposed that the Board consider additional membership to the Board following the receipt of an e-mail from Yorkshire Water. The Board agreed that it was timely to look at membership to ensure that the appropriate level of representation is achieved.
- 11. Local Enterprise Growth Initiative: Andy Taylor**
- 11.1 AT briefed the meeting on the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative. This is a Government initiative announced at the last budget to encourage and support enterprise in disadvantaged communities. Those 88 authorities eligible for NRF funding can apply in an annual bidding round. LEGI will be worth £50 million in 2006-07, rising to £150 million per year by 2008-09, subject to confirmation in the next Spending Review. Not all eligible local areas will receive financial support from LEGI, with 10 bids being agreed in each bidding round. The deadline for the 1st round is 9 December and officers of the Regeneration and Housing department were currently developing Bradford's submission.

11.2 Although supportive of Bradford's bid for LEGI funding, the Board commented that any bid should support the implementation of the Airedale Masterplan and bring real benefits to business in the area.

12. AOB:

12.1 There was discussion on the need for regular publicity and promotion about the work of the Partnership and the implementation of the Masterplan. A feature in Yorkshire Life was suggested.

12.2 AT informed the Board that discussions had been held with the Council's communications team to develop an e-bulletin that can be sent out at regular intervals to businesses and organisations etc

12.3 It was agreed that the Chair and AT would meet with Duncan Thorne from the Council's Press Office to discuss a programme of publicity.

13. Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 1 December 2005 venue to be agreed