

# Notes of Meeting

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## Chief Executives Management Board

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2009**

**Level 2, Henshaw House, Oldham**

1pm – 3.00pm

### **Attendance:**

Charlie Parker (chair) John Archer, Veronica Jackson, John Saxby, Emma Alexander, Elaine McClean, Tim Mitchell, Kath Thomas, Caroline Ball, Alison Vaughan (notes), Clare Fish, Gail Richards, John Eley, Alison Vaughan (notes), Robin Prescott

### **Welcome and Introductions - Charlie Parker**

Apologies: Nick Brown, Carolyn Wilkins, Geoff Harris, Hugh Broadbent, John Howard

## **1 Minutes and Matters Arising**

All items covered on the agenda or due to provide updates in September

Gail Richards raised two matters arising:

1. CAA. Concerns were raised that information used for the CAA judgement may be out of date or based on unsubstantiated evidence. This has already been raised through the Care Quality Commission but partners need to determine what influence we can have on this before the final report is published in October as this could further impact on the perceptions agenda. We need to ensure we provide evidence of the outcomes we are achieving and the actions that are taking place now that will help address our priorities. Agreed that this needs to be taken forward from a Partnership perspective as they are consistent issues and interlink with the organisational assessment. The Group confirmed that the College's framework is not changing so this does not to be included at this stage.

#### *Actions*

- 1.1 JE to arrange a meeting to take place in the next few weeks with Pat Johnson, Gail Richards, Caroline Ball, Emma Alexander, Charlie Parker. 2 elements to the meeting:
  - Q&A - to enquire about methodologies used
  - Evidence – to help with the solutions
2. Swine Flu. To ensure all Partners are fully briefed and have actions in place to address this. A co-ordination group has been established to oversee the actions required. As at today, the number of cases in Oldham have begun to taper and we believe we are at the end of phase one. We need to now assess and plan for phase 2 (and possibly three) which will be more vigorous.

#### *Actions*

- 1.2 GR to bring a brief to the next meeting to start discussions as to how we co-ordinate and join up our approach with regards to governance and decision-making during phase 2.

## 2 **NDC Succession Strategy – Robin Prescott**

- The Succession Plan is to be submitted to CLG by the end of October. Partners are requested to sign up to the proposals by the end of September and proposals from partners to sit on the proposed Board.
- The organisation will be Company Limited by Guarantee with charitable status. Another Community Development Trust is also being developed in a school in the area and the partners requested that we are clear around respective roles and functions of the Trusts to prevent overlap, duplication or confusion.
- This is a path directed by CLG for NDC's and education will not be a primary focus but it will fit into the broader community regeneration focus.

### *Actions*

- 2.1 The Group agreed the proposals and are happy to support this going forward

## 3 **Place Survey - John Eley presented in Adele Smalls' absence**

- There are 28 localities, including Oldham, that have a response rate below 30%, plus the survey was undertaken 12 months ago. The findings therefore may not fully reflect some of the substantial actions and initiatives that are now currently underway to address perceptions and the Oldham Brand
- The challenges to be faced with regards to the perceptions agenda were acknowledged and agreed that we need to be aware that the results will be used to performance manage Oldham and will be reflected in the CAA.
- JE highlighted priority NIs from the LAA and further work will be taken to rank these.
- A challenge has been submitted with regards to the weightings and the techniques used as these do appear to distort the figures. There are also some contradictions evident that need further investigation. We need to use technical data and statistics to counter some of the findings. The Councils new Head of Communications, Peter Murphy, along with Carolyn Wilkins, will support how we take this forward and reflect the positive work being done.
- Partner input and capacity will be provided, particularly from the Stronger element of SSC, to help map some of the information to localities. Health partners are also committed to link to the agenda with their satisfaction outcomes.

### *Actions*

- 3.1 A paper to be brought to the October meeting around what we are going to do about surveys of this nature going forward so that we can be pro-active rather than reactive.
- 3.2 Need to determine how, from a Partnership perspective, we can look at the two strands of confidence and satisfaction as the two behaviours are different.
- 3.3 Need to determine how to measure the effectiveness of the outcomes we want to be achieved.

4 Deferred

5 Deferred

6 Deferred

## *Updates*

### **7 Corvu and Performance Management**

- A final report is due with regards to how Corvu is progressed and the financial implications will not be known until this point. The implementation of the system will be phased over a two year period and a project board has been established to oversee this.
- The benefits of the systems will be a reduction in duplication of systems, an integrated risk system and project management function that will result in long term savings. Benchmarking and decision making is anticipated to become easier and will provide increased flexibility.
- The group agreed we need to determine what we need to do as partners and within our own organisations to support this.

#### *Actions*

- 7.1 A framework to be developed and agreed across the LSP Boards in the short term to take this forward

### **8 External Funding Update - Alison Vaughan**

#### *Future Jobs Fund*

- The first wave starts in October. AGMA has been given £52m over 18 months which is the biggest allocation nationally. A management agency will work across the GM region and will need to work with local agents to ensure linkages are made and build on the strengths we already have. There are still issues to be addressed over the next few months with regards to the details as to how the scheme will be managed and implemented and with the pay element of the scheme and the implications for benefits for participants.
- Oldham has 506 offers but this may increase in waves 2 and 3 as more partners are engaged.
- There are no mandatory powers attached to the scheme. There is also an element of conflict with the JC+ offer which will not allow for referrals to be made onto the scheme.
- The Housing Federation have their own separate submission and this element has been taken out of the equation. The Group wanted to ensure that this does not duplicate our current offer and we need to ensure we can unpick this as the scheme goes forward. Guidance is due out 4<sup>th</sup> August and this will be circulated to relevant parties.

#### *Migrant Impact Fund*

- The application was unsuccessful but we are looking to link into activity that has been approved to operate at a regional level to ensure Oldham benefits

#### *Inspiring Communities*

- Still awaiting outcome

#### *Preventing Violent Extremism*

- Approval for funding for £85k has been received for the period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010. Discussions are taking place through SSC Board to ensure this supports our local priorities and helps inform future actions.

#### *General*

- There are issues with being required to bid for funding from Government that does not fully enable us to ensure our strategic commissioning approach in Oldham. A challenge has already been put to CLG with regards to this through an Action Learning Network on Commissioning that Oldham Partnership Support Team have been part of. There is still a need for this to be challenged directly from an Oldham Partnership perspective.



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- 8.1 OPST to look at how we can challenge CLG.
- 8.2 External Funding strategy to be progressed that will enable us to be clear about what funding opportunities we should be taking advantage of or seeking rather than the 'knee jerk' reaction we currently operate within.

**9 Work plan, Date of next Meeting and AOB**

JE requested that the group submit any future agenda items so that the work-plan can be populated further.

**12.30 – 2.30pm 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009 ,  
Oldham Muslim Centre, Compass House  
Neville Street OL9 6LD**