

**Minutes from the Airedale Partnership Board meeting held on the 26th
November 2009 at the Airedale Partnership Offices Keighley**

Present: Cllr Adrian Naylor, BMDC (Chair)
Mick Milner, Leach & Thompson
Bob Gomersall, BTL Ltd
Nav Chohan, Shipley College
Adam Cairns, Airedale Hospital
William Jowitt, Associate Member
Susan Mendoza, Airedale Shopping Centre
Steve Ding, bmedia
Steve Brown, Baker Tilley

In Attendance: Andy Taylor, Airedale Partnership
Robert Brough, Airedale Partnership
Paul North, Airedale Partnership
John Eaglesham, Advanced Digital Institute

1.0 Welcome and Introductions

- 1.1 Introductions were given and everyone was welcomed to the meeting. There were three new Board members attending for the first time, they were welcomed by the Chair.
The new members gave a brief history of their background and experience they will bring to the Board.

2.0 Apologies

- 2.1 Apologies were received from Trevor Higgins, Roslyn Beattie, and Khadim Hussain.

3.0 Declaration of Interest

- 3.1 These would be noted as and when they occurred during the meeting.

4.0 Minutes of the previous meeting

- 4.1 The minutes of the meetings held on the 10th September were agreed and will be published on the Partnership's website.

5.0 Matters arising

- 5.1 There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

6.0 The Advanced Digital Institute, John Eaglesham (CEO)

- 6.1 John gave a brief presentation on the progress of the ADI and its future direction.

The ADI aims to:

To catalyse economic growth in Yorkshire by stimulating and leading more innovation and R&D activity in technology-based business, and driving cross-sector exploitation of this innovation.

Headline progress and benefits from the ADI s:

- Strong commercial revenue forecast for 2010

- 13 R&D projects currently running including 5 at the proposal stage
- Two Technology Strategy Board feasibility study projects have been awarded to the ADI
- The Centre for Connected Health strand of the businesses is on track for approval through Yorkshire Forward
- Four companies are currently being incubated in the ADI
- Currently reviewing funding strategies for 2010 onwards

In summary the ADI:

Already a success story, driving growth and becoming part of the business fabric of the Yorkshire Region.

It is Activist, Independent, Creative and Focussed in the way it functions

Is just starting to accelerate and realise the potential for this model
Should retain its unique public/private vantage point - keep mix of public and private funding

Agreed: That the Board endorses and fully supports the continued development of the ADI as one of the masterplans 5 priority projects

7.0 Masterplan update, Andy Taylor

7.1 Andy Taylor updated the Board on progress with the masterplan and its priority projects since the last meeting.

Key progress included:

- The establishment of a working group to develop a solution for Saltaire roundabout as part of the Connecting Airedale project
- The progression of the ADI as per details above
- A map has been produced for the Airedale Greenway and is being distributed throughout the district
- The completion of the main construction phase of the Leeds City College, Keighley Campus.

Agreed: That the Board notes the progress with the masterplan and agrees the action taken to progress projects.

8.0 Airedale Implementation Group Update, Andy Taylor

8.1 The Full Business Plan for the Buck Lane development has been submitted to Yorkshire Forward (YF) and a decision is expected by the end of the year. YF have commissioned a cost benefit analysis as part of the appraisal for the Centre for Connected Health. Comments from the NHS have also been requested. Work is continuing on the collaborative development of the High Value Manufacturing Institute.

Agreed:

- (i) That progress with the Airedale Implementation Group be noted and agreed by the Board.

- (ii) That the proposal for the High Value Manufacturing Institute be discussed in detail at the next Board meeting.

9.0 Airedale Partnership Next Steps Meeting

- 9.1 In previous years the priorities of the Partnership and progress of the delivery of the Airedale Masterplan has been reviewed on a special away day meeting. In the light of the changed economic environment and a period of public funding constraints the Board commented that such a review was timely.

Agreed: That a review meeting be held in January/February 2010 to review current progress against the masterplan and look at future priorities and funding opportunities etc. Proposed date and agenda to be agreed at the next Board meeting.

10.0 Future agenda plan

- 10.1 The future agenda plan content has been agreed up to our last meeting of this financial year on the 8th April 2010

11.0 Press coverage

- 11.1 Press coverage since the last Board meeting was circulated to the Board

12.0 AOB

- 12.1 **Masterplan publicity:** It was agreed that an update on the progress of the masterplan would be sent to the local press.

The next meeting will be held on the 7th January 2010 at 2:00pm at the Airedale Partnership offices in Keighley