

CURRICULUM VITAE



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Executive Chairman of Invigour Ltd, a company specialising in consultancy advice on Regeneration, Project Creation, Cost Consultancy and Workplace Performance Enhancement.

Career Overview

In November 2001 Jim Beeston became Chairman of Invigour Ltd. Prior to that he was Chief Executive of Millennium Point Trust from 1997 to 2001. He held overall responsibility for this £ 114 m Millennium Landmark project in Birmingham, which will act as a catalyst for regeneration, combining education, science, learning and fun! This highly complex, multi faceted scheme involving a public private partnership, was successfully delivered to both time and budget.

Before that Jim spent six years as Chief Executive of Birmingham Heartlands Development Corporation where he was responsible for planning and managing a major programme of regeneration in 2350 acres of the inner city in East Birmingham.

Jim was awarded the OBE for services to regeneration in Birmingham in the New Years Honours list 2004.



Advantage West Midlands

Critical friend advice on Regional Spatial Strategy Review, 2006/7

Lichfield City Council

Project development for Community centre

English Partnerships

Advice on Milton Keynes Growth Strategy

mac/sampad Building Project

Project creator role for the provision of new/improved facilities

Spearheading the drive to obtain public sector funding from various sources to enable an £ 18 million re- development of Arts Centre facilities in the West Midlands. Leadership of integrated client/consultant team to develop business case and brief, undertake feasibility and option studies. Role includes management of overall programme including OJEC procurement process and risk/value management.

Benefits delivered: Deliverable scheme that best matches aspirations and needs against available funding.

Birmingham City Council

To provide advice and analysis in regard to issues raised by the Scrutiny process of the New Library for Birmingham.

To allow the City Council to move forward on the development of their proposals.

Fordgate

General development advice

To contribute to the development of a scheme in Birmingham City Centre to gain planning approval.

Urban Living – Birmingham & Sandwell Pathfinder for Housing Market Renewal

Appraisal of projects.

Leading one of the Appraisal teams in respect of early projects within the £ 4 Billion 15 year Housing Market Renewal programme.

Benefits delivered: practical approach to enable Urban Living to commence their programme with appropriate projects.

Urban Living – Birmingham & Sandwell Pathfinder for Housing Market Renewal

Development of a Procurement Strategy Framework

Leading the development of a Procurement Strategy Framework for the £ 4 Billion 15 year Housing Market Renewal programme.

Benefits delivered: Clear Framework for submission to ODPM and the Audit Commission as a basis to develop Procurement Strategy and delivery plans for individual phases of the programme.

Hattersley & Mottram Stock Transfer & Regeneration

Programme Management of a complex Stock Transfer transaction

Programme and Risk management to integrate the various activities to achieve a successful Stock transfer from a major Local Authority to an RSL, including the establishment of a new Development Company to create value from land surplus to requirements.

Benefits delivered: Facilitation of a much needed and difficult stock transfer to the advantage of all parties.

Birmingham Town Hall

Independent Client Adviser for the restoration of the Grade 1 Listed Town Hall as a performance and community venue.

The scheme involves multiple funders including Birmingham City Council, Heritage Lottery Fund and ERDF. Bringing together the work on funding, Business case, formation of a charitable trust and the building contract to restore this significant landmark and return it to use as a modern and sustainable performance and community venue of international standing.

Benefits delivered: Getting a difficult and complex project into contract on a firm and robust basis.

National Exhibition Centre (NEC)

Independent Client Adviser for Piazza redevelopment project

Advising in connection with contract strategy and design team appointments for this multi million pound project to be delivered to extremely tight deadlines.

Benefits delivered: Appropriate contract selection and co – ordinated consultancy appointments for the scheme.

MOD – Central Prime

Project creator role for the provision of new/improved facilities

Working with a major tendering Contractor to develop, scope up and assemble a team for a value added proposition to support their bid for a major FM and Maintenance outsourcing contract with the MOD.

Benefits delivered: An innovative value added proposition to support this major bid.

North Staffordshire Special Purpose Vehicle

Development of the structure of a Vehicle to deliver the programmes for the Regeneration Zone and Housing Market Renewal.

Initially working with stakeholders to examine options that would deliver the step change of delivery necessary to achieve regeneration and housing market objectives, recommending a preferred model. Then working with KPMG to produce the Business Case to justify the preferred model to all stakeholders.

North Staffordshire Housing Market Renewal

Leader of a multi-disciplinary Team appointed to undertake the housing market assessment, area development frameworks and implementation programmes. Directed the work of research, analysis, determination of policy and programme, working in close cooperation with the client.

Prospectus submitted by client March 2004 and won support from ODPM for £800m intervention funding.

Stoke On Trent City Council

Facilitation and Visioning exercise with Senior Management Team

Advance advice on planning and development frameworks to assist the formulation of proposals for the Housing Market Renewal (Pathfinder) Initiative

Benefits Delivered: Agreed framework for future development established with Corporate Management Team

Capacity building for Pathfinder Initiative

Birmingham and Sandwell Housing Market Renewal Steering Group

Facilitation and Visioning exercise with Stakeholders for the Pathfinder Initiative

Benefits Delivered: An agreed framework established with many and diverse stakeholders

British Sugar plc

Regeneration advice in respect of a site in Kidderminster to ensure the Local Plan was acceptable to the client

Benefits Delivered: Obtained outcome that aligned client needs with planning authority aspiration

Carillion plc

Strategic planning advice in respect of a major PFI project

Advanatage West Midlands

Project Appraisal and negotiation of gap funding /joint venture deal with Urban Box in respect of the Fort building, Birmingham

Benefit Delivered: A resolved public/private development agreement
General brief to advance projects and appraisals in North Staffordshire and South Black Country

Benefit Delivered: Clear plans to advance projects
General advice to support submissions to the Examination in Public for Regional Planning Guidance

Benefit Delivered: Regional Economic Strategy aligned and related to Planning Guidance
Advice to support submissions to the Scrutiny Panels of the West Midlands Regional Assembly

Benefit Delivered: A refined and robust response to scrutiny
Initial appraisals of proposals for a major expansion of a key West Midlands company

Benefit Delivered: established key issues to be addressed to facilitate agreement

Miller Construction

Regeneration and development advice in respect of a LIFT programme submission

Benefits Delivered: Partnership approach to project demonstrated for the benefit of all

Previous Career Details

Chief Executive, Millennium Point Trust (1997-Nov 2001)

Responsible for planning and development of £114m. Millennium Landmark project in Digbeth, Birmingham, which will act as a catalyst for regeneration, combining education, science, learning and fun! A highly complex, multi-faceted scheme with a public private partnership and fixed cost and time parameters **Delivered on time and on budget.**

Chief Executive, Birmingham Heartlands Development Corporation (1992-1998)

Responsible for planning and managing a major programme of regeneration in 2350 acres of the inner city in East Birmingham; especially involved in attracting investment, and maximising synergy with the City Council, investors, local communities and industry. Direct investment of £60m over 6 years, generated £460m of private sector investment.

Deputy Chief Executive and Development Manager, Birmingham Heartlands Limited (1988 – 1992)

Responsible for development of the Heartlands area in a public private regeneration company on secondment from Birmingham City Council and Tarmac plc.

Assistant Director of Development, Birmingham City Council (1986-1988)

Various positions with Birmingham City Council prior to that.

Involved for over 20 years in planning and development initiatives in Birmingham including the Olympic Games proposals, National Indoor Arena, Hyatt and Copthorne Hotels, Jewellery Quarter and St Pauls Square, Holford and many other housing, commercial and industrial schemes.

Jim is a Chartered Town Planner, a member of the Lunar Society and also a school governor.