

SOUTH TEES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (STDC) BOARD

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Date: 27th January 2021

Time: 2 pm

TEAMS Meeting

Attendees:		Apologies:
Ben Houchen (Chair)	Tees Valley Mayor	Andy Preston, Mayor of Middlesbrough
Paul Booth	TV LEP	
Graham Robb	Recognition PR	
Sir Alan Cockshaw	Independent Member	
Jacob Young	Member of Parliament	
David Smith	Energy Networks UK	
Mary Lanigan	Leader, RCBC	
John Sampson	MD, RCBC	
Tom Smyth	BEIS, Interim Government Representative	
Julie Gilhespie	TVCA, STDC Group	
Gary MacDonald	TVCA, STDC Group	
John McNicholas	STDC	
Mike Russell	STDC	
Gerard Armstrong	STDC	
Chris Harrison	Joint Venture Partner	
Peter Judge	TVCA	
Sharon Jones (Secretariat)	TVCA	

No.	Agenda Item	Summary of Discussion	Actions Required	Responsibility
1.	Welcome and introductions	The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.		
2.	Apologies for Absence	Apologies were given as noted above. ML joined the meeting at Item 11.		
3.	Declarations of Interest	GR declared that Cleveland Bridge is a client of his company. JY declared an interest in Item 9 as Chair of the Heritage Taskforce. TS declared an interest in the Freeport discussion to take place after close of the formal meeting.		
4.	Minutes of previous meetings	The minutes of the meeting held on 25 th November 2020 were agreed as a true record.		
5.	Chair's Update	The Chair informed Members that the Freeport application will be submitted to Government on or before 5 th February. A verbal update will be provided to Members, for information, following the close of this meeting.		

6.	Group CEO Update	<p>A report was circulated from the Group CEO providing an update on key activity within STDC since the last meeting.</p> <p>Resolved that the report was noted.</p>		
7.	Governance & Appointments	<p>A report circulated was circulated summarising changes to membership of STDC committees which have taken place since the previous Board meeting.</p> <p>Resolved that the Board agreed to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appoint the deputy leader of both Middlesbrough Council and Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council to the Board to attend and vote in the absence of their leader. • The updated TOR for Group Audit and Risk Committee which reflect that the VC is to be appointed from the nominated members. Previous ToR stated that the VC must be a Non-Executive Director of the Board. 		
8.	Finance Update	<p>A paper was circulated providing a Finance and Medium-Term Plan update.</p> <p>TS advised that Legislation has been laid for an affirmative order on The Non-Domestic Rating (Designated Area) Regulations 2021 https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2021/9780348218862</p> <p>Resolved that the Board agreed to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the finance update provided • Endorse the updated medium-term plan for the three years to 31 March 2023 		

9.	Heritage Taskforce Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report was circulated providing recommendations from The Teesworks Heritage Taskforce. • It was suggested that Natural England & Tees Valley Nature Partnership should be included in the working Partnerships as detailed in the report. • It was noted that there is still more work for the Taskforce to do regarding some of the recommendations in the report. It is important that the Heritage of the site is reserved as far as possible. Once developed, a Strategic Plan from the Heritage Taskforce will be brought back to Board for consideration. <p>Resolved that the Board agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that the Blast Furnace be dismantled • that a plan is put in place to identify and record what materials and artefacts of industrial architecture from the Blast Furnace should be salvaged to create one or more Blast Furnace memorials or displays on the Teesworks site and/or at other locations, but not at the current location of the Blast Furnace • that work on assessing the future of the Dorman Long coal bunker aka ‘Dorman Long Tower’ at South Bank as a potential retained built asset on the site be continued and following this further work, the Taskforce will make recommendation/s on this asset • that an assets recovery plan will be developed as soon as possible and put in place for the site to ensure that, as far as practicable, relevant and important artefacts are catalogued, archived appropriately and/or relocated to appropriate locations such as accredited archives and museums • that a clear strategic plan be developed with local communities which will be adopted by the Combined Authority to capture, record, recognise and share the cultural, economic and industrial heritage of the Teesworks site. 		
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10.	<p>Site EHS Management Update</p>	<p>The Chair proposed and Board agreed to pass a resolution to exclude the press and public under paragraph 3 of part 1 of schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972, in order to allow Board to consider matters of a commercially confidential nature.</p> <p>A report was circulated providing an update on the key EHS activity on the site since the last meeting.</p> <p>It was advised that once the newly constituted Site Company Board is in place then more detailed reports will be provided to STDC Board.</p> <p>An update was given on meetings that have taken place recently with HSE. JG provided HSE with a presentation detailing how the different companies will work together moving forward and the Group structure that is in place. The meetings went very well and HSE are satisfied with what is in place.</p> <p>PB advised that the demolition of the ammonia scrubbers is due to start in March. STDC are working closely with the police and HSE, and in line with Covid restrictions, to ensure that all requirements are met in advance of work starting.</p> <p>Resolved that the detail of the report is noted.</p>		

11.	Electricity Infrastructure JV Procurement Update	<p>A report was circulated providing an update on the procurement exercise to secure a joint venture (JV) partner for the electrical infrastructure project.</p> <p>Discussion took place around the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were grateful to have further clarification and assurance regarding the JV and felt that all questions have been answered sufficiently. • PWN exclusivity – It was discussed and determined that matters regarding the PWN would be negotiation and discussion and will be agreed on a case by case basis and not enforced as a requirement of investors. <p>Resolved that the Board agreed to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option 4 as the best balance of risk and reward based on the further information now provided and the appointment of a preferred bidder • The delegation of all necessary legal, financial, commercial and related documentation to implement this transaction to the Chair in consultation with the Group CEO and Director of Finance and resources and the Monitoring Officer 		
		A discussion on Freeports took place following the close of the meeting.		
12.	Date & Time of Next Meeting	TBC		