

**Minutes from the Airedale Partnership Board meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
April 2009 at Mercury House Bradford**

**Present:** Mick Milner, Leach & Thompson  
William Jowitt  
Trevor Higgins, BT

**In Attendance:** Andy Taylor, Airedale Partnership  
Robert Brough, Airedale Partnership  
Mike Osborne, Arup  
Peter Shuttleworth, BDP  
Stuart Batho, BDP  
David Codling, CBRE  
Mike Bridge, YF

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**1.0 Welcome and Introductions**

1.1 Introductions were given and everyone was welcomed to the meeting

**2.0 Apologies**

2.1 Apologies were received from Adam Cairns, Bob Gomersall, Jean McAllister, and Cllr Adrian Naylor

**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 meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009, were agreed and will be published on the Partnership's website

**5.0 Matters arising**

5.1 There were no matters arising

**6.0 BDP Consultants – Keighley Mixed Use Development**

6.1 Representatives from BDP presented a range of options for the mixed use development in Keighley that will replace the existing Leeds City College, Keighley Campus in the town centre. BDP were commissioned in December 2008.

The presentation covered four key areas: The Study Aims, Baseline Findings, Market Review, Draft Options and Next Steps

A lengthy discussion followed the presentation looking at the benefits and drawbacks of the possible options.

**Agreed:** The Board asked that further development and reduction of the number of the possible options be undertaken prior to a wider consultation process in late spring

## **7.0 Masterplan update**

7.1 Andy Taylor updated the Board on progress with the masterplan since the last meeting (a report had been circulated to the Board members previously).

Key updates include:

- the Advanced Digital Institute has now moved to the Waterfront Building in Saltaire
- A review of the Connecting Airedale Project will be needed to see how any of the different elements of the project can be taken forward and implemented following the decision of the RTB.
- continuing to work with key stakeholders to identify how and what regeneration can take place at Keighley station a key gateway to the town and one of the masterplan's priority projects
- Consultation on the redevelopment of the old Keighley College site in the town centre will be underway during late spring 2009
- Central Hall has now received key funding from the lottery which will enable its regeneration to take place

**Agreed** – The Board noted and supported progress to date

## **8.0 Airedale Economic data**

8.1 Andy Taylor presented a brief report on economic data for Airedale which would be presented to the Board on a quarterly basis.

**Agreed** – The Board noted the data and requested that the availability of other information such as the number of businesses, level of home working etc be investigated.

## **9.0 Task & Finish Group update**

9.1 The Outline Business Plan for the umbrella project has been finalised and is in the process of being approved by the relevant teams in Yorkshire Forward. It is expected to be signed off over the next couple of weeks.

**Agreed** – progress be noted.

## **10.0 Future meeting dates**

10.1 Future Board dates for the next 8 meetings (2009/10) were circulated for consideration

**Agreed** – The Board agreed to confirm the dates by the end of April 2009

## **11.0 Future Agenda Plan**

11.1 The Board was asked to identify items to be discussed at future meetings.

The following list was suggested:

- Update on ASDA (Keighley) development
- Transport progress update (Keighley)
- 5 Rise development (Bingley) update
- Rural Development
- Groundwork UK Dalton Lane Final Report
- Advanced Digital Institute future strategy
- BDP consultation feedback
- Task and Finish progress

**Agreed** – The future agenda plan will be developed by the next meeting and presented to the Board

## **12.0 Press Coverage**

12.1 A February and March press cuttings update was circulated to the Board, it included 15 items related to the masterplan from various local media

**Agreed** – The Board noted the report

## **13.0 AOB**

13.1 **Superfast Broadband** – Trevor Higgins gave an update to the Board on the progress of BT's plan to make Superfast Broadband available to 60% of the UK by 2012. The first phase of roll-out will make broadband speeds of up to 40Mb/s available to more than 40,000 homes and businesses early next year. There were three areas within West Yorkshire that were included in this phase of the programme but none were in Airedale.

The Airedale Partnership had actively supported Superfast Broadband and had offered to actively help stimulate take up following provision of the service within Airedale. The next set of locations, serving a further million homes and businesses will be announced in the autumn.

**Agreed** - The Board would continue to press for Airedale exchanges to be included in the next tranche of exchanges and re-affirmed its commitment to stimulate demand to make the economic case for investment.

13.2 Mike Osborne informed the Board that there was an opportunity to enter Keighley for the next Enterprising Towns competition. Following a brief discussion a decision was agreed and action set out below.

**Agreed** – Mick Milner would look at this and make the necessary contacts to take this forward.

**The next meeting will be held at 2:00pm on the 28th May 2009 at the Airedale Partnership Offices, Keighley**

