

LEICESTER REGENERATION COMPANY

**Minutes of the Board Meeting
held on Monday 27 February 2006
at 5.00pm at Halford House**

Present:

Angela Lennox (Meeting Chair)	Neil Bradbury (to 6.45pm)
Tot Brill	Joanna Griffin-Shaw
Don Kotak	Brian Goddard
Roman Scuplak	Stephen Mee
Nick Townsend (from 6.00pm)	John Nicholls

In attendance:

David Beale	Stephen Compton (to 6.00pm)
Jim Johnston	Dominic Browne
Ann Lamin	

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.

Action:

1 Welcome and Apologies:

The Chair welcomed Tot Brill to the meeting and to the LRC Board.

Apologies were received from Neil Morris, Roy Coley, Ian Lodder, Andrew Granger and David Seviour.

The Chair advised that John Plumridge had indicated his intention to resign from the LRC Board due to pressure of work.

The Nominations Committee would review a replacement board appointment to complement existing board member skills.

2 Declarations of Interest:

There were no additional declarations of interest.

3 Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2006 were agreed as circulated.

4 Matters arising:

Item 4 - Relocations

A review and update on identified pilot sites would be made to the March board meeting.

Item 7.2 - PCT liaison

Arrangements would be made for meeting in May with the PCTs to

review the relationship between development and the provision of primary health care within the LRC areas. The PCTs had indicated it was not possible to meet before then.

Item 7.5 - LCCAS

LCC confirmed a review of the contractual liability issues through ESPO.

5 Chief Executive's Report:

5.1 LRC Consultancy spend:

Reviewed as circulated. It was agreed that the LRC Board and Steering Groups will continue to ensure agreed processes are followed in consultancy selection together with evaluation of value for money and working to a cost ceiling. It was agreed that sufficient planning time and risk assessment were necessary on all projects. Consideration should be given to packages of consultancy work as a whole prior to commissioning. These disciplines would be outlined to the project groups as each project commenced. Expenditure on Relocations issues would be included and monitored.

There was concern that services should be procured locally wherever possible. It was agreed that local firms should be included in all tender invitations for significant pieces of work unless the relevant sub-group Chair agrees to the contrary.

It was agreed that the Archaeological Database would be published on the LRC website as a resource available to companies.

Item 7 of the agenda was reviewed at this point. See Item 7.

5.2 Project Update:

5.2.1 LRC Measurable Outputs and Partner investments:

John Nicholls outlined a project progress update highlighting measurable outputs and partner investments.

In summary an investment total of £747m was detailed, including partner investment of £37m, private investment of £210m and LRC brokered investment of £500m. LRC are now involved with ten on-site projects, and 2,300 new homes are under construction with LRC involvement.

A copy of the presentation detail would be circulated to board members.

5.2.2 LRC programme prioritisation:

Progress will be reported to the March board meeting.

5.2.3 LCC Member/officer working group:

Progress will be reported to the March board meeting.

5.2.4 New Business Quarter - Phase I:

It was confirmed that the Social and Community Template recommendations had been included as a voluntary agreement for Phase I (details as circulated), and these would be sought as a

contractual requirement in future contracts.

5.2.5 New Community:

It was confirmed that EP have undertaken to review the funding appraisal recognising the advantage of a developer in place. The primary need for infrastructure and facilities for existing city centre workers was highlighted with the subsequent additional requirement necessary for residential developments.

5.3 Staff:

David Beale was welcomed as LRC Development Manager, subject to finalising the terms of his appointment, which will be confirmed to the March meeting.

6 NBQ Phase II:

LRC confirmed every effort would be made to continue site proposal discussions with the owner of St George's Tower.

An update would be presented to the March board meeting, following which LRC would circulate a summary to board members to enable dissemination of information on Phase II progress.

7 Science and Innovation Park Report:

It was confirmed that this is an LCC project with LRC acting in support. The Group Advisory Board of LCC, Emda, Leicester and De Montfort Universities and LRC will ensure the site remains a Science and Innovation Park with approved users. There is strong user interest.

Emda confirmed agreement of the proposed grant to LCC securing funding for demolishing the school, starting this financial year, and LCC confirmed follow on funding for the access and servicing infrastructure in 2006/7.

8 LCC Accommodation report:

The options as outlined were reviewed. In summary, the board agreed that the details be forwarded to Lynn Cave, LCC's Head of Property to support LCC's review of long-term accommodation required.

9 Any other business:

Chair for 22 May meeting: Nick Townsend (to be confirmed)

10 Next meeting:

27 March 2006, Halford House, 1700 hours
Apologies noted from Stephen Mee