

# Minutes

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## Credit crunch cabinet (CCC)

**21 December 2009**

**Green Room, Civic Centre**

<b>Present:</b>	Howard Sykes (chair) Cliff Ellison Steve Lowe	Oldham Council Groundwork Royal Bank of Scotland
	Jonathan Phillips Jon Bloor Tim Mitchell	Oldham Council Oldham Council Positive Steps Oldham

<b>Apologies:</b>	Nick Brown Caroline Ball Charlie Parker Karen Wells Michele Carr Michelle Ford Karen McCrackle Viv Robinson	Oldham Sixth Form College Greater Manchester Police Oldham Council Oldham Partnership support team Oldham Council LSC Oldham Partnership support team Jobcentre Plus
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- 1 Welcome and Apologies**  
The chair welcomed everyone and gave apologies.
- 2 Minutes of last meeting**  
The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.
- 3 Matters arising**  
none
- 4 Declarations of interest**  
None
- 5 Economic dashboard and intelligence report**

Jon Bloor highlighted some key points from the October economic dashboard report. Coldhurst remained the ward with the highest JSA Claimant rate at 10%, followed by St Marys 9% and Alexandra at 8.5%. The greatest increase in claimant rates was in Failsworth West and East and Chadderton North.

It is worth noting however that JSA claimant count decreased in Oldham between September and October 2009, and JCP vacancies went up between September and October.

Oldham JSA claimant rate is now 5.4%, which is greater than GM average (5.1%) and significantly higher than UK average (4.2%).

**6 Moving On- impact on the NEETs – Tim Mitchell**

Tim Mitchell gave a PowerPoint presentation on the performance of 16-18 NEET over time. He explained how NEETs are counted and provided comparison data between 2006-2009 on a quarterly basis.

Highlights of the presentation include, Oldham has performed well on NEETs over the last three years and is well below the Greater Manchester average, rated 2<sup>nd</sup> in GM behind Trafford. Oldham also has the highest percentage (85.2%) of 16-18 year olds participating in learning within Greater Manchester.

6 out of 20 wards however still above the Borough average (7.4%), including Alexandra 13.8%, Hollinwood 13.0% and St James 12.1%.

The report also highlighted, since the millennium Oldham's participation and retention rate for learning has increased, NEET has reduced by 45% and numbers attending Sixth Form and FE College increased.

**7 Update on CCC Programme**

Due to time constraints the update report was tabled for information only.

**8 Business Case- Town and District Centre Support Programme – Jonathan Phillips**

Jonathan Phillips presented a business case to the board to fund a support programme for independent retailers in Oldham's town and district centre, including 1 to 1's support, master classes, workshops and a pot of subsidised advertising up to £1k per business. Total funding for £45,000 to support a minimum of 50 businesses.

The board approved the funding.

**9 Future Jobs Fund**

Deferred to next meeting

**ACTION: Include on agenda at next meeting.**

**10 Date and venue of next meeting**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010

Leaders Office, Civic Centre, Oldham

14:00 – 15:00