

Notes from the Public Service Board 17th November 2009

Attendance: Nick Brown (Chair), Cllr Howard Sykes, Gail Richards, John Eley and Caroline Ball

Apologies: Charlie Parker, Carolyn Wilkins and Bill Edwards.

1. Notes from 20 October 2009

Notes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record. Both the European Public Service Award (EPSA) and Regional Science Centre (RSC) were discussed as matters arising. The EPSA will be on the agenda for the next LSP Executive. An opportunity now exists for the LSP to facilitate the establishment of an RSC in the borough in early 2010.

Action: More effort needs to go into promoting this award both with the trade press and locally. John Eley to liaise with Peter Murphy around additional opportunities such as, for example, placing this on Email signatures.

The LPSB agreed in principle to support the aggregation of partnership funding to support the establishment of the RSC. Jon Bloor has already been seconded to support this activity and the support of John Eley was agreed. The LPSB has asked for both a memorandum of understanding and a business case to develop this further and link the RSC into additional potential opportunities. Howard Sykes asked John Eley to meet with Miles Anderson to discuss further.

2. Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)

The Communications Action Plan for the CAA was discussed. Oldham is likely to stand out as having more flags than most localities.

Action: A script is needed for partners to respond to CAA concentrating on our strengths and the progress we have made, linking to the EPSA award, telling our story and what makes us stand out from the crowd as well as the areas where we need to make further improvements. John to liaise with Karen to action and share with partners.

3. Update on ABG unauthorised underspend position and the emerging picture on Round Two LAA Reward Grant.

The ABG unauthorised underspend remains at £163,926 and the position on LAA Reward Grant will be reported to the next LSP Executive.

Action: That the Credit Crunch Cabinet be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

4. External Funding Framework

A framework for developing a co-ordinated partnership approach to external funding was presented. Board members raised the point of achieving agreement in principle and then defining the process, a clearer indication of what has been missed by not having this structured approach, a clearer picture of the benefits is needed.

Action: John Eley to ask Alison Vaughan to amend the report and present to the next meeting.

7. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 15th December 2pm-3.30, Oldham Business Centre.