

**Minutes from the Airedale Partnership Board meeting held 16 March
2006 at 14:00 at Carnaud Metal Box, Shipley**

Present: Mick Milner (Deputy Chair), Leach & Thompson
William Jowitt, Carnaud Metal Box
Cllr Lynne Joyce, CBMDC
Jean McAllister, the Learning Partnership
Trevor Higgins, BT

In Attendance: Andy Taylor, Regeneration Manager CBMDC
Robert Brough, Network & Brokerage Co-ordinator
Dave West, Regeneration Projects Manager

1. Welcome and Introductions:

1.1 The Deputy Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were given.

2. Apologies:

2.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Simon Cooke (Chair) and Bob Gomersall (Bradford Technology Group Ltd)

3. The Bradford Canal Feasibility Study:

3.1 Dave West gave a presentation on the history, background, feasibility and route of the proposed new Shipley to Bradford Canal.

3.2 The Board thanked Dave for his presentation and gave their full support to the project particularly in its links to the Airedale Masterplan. The Board also agreed to give whatever assistance possible to achieve its successful implementation.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting 19 January 2006:

4.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record.

5. Matters arising:

5.1 There were no matters arising, any items would be covered under the agenda.

6. Declaration of interest:

6.1 This would be stated as and when it occurred during the meeting

7. Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS):

7.1 A paper on the Regional Spatial Strategy was circulated with the agenda. Andy Taylor outlined that Airedale (including the valley up to Skipton) had been identified as one of key areas of growth within the Leeds City Region. The Yorkshire and Humber Regional Assembly had appointed a consultant to review the action necessary to implement the growth areas identified in the RSS. One of the possible implications for the Partnership was a review of the cross-boundary partnership arrangements with Craven District and a strategic approach across

Airedale to the funding of the infrastructure necessary to support development.

- 7.2 The Board welcome the focus of the RSS on Airedale and agreed in principle to a review of partnership arrangements if this was necessary to implement the growth area.

8. Masterplan progress report:

- 8.1 A paper was circulated with the agenda which updated the Board on progress against all of the five priority projects identified in the masterplan. Andy Taylor informed the meeting that that progress was being made with all the projects, with funding now agreed for the ADI.

- 8.2 The GIS page on the Partnership website should be active over the next couple of weeks with our first map showing progress on the 5 priority projects.

- 8.3 The Board noted the progress with implementation.

9. Airedale Partnership Events:

- 9.1 A business network event is being held on 23rd March for businesses in the Dalton Lane area of Keighley and another is being planned for the Dockfield Road area of Shipley for June.

- 9.2 An event is being planned for May to look at progress with the masterplan one year on. Targeted at developers and agents this outline key achievements to date plus analyse investment and changes in rental and land values since the launch of the masterplan.

10. AOB:

- 10.1 Trevor Higgins raised the point that the masterplan has created lots of interest and there seems to be a buzz around the area especially considering progress that has been made so far, he wanted to thank Andy and Robert for all the hard work they had put in so far.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 25th May 2006 at 2:00pm