

## Leicester Regeneration Company

### LEICESTER REGENERATION COMPANY

#### Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Monday 24 April 2006 at 5.00pm at Halford House

##### Present:

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| Neil Morris (Chair)         | Angela Lennox       |
| Neil Bradbury (to 6.45pm)   | Joanna Griffin-Shaw |
| Don Kotak                   | Brian Goddard       |
| David Seviour               | Andrew Granger      |
| Nick Townsend               | Stephen Mee         |
| Roman Scuplak (from 5.30pm) | John Nicholls       |

##### In attendance:

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| Stephen Compton                      | Dominic Browne |
| Jim Johnston                         | Ann Lamin      |
| Nicola Marshall                      |                |
| Michael Thompson - Presentation only |                |

##### **Note: Freedom of Information Act**

*This is a full set of minutes, except for any exempted items, as indicated in LRC's Publication Scheme, which is also published on this website.*

|   |  | <i>Action:</i> |
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|   | <p><b>Presentation on City Growth Strategy</b></p> <p>Michael Thompson of LSEP outlined the salient points of the City Growth Strategy. Hard copy of the strategy had previously been circulated to board members. Key themes are sustainability, innovation, passion, cross cutting and working in partnership. Clusters meetings are taking place and action plans will be formulated to inform funding bids and delivery mechanisms. The initiative will be driven by the companies themselves through gaining knowledge and increased communication.</p> <p>Comments included the need to work with partners and existing schemes and the need to build on what has already been done. The Strategy is being submitted to LCC Cabinet as an opportunity for LCC to engage particularly with regard to education and city profile issues.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Michael Thompson for his presentation and commended the work being done to help businesses grow and succeed.</p> |                |
| 1 | <p><b>Welcome and Apologies:</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Ian Lodder, Tot Brill, Jeff Miller and Roy Coley.</p>   |                |

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| 2 | <p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b></p> <p>John Nicholls            Heart of the National Forest Big Lottery Bid</p> <p>Nick Townsend            LSEP – Heart of the National Forest Big Lottery Bid</p> <p>Joanna Griffin-Shaw    Pick Everard Environmental project - Waterside</p>   |  |
| 3 | <p><b>Minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2006</b><br/>The minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2006 were approved as circulated.</p>  |  |
| 4 | <p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <p><b>Item 4:</b> It was recommended and agreed that the HR and Nominations Committees become one group with Neil Morris, Angela Lennox, Neil Bradbury and Roman Scuplak. It was agreed that Neil Morris would contact the University of Leicester and De Montfort University to nominate potential LRC board members to fill the existing vacancy.</p> <p>It was further agreed that no formal Board Vice Chair would be appointed, rather that individual board members would be asked to deputise or lead on particular issues as appropriate.</p>  |  |
|   | <p><b>Item 5.2:</b> The Three Cities Bid has now been submitted and the result awaited.</p>   |  |
|   | <p><b>Item 5.3:</b> Point Island - The bid has succeeded to the longlist of 70 before selection of a final 8. The Millennium Commission are visiting the site in May. The LCC bid for the Market has not been successful and Roman Scuplak now confirmed LCC support for Point Island, led by Tot Brill. This would include both financial support and land contribution. Nick Townsend confirmed LSEP support as match-funding of the LCC financial contribution. LRC reiterated support and assistance with land acquisition.</p> <p>Angela Lennox will follow through with LSPL on the Point Island project and advise progress to the LRC board as appropriate.</p> |  |
|   | <p><b>Item 5.4.2:</b> Abbey Meadows West - Land uses have been agreed and proposals are being now submitted to the <b>May</b> Emda board.</p>   |  |
|   | <p><b>Item 7.1: Steering groups</b> - David Seviour had now agreed to chair the new Housing Group. John Nicholls would circulate details of groups to board members.</p>  |  |
| 5 | <p><b>Chair and Chief Executive's reports:</b></p> <p>5.1 <b>Chair's Report:</b></p> <p>5.1.1 The Nominations Committee is making recommendations following staff reviews and details will be emailed to board members.</p> <p>5.1.2 15 Chairs, including LRC Chair, from a total of 21 URCs attended the second URC Chairs' meeting. The opportunity for</p>   |  |

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|       | <p>liaison and introductions was considered useful and several URCs are now considering their future following implementation of their Masterplan.</p> <p>5.1.3 Neil Morris will make a presentation on LRC to the Archbishop of Canterbury at Leicester Cathedral's Big Day Out on 3 June.</p> <p>5.1.4 LRC funders' responses to the Business Plan were recorded as follows:</p> <p>(1) Brian Goddard confirmed that Emda are finalising their formal response.</p> <p>(2) Neil Bradbury confirmed that EP do not formally approve business plans but broad agreement to the LRC plan and support was confirmed. EP will consider applications on a project by project basis. Neil Bradbury confirmed his resignation from the LRC board as he was leaving EP at the end of May. John Walker from EP will be appointed Regional Director as replacement.</p> <p>(3) Roman Scuplak advised that the LRC Business Plan was not yet formally approved, but no difficulties were anticipated and approval should be confirmed in due course.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the funders for their support and also thanked Neil Bradbury for his contribution to the LRC board.</p> |  |
| 5.2   | <b>Chief Executive's Report:</b>  |  |
| 5.2.1 | <p><b>Board project monitoring charts:</b></p> <p>The Board agreed the adoption of the "traffic light" format. John Nicholls would circulate monitoring charts for the whole LRC programme.</p>   |  |
| 5.2.2 | <p><b>Projects:</b></p> <p><b>John Ellis School</b></p> <p>Steve Compton outlined progress and detailed drawings were on display. Tenders were being scored and presented to the Steering group on 28 April for a recommendation to the May board meeting.</p>  |  |
|       | <p><b>Abbey Meadows West</b></p> <p>Steve Compton outlined progress. Brian Goddard pointed out that the financial appraisal has yet to be agreed between Ingleby and Emda's agent. The site housing and parking provision was reviewed. The Board agreed that the Steering Group would review at the meeting on 28 April and if appropriate recommend the proposal to Emda for funding. It was confirmed that, if appropriate, the Steering Group should report any reservations to the Board before approval.</p>  |  |
|       | <p><b>New Community</b></p> <p>LRC are brokering agreement between the developer and LCC.</p>   |  |
|       | <p><b>Waterside</b></p> <p>Ian Simpson Architects will present plans to the May meeting. Joanna Griffin-Shaw declared an interest in the project through Pick</p>   |  |

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|  | <p>Everard.</p> <p>It was confirmed that developers are working to government density and land requirements on brownfield sites through provision of apartments, but concern on the legislation was registered. It was confirmed that the SPD sets out requirements on heights and the need for a level of understanding was reiterated.</p>  |  |
| 5.2.3  | <p><b>LCC Member/officer working group on developer contributions:</b><br/>Roman Scuplak outlined the aims and progress of the group. The aim is a user friendly "one stop shop" at LCC for developers - ie one person who will deal with the developer and competing sections within LCC. What could be funded in an area by using funds other than developer contributions would be identified.</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Item 6 was taken as the last item of the meeting. Due to conflicts of interest Roman Scuplak and Joanna Griffin-Shaw left the meeting before this item was discussed. Neil Bradbury also left the meeting at this point.</b></p> |   |  |
| 6  | <p><b>New Business Quarter Phase II report:</b><br/>The report as circulated was reviewed. It was agreed to defer the meeting of the Steering Group from 28 April as arranged until 15/16 May when it was anticipated that more information on Phase II proposals would be available. The Steering Group would be asked to review the information and recommend proposals to the May board meeting.</p> |  |
| <p><b>Items 7 and 8 were discussed prior to Item 6 which was taken as the last item on the agenda.</b></p>   |   |  |
| 7  | <p><b>Any other business:</b><br/>Roman Scuplak offered LCC as host to LRC and funders workshops to review project progress as appropriate.</p>   |  |
| 8  | <p><b>Date of next meeting:</b><br/>22 May 2006, Halford House - 1700 hours<br/>Acting Chair to be nominated<br/>Apologies noted: Neil Morris and Nick Townsend</p>   |  |

Signed :.....  
Neil Morris : Chairman

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