

NEW DEAL NEW HORIZONS

Company Number 4582937
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**Minutes of a Board Meeting held at
 Blakenall Village Centre
 on Wednesday 26th March 2008
 at 6.30pm**

1. In Attendance

Tom Perrett - Chair

Directors

John Jones - Patch Representative 3
 Mick Taylor - Patch Representative 4
 Albert Hodgkins - Patch Representative 5
 Marc Ali - Patch Representative 6
 Mervyn Stonard - Patch Representative 7
 Christine Hateley - Patch Representative 9
 Charlie Robertson - Patch Representative 14
 Stan Lyons - Patch Representative 16
 Cliff Webb - Patch Representative 18
 Keith Meeson - Patch Representative 19
 Margaret Rowley - Patch Representative 20
 Doug Gill - Patch Representative 21 (Vice Chair)
 Ray Walters - Patch Representative 22
 Paul Jay - Business Representative
 Bill Smith - Local Trader Representative
 Tony Stainer - Education Representative
 Sam Ramaiah - Health Representative
 Jo Byrne - West Midlands Police Representative

Officers

Paul Rowlands - Chief Executive
 Beverley Mycock - Personal Assistant (Minutes)
 Louise Biffin - Finance Manager
 Mike Brice - Neighbourhood Manager
 Dick Hackett - Performance Manager
 Steve Pooni - Housing and Environmental Theme Manager
 David Benbow - Crime and Community Safety Theme Manager
 Jo Basra - Project Officer (Stan Ball Centre)
 Simon Lee - Anthony Collins Solicitors

Observers

Tim Johnson - Accountable Body
 Aric Lacoste - E.R.S.
 Jackie Copley - Atkins

Apologies and Confirmation Of Quorum

Graham Morris - Patch Representative 11
 Roy Jones - Patch Representative 13
 Alan Venables - Patch Representative 17
 Josh Baggott - Young Persons Representative
 Jamie McDonald - Young Persons Representative
 Les Beeley - Walsall Council Representative

Ian Robertson	-	Stakeholder Representative
Jean Jevons	-	Community and Voluntary Sector Representative
Bob Crundwell	-	Economic Development Manager
Harjinder Singh	-	Health Theme Manager
Paul Bradley	-	Government Office for the West Midlands

It was noted that a quorum was present being one third of the Directors for the time being of whom the majority must be Resident Directors – Article 25.1.

Agenda Item		ACTION
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>i. Marc Ali and Mick Taylor both declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 entitled “Stan Ball / Green Rivers Update and Agenda Item 13 entitled “Stan Ball Centre”. Agenda Item 13 was held in private session at the end of the meeting.</p>	
3 & 5	<p>Minutes of Previous Meetings</p> <p>i. Approvals Meeting held on 19th February 2008 Paul Jay reported that he had not attended this meeting. His name was correctly included in the apologies but the minutes reported that he had seconded an agenda item. The Chief Executive stated that he would investigate.</p> <p>ii. Special Approvals / Board Meeting of 4th March 2008</p> <p>iii. Board meeting of 30th January 2008</p> <p>iv. Special Board meeting of 27th February 2008</p> <p>It was proposed that the remaining minutes were true records of the meetings and that there were no matters arising. Proposed:- Bill Smith. Seconded:- John Jones. The Board voted unanimously.</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>To note</p>
4.	<p>Project Reports</p> <p>Work on Horizon Interim Evaluation</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Manager introduced and informed the Board of the key findings of an independent interim evaluation conducted by E.R.S. to ascertain the extent to which the outputs of the project had been met and to identify success, good practice and lessons learnt.</p> <p>Aric Lacoste from ERS presented his evaluation of the above project and highlighted the recommendations to be addressed to ensure the project achieves its stated goals.</p> <p>Tim Johnson of the Accountable Body reported that the Local Area Agreement (LAA) was looking for a ‘common’ agenda for the Council and all agencies. Alignment with the LAA would help with our succession strategy. The Chair of the Employment Theme invited Tim Johnson to attend the next Employment Theme Group and recommended that there be a strong alignment with the Local Area Agreement through the Council and other agencies.</p> <p>The Chief Executive welcomed the recommendation and proposal.</p>	

	<p>iv. Domestic Violence The Crime and Community Safety Theme Manager requested authority to bridge fund the Domestic Violence project until prior consideration can be given by the Theme prior to an Approvals Sub Committee.</p> <p>He explained that the new project would be aimed specifically at the New Deal area. The project would work out of the Young Persons information Centre and operate on One to One sessions and that there would also be some delivery within specific schools.</p> <p>Bill Smith requested that the first recommendation be changed to state:-</p> <p>i) agree to bridge fund the project until the new project goes to an Approvals Sub Committee and to stop the bridge funding if the project is not approved.</p> <p>Proposed:- John Jones. Seconded:- Charlie Robertson. The Board voted unanimously.</p> <p>The Board resolved to:-</p> <p>i) agree to bridge fund the project until the new project goes to an Approvals Sub Committee and to stop funding if the project is not approved</p> <p>ii) agree that a redefined project be brought back to the next available Crime and Community Safety Theme meeting and subsequent Approvals Sub Committee for consideration.</p> <p>Proposed:- Tony Stainer. Seconded:- Mick Taylor. The Board voted unanimously.</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Crime Theme Manager</p>
5.	<p>Correspondence There were no items of correspondence.</p>	
7.	<p>Delivery Plan 2008/09 and Forward Programme 2009-2011 The report was tabled on the evening of the Board meeting due to awaiting details from the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG). The Chief Executive presented the report in detail and informed the Board of the difficulties staff had faced in developing the Plan due to the inconsistent advice and guidance from Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) and how this impacts upon the normal timetable for approval.</p> <p>The Chief Executive stated that there may be a possibility that achieving NDC's may be entitled to receive underspend from under performing NDC's for the remaining years, to avoid the CLG losing any of the funding.</p> <p>The Board resolved to:-</p> <p>i) approve the draft Delivery Plan for 2008/09 – 2011 as detailed in the report and set out within its appendices</p>	<p>To note</p>

	<p>ii) delegate the final editing and submission of the Plan to GOWM to the Chief Executive and Chair / Vice Chair, subject to meeting the requirements of GOWM given the extraordinary circumstances referred to in the report</p> <p>iii) note that early and ongoing discussions by the Board need to take place to effectively manage the “over programming” element in order to safeguard the interests of ND: NH going forward and that Planned Delivery supports and enables the Development / Succession Plan for beyond 2011.</p> <p>Proposed:- Doug Gill. Seconded:- Mervyn Stonard. The Board voted unanimously.</p>	<p>Chief Executive /Chair/ Vice Chair</p> <p>To note</p>
9.	<p>Scheme of Delegations for Board Development and Promotions Sub Committee</p> <p>The Performance Manager proposed amendments to the Scheme of Delegations for the Board Development and Promotions Sub Committee as discussed at their meeting on 10th March 2008 as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To change the name of the Board Development and Promotions Sub Committee to <u>Communications and Promotions Sub Committee</u> • To change the format of the meeting to accommodate an <u>open session</u> for all Board members who are not members of the sub committee. It is proposed that this would take place for the first half hour of the meeting • The establishment of a <u>ChTatter Meeting</u> for all Board members, timetabled before publication to discuss “copy” material for the magazine <p>The Board resolved to:-</p> <p>i) approve the recommendations of the Board Development and Promotions Sub Committee to amend its name to the “Communications and Promotions Sub Committee”</p> <p>ii) approve the changes to the Scheme of Delegations in relation to the proposals detailed above.</p> <p>Proposed:- Stan Lyons. Seconded:- Bill Smith. The Board voted unanimously.</p>	<p>To note</p> <p>ACS</p>
10.	<p>Performance Management Review 2007/08</p> <p>The Board resolved to:-</p> <p>i) note that a PMR (2007/08), attached at appendix 1 of the report has been forwarded to CLG for consideration.</p>	To note

