

Minutes

Economy and Enterprise Board Second line if needed

Wednesday 22nd July 2009

Honeywell Centre, Ashton Road, Oldham.

Time or supplementary information to go here

Present:	Dave Benstead Jon Bloor Jennifer Wright Ken Collett Michelle Ford Cecil Edey Peter Greenhalgh Gail. Webb Jonathan Yates Cllr Wrigglesworth Karen Wells June Smith Anne Falloon Jayne Entwistle	Diodes, Zetec Semiconductors Economy and Enterprise Unit Economy and Enterprise Unit Money Controls LSC Economic Commission DCT Children and young people CAB OMBC Commissioning unit Economy and Enterprise Unit Oldham College H20
Apologies:	Jonathan Phillips Michele Carr Cllr Sykes Cllr Hibbert Tim Mitchel Dave Catherall Janet Doherty Tony Spencer Nick Brown Kath Thomas	Economy and Enterprise Unit Economy and Enterprise Unit OMBC OMBC Positive Steps Commissioning Unit Children and young People Oldham College Oldham Sixth Form College Oldham College

- 1 Welcome and Apologies**
DB opened the meeting.
- 2 Minutes Of Last Meeting & Matters Arising**
Agreed as an accurate record.
- 3 Declaration of Interest.**
Item 7 – JB, JW, JS
Item 5 – JS, JB
- 4 Future Jobs Fund**

4.1 JB refers to paper– Future Jobs Fund Update.

4.2 FJF will target those between the ages of 18-34 and will provide for funding of £6,500 per individual. Oldham has submitted for 506 places as part of a GM pilot. The employment has to have public/ voluntary or community benefit, more information on the types of jobs can be found in the paper. We are due to here back soon on whether our bid has been successful and the pilot will likely take start in October.

JB will provide further updates at future meeting as to FJF progress.

PG – suggested can the jobs not be in relation to working with the elderly and be of a placement of skills acquisition.

JB – this sector has not been included but we will take it forward onto the core agenda.

ACTION:JB - progress at next meeting.

5 Business Leadership Council.

5.1 JS refers to paper – Business Leadership Group

5.2 JS provided the group with a background on the Business Leadership Group, and seeks approval from the board for the groups position within the Oldham partnership structure as an advisory body sitting adjacent to the Executive and the proposed secretariat arrangements.

5.3 Ed Stacey created a shortlist for this group and there have now been 12 people selected to sit on the group, this includes Peter Greenhalgh, Dave Benstead, and Ken Collett. There is a range of sectors from the business community to aid economic borough growth. All of those members on the group are employers within the borough. There is no life span for the group it will run as long as the members want to contribute.

The Terms of Reference are in draft, as the group will define these themselves.

5.4

Board Approved The Business Leadership Group position.

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6 Bulky Bobs Evaluation.

6.1 JB refers to the paper – Bulky Bobs Delivery 2008 / 2009

6.2 Bulky Bobs is an intermediate labour market programme with aim of providing the long term unemployed a job, qualifications and work experience that they need to become skilled workers able to access jobs and have a sustainable career. It is a 12 month project which has been funded for a few years and exceeds its targets. It costs £10,000 per client.

6.3 JB recommends that the programme works on a more flexible basis as if people are ready to move off in 6 months through the 12 month project let them move off and recruit someone else into the programme.

6.4 **Board approved recommendations.**

ACTION: JB to provide net costs of scheme and circulate them to the group.

7 New Business Case.

- 7.1 JB refers to the Economy and Skills unit businesses case.
This business case is for ongoing funding to be approved by the board for the infrastructure of the unit at a value of £450,000 over 2 years.
- 7.2 The unit under the current council restructure will be titled the Economy and Skills Unit as opposed to the Economy and Enterprise Unit, the unit is made up of 5 posts funded by the E&E board and 6 posts funded through mainstream council.
- 7.3 On behalf of the board and the partnership the unit carries out research, develops policy, secures external funding, develops delivery programmes of activity, performance manages those programmes and develops effective relationships with all relevant partners in order to ensure successful delivery of LAA targets.
- 7.3 The group would like to see greater detail of what the unit achieves other than those set out on the report form, the group suggests that the form is not really fit for purpose in this case. The board would like to see some defined KPI's.
- 7.4 The board rejected the current businesses case and moved to review it again at the next meeting when more information on output can be provided.
- 7.5 ACTIONS: JB to provide more detail including KPI's on the business case.**

8 The Credit Crunch War Cabinet

- 8.1 JB Discusses the economic Dashboard figures
- 8.2 JB presents a programme update.
- 8.3 The Credit Crunch War Cabinet and Credit Crunch Intelligence Group meets monthly , a economic dashboard is produced on a monthly basis to support the meeting showing the boroughs economic state. This data is sent out on a monthly basis. There is a £450,000 implementation fund, which has allocated funding towards, A community reporters programme, Community and businesses roadshows –raising awareness of products and services available from the council and partners that may help them through the credit crunch, 2 x funded posts with CAB, this will enable CAB to get there waiting list down for debt and housing advice to pre recession rates and also go into businesses and offer a redundancy package, Volunteering into employment and reduced on street car parking to improve trade through the recession.

9. Future Timetable

- 9.1 JB explains the Future timetable for the Board to meet.
- 9.2 Board agrees to the dates specified.

- 10 AOB**
No further businesses discussed.

- 11 Time and date of next meeting.**
16th November 2009, 12:30- 14:00 – Venue Crompton Suite

