

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	11.
Date:	7 th March 2011	Status	Open
Category	2. Decision within the functions of Executive		
Subject:	Meden Valley Making Places		
Report by:	Head of Regeneration		
Other Officers Involved	Chief Executive Officer Senior Environmental Health Officer (Residential)		
Director	Director of Development		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor A. Tomlinson, Portfolio Holder for Regeneration		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities, by undertaking a number of housing renewal schemes including demolition, repair and improvement and new build in areas of poor quality housing in the Meden Valley.

TARGETS

The housing renewal work undertaken by MVMP contributes to improving the health of residents and helps to secure a decent standard of housing across the district

VALUE FOR MONEY

Meden Valley Making Places has invested significant sums in our area, without which, much of the renewal area work could not have been completed.

THE REPORT

In April 2003 Meden Valley Making Places Ltd (MVMP) was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee. The company was established with the principal objects of promoting and improving housing provision and the general, economic, social and environmental well-being of the inhabitants of the Meden Valley area. The founder members (i.e. the subscribers to the Memorandum and Articles of Association) were English Partnerships (now Homes and Communities Agency), East Midlands Development Agency, Bolsover District Council and Mansfield District Council. The company

subsequently entered into a Funding Agreement and Members' Agreement with each of the founder members.

The Members' Agreement and the Funding Agreement now need to be amended in relation to the membership of the company and in respect of the longevity of the company and a deed of variation (attached) is required to allow those amendments to take place.

One of the founder members as referred to above is the East Midlands Development Agency. Following the Coalition Government's announcement that Development Agencies are to come to an end by March 2012, the East Midlands Development Agency is resigning its position as a member of the company.

The second amendment relates to the extension of the life of the company to the end of December 2011. This extension, granted by Communities and Local Government, will allow the company to continue to develop and complete their existing programme. The extension was agreed by members (subject to CLG approval) following a previous report in November 2010. Now these agreements are in place, the Deed of Variation has been devised and requires signature.

ISSUES/OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1 Option 1 (recommended) – That the Third Deed of Variation relating to the Members' Agreement and the Funding Agreement in respect of Meden Valley Making Places Ltd is approved

This is the preferred option due to the following:-

BDC is a founder member of MVMP and was one of the main driving forces in it being established.

There is minimal risk to the Council.

The work of MVMP has assisted the Council in reaching corporate targets based around decent homes and neighbourhoods.

The Council would continue to benefit from all outstanding work currently being undertaken by MVMP, for example New Houghton.

- 2 Option 2 – That the Third Deed of Variation relating to the Members' Agreement and the Funding Agreement in respect of Meden Valley Making Places Ltd is not approved

Alternatively, the Council could choose not to approve the deed of variation however that would result in MVMP having to cease its activities before December 2011.

Possible implications are:-

MVMP is supported by the Homes and Communities Agency. If the Council chooses not to approve the variations, it would cease to be a partner and this would raise issues with the HCA about the Council's commitment to regeneration and potentially compromise its ability to obtain funding for future projects.

The Council would be responsible for delivering outstanding work currently being delivered by MVMP and may not be in a position to effectively manage this work.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial: None

Legal: The Council has the power to promote well being under section 2 of the Local Government Act, 2000. In particular to do anything that it considers is likely to achieve, the promotion or improvement of the economic, social and environmental well being of its area. The support of MVMP will continue to help to deliver these objectives.

Preparation of legal agreements between the founder members.

Human Resources: None other than continued Officer working arrangements with MVMP and other partners

RECOMMENDATIONS that

- 1. The report be received.**
- 2. Members agree to accept and approve option 1 as outlined in the report.**
- 3. The Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign any legal documents in respect of option 1**

REASON FOR DECISION TO BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION

Bolsover is a founder Member of MVMP and in supporting the company will continue to benefit from its work in the District.

ATTACHMENTS: **N**
FILE REFERENCE: **N/A**
SOURCE DOCUMENT: **N/A**