

# Minutes

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## Oldham Partnership Steering Group

13<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Crompton Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham

At 6pm

### Members

#### Present:

Bill Edwards	Chair and Environment Partnership
John Crompton	Failsworth Representative
Marie Gillott	Jobcentre Plus
Janet Gipson	Hollinwood Representative
Roger Gould	Churches Together
Mark Lee	Greater Manchester Police
John Moorhouse	Relate
Trupti Patel	Indian Association
Sally Pearson	Government Office North West
Garthe Sharpe	Medlock Vale District Partnership
Eric Tripp	Chadderton Representative
Liz Windsor-Welsh	Voluntary Action Oldham

### Observers

#### Present:

John Eley	Oldham Partnership support team
Ian Flanagan Smith	Oldham Partnership support team
Adam Hackett	Oldham Council
Jonathan Phillips	Oldham Council
Michelle Renshaw	Oldham Partnership support team

### Apologies:

Raad Al-Hamdani	Saddleworth and Lees Representative
James Allen	Coldhurst Representative
Camilla Guereca	Voluntary, community and faith sector
Colette Kelly	Oldham Council
Ian Kendall	Oldham Community Leisure
Jean Maxwell	Royton, Shaw and Crompton Representative
Lihanne Nelson	Oldham Children's Trust
Cllr Glynis Shaw	Oldham Council
Sewa Singh	Oldham Council

12/10 **Welcome and apologies**

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave apologies.

13/10 **Minutes and matters arising**

Oldham Partnership Steering Group meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record with the following amendment: Item 09/10 should read Area Based Grant allocations to the Voluntary Community and Faith Sector not Partnership.

Matters Arising

04/10 Anti-poverty strategy

**ACTION: John Eley to obtain a formal update re. the strategy being revisited to include links between poor health and poverty. This update to be circulated prior to the next meeting.**

05/10 LAA Update: EIA

**ACTION: John Eley to obtain a written update from Harji Patel.**

06/10 LAA Update: Health & Well Being

A draft programme has now been developed for the round table exercise being organised by Alan Higgins. The event is likely to take place during June and invitees will include the voluntary, community and faith sector.

Re. Ian Kendal's comments in the 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph on free swimming for the under 16 and over 60 year olds, John Crompton informed the meeting that whilst at a forum a Councillor had mentioned that funding was not available in Oldham to provide these activities.

John Eley suggested that this could be taken up at the round table exercise to address what to do if government funding doesn't continue.

**ACTION: John Eley to discuss the funding issue with Ian Kendal and Alan Higgins and for it to be included at the round table exercise.**

Concern was raised by the district partnership co-optee's around the lack of advertisement of these activities.

**ACTION: John Eley to request an update from OCLL re. the advertising and marketing of the free swimming.**

11/10 Future agenda items.

James Allen had asked John Eley to raise the following question in his absence: If aids and adaptations for housing could be looked at through overview & scrutiny

**ACTION: John Eley to discuss this request with Overview & Scrutiny.**

Greater Manchester Consultation for a combined authority.

James Allen had also asked that the above document be presented to the Chair and shared with the Oldham Partnership Steering Group.

**ACTION: OPST to circulate document to the OP Steering Group. A special meeting to be arranged, if required to discuss the document in detail.**

Representative at the LPSB meeting.

Bill Edwards informed the meeting that he will be standing down from this role and nominated Liz Windsor-Welsh as his replacement. **This was agreed.**

Oldham Partnership Executive Group meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009

05/10 Review of ABG programme and single commissioning board

Re. the last paragraph, confirmation was sought as to whether a written response had been given to this answer.

John Eley confirmed a written response was given at the LPSB. The funding had been used for the extra winter gritting that had been needed.

07/10 Developing a Regional Science Centre

John Eley provided an update. Hopefully the contract will be finalised in the near future and it is planned that the RSC will be open later this year.

Clarification was sought on the planned recruitment for the RSC. John Eley informed the meeting that in the first instance there would be more opportunities for Oldham children.

Trupti Patel asked that local people be included when the recruitment to the RSC commences and that local educators are included in the recruitment drive.

John Crompton made the following requests:

- That the Action Log document be referred to at the meetings to ensure actions are followed up, and that those asked to provide updates/feedback attend the meeting to provide this information.
- That papers be circulated before the meeting and not tabled at the meeting.

14/10 **District Partnerships Update**

John Eley informed the meeting that there is currently a paper on the review of District Partnerships being discussed within the Council. A meeting of officers has been arranged to explore the potential role of those the council engages with and how these can be brought together. John Eley to come back to the group with idea's to gain feedback.

Janet Gipson asked why the Failsworth and Hollinwood meetings are still being held at the Civic.

**ACTION: Colette Kelly to be asked to provide an update on this issue direct to Janet Gipson.**

Concern was raised by the co-optees that those who receive postal copies had not received the information regarding the dates for the PACT meetings.

**ACTION: OPST to send this information out to those who receive postal copies.**

Eric Trigg raised concern around the co-optee's role re: the calling of officers to their meetings to answer specific queries.

Co-optees expressed their concerns on a few issues: that their input is being totally disregarded; officers fail to turn up at the last minute; the perception being a lack of respect for those volunteering. All leading to discontent since the changeover from Community Councils.

Concern was also raised re the inconsistencies around planning notices going to co-optees in certain areas but not in others.

**ACTION: The Chair and Liz Windsor-Welsh to discuss the third sector at their next meeting to start discussions and to look at the possibility of a working group being arranged to continue with this work.**

John Crompton expressed his disappointment that some co-optee's do not attend the meetings to take advantage of the opportunity to give their input for their districts.

15/10 **Overview & Scrutiny**

John Eley presented the paper on behalf of Sewa Singh.

The meeting raised the following concerns:

- Is there a procedure in place for emergency requirements?
- Clarification needed on the prioritisation process to fully understand how this works and if something is rejected is there a right of appeal?

**ACTION: John Eley to discuss these comments with Sewa Singh.**

**16/10 Third Sector Update**

Liz Windsor-Welsh gave a presentation.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> point on the slide titled 'About Oldham's VCF sector' should have read: Involved 16,900 volunteers per week (instead of year).

Concern was raised re the lack of information included re incapacitated people and the Independent Living Centres. It was requested that this be looked at. Liz Windsor- Welsh responded that it had not been an area she had been involved with since coming to Oldham but would like to.

John Eley confirmed that the Independent Living Centre's are currently in development and Liz Windsor-Welsh will be included in this area of work.

**17/10 LAA Update: Economic Development & Enterprise**

Jonathan Phillips gave a presentation.

Clarification was sought re. page 7 re. NI 163 and NI 165 as to whether they had changed since Dec 2008. Ian Flanagan-Smith confirmed that NI 79 'Achievement of Level 2 qualification by age 19' is improving and is currently on target.

John Crompton asked for clarification on the Credit Crunch meetings as he had not seen a report for quite a while. Jonathan Phillips confirmed that the last meeting was cancelled due to the elections but information would be sent out following the next meeting.

**18/10 Q4 Performance Update 2009-2010**

The update information was provided in a report by Ian Flanagan-Smith (Partnership Co-ordinator, Research & Performance).

**19/10 Oldham Borough Climate Change Plan**

Adam Hackett provided an overview of the development of Oldham Partnerships response to climate change and national indicator NI186 which is a priority indicator. The Council are helping lead the development of the plan for the Partnership.

Background information given: there are various drivers to tackling the issues surrounding sustainability and climate change which from a policy perspective focus on NI186 (co2 reduction per capita), other linked indicators (biodiversity etc), city regional joined up thinking on environmental policy and low carbon economic growth potential.

There have been two stakeholder workshops in June 2009 and April 2010 which are helping shape a draft plan that will be ready for comment within the next 5-10 working days on the Oldham Partnership website,

The plan contains at this stage some broad key headlines focusing on:

1. At home and in the neighbourhood
2. At work and in business
3. At school
4. Low carbon energy
5. Getting around
6. Waste and other resources
7. Buying for change
8. Adapting to climate change
9. Making it happen

The final version will under go an Equalities impact assessment that VAO said they could help with if required.

All partnership are asked to comment and encourage participation in reviewing and thinking about who's best to own and deliver the actions identified. The final plan will be published in June subject to the number of responses received to the consultation draft.

The group raised the following questions:

Trupti Patel asked how the Vision would become Reality ie. Resources etc. This would be looked at continuously and reviewed as necessary.

John Crompton asked how this function fitted in with the Environmental team. Adam Hackett confirmed that he co-ordinates the work with all the necessary departments and links it into the climate change plan.

The Chair asked that the document be read and disseminated and for each district partnership to submit something.

20/10 **Area Based Grant Review**

John Eley presented the item.

There will be a review of the Area Based Grant (ABG) over the next couple of months. John Eley circulated a document of Frequently Asked Questions re the ABG.

Liz Windsor-Welsh will be on the Challenge Panel for the VCFS.

21/10 **Next meeting**

15<sup>th</sup> July 2010, 6pm, Crompton Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham:

- LAA Update:Children's Trust Block

Other agenda items to be reported at a relevant time:

- Alcohol strategy
- Healthy weight strategy

**ACTION: Steering group members to advise the partnership support team of agenda items by 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010**