

# Notes of Meeting

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## Executive Management Board

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**Crompton Suite, Civic Centre**

1pm – 3.00pm

### **Attendance:**

Charlie Parker, Clare Fish, Gail Richards, Hugh Broadbent, Veronica Jackson, Ian Kendall, John Howard, Kath Thomas, Michael Jameson, , John Saxby, Ian Hughes, Ben Spinks, Adam Hackett, Jon Bloor, Tim Mitchell, Shirley Allen (notes), John Eley

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

Apologies: Nick Brown, Debbie Bridge, Caroline Ball, Carolyn Wilkins, Elaine McClean, Emma Alexander, Geoff Harris, John Archer

## **1 Minutes and Matters Arising**

- WNF for discussion later on the agenda
- The substance misuse meeting had been arranged
- CAA – draft had been sent out to block leads. John Eley gave an update of the meeting held with Pat Johnson on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 09. It was agreed that the CAA report and its contents would be generally accepted albeit reluctantly subject to receiving the most recent update.
- Section 7 onwards would become part of a debate at a later meeting on affordable housing.
- Swine Flu – Gail Richards gave an update – wider impact is not as severe as expected but the severity of the flu on individuals was greater which was impacting upon hospitals. Now starting the vaccination process. Potential problems of front line staff not taking up the offer of a vaccine.

## **2 Changes to the LSC and Implications for Oldham – Michael Jameson**

- The report outlined the significant transfer of responsibilities from the LSC in April 2010.
- 5 people were coming across to work in Oldham from the LSC led by Michelle Ford.
- Would use the period of time between now and the transfer date to work out what would be best for Oldham and to be clear about local level and sub regional priorities.
- Consultant had been commissioned using 14-19 funding to carry out an objective review of the current position in Oldham, which was relatively strong but clear that there is a need to move to more robust commissioning. The current arrangements around commissioning would stay in place until 2011.
- Kath Thomas pointed out that the section 4 powers were good for the sub region but they seemed to be too skills orientated and it would be difficult to tell students which courses to take. Qualifications should be seen as generic and it was imperative to get students to level 2 before they are 19

**Action**

2.1 That a further report would be brought in the new calendar year summarising any transition problems and the implications of these and where the process is currently up to with regard to any Statutory City Region arrangements.

**3 Working Neighbourhoods Team – Jon Bloor**

- Way of introducing WNT as a mechanism for integrating public service delivery at a local level. Steering group had agreed that WNT should be piloted within East Oldham as one of pilot areas for area working. The pilot needs to remain within a GM framework, but will have a degree of flexibility to ensure that it meets local need.
- Likely to be asked to link and develop city region Expression of Interest in further detail over the coming month.
- Veronica Jackson discussed similarities to the CAF and supported the signing up and Michael Jameson explained that the Total Place activity would fit neatly into this pilot.
- Gail Richards fully supported the work but the report needs further work around how we engage with residents rather than expecting them to come to us.
- Agreed that one single point of access is the goal here, that there is the opportunity to connect services and to get more for our investment in the locality.
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**Action**

3.1 That a presentation around the AGMA city region work be brought in November or December in the context of the governance framework.

3.2 Local Authorities are required to establish a framework to govern the strategic direction of any pilots with partners. CP thought that the Executive Management Board could assume the role of the Board to bring the co-ordination of the pilots together

**4 Environmental Management – Adam Hackett**

- To present a collaborative approach to the management and delivery of NI 186 through the draft Climate Change Action Plan and to seek agreement to sign up to the 10:10 campaign and also to sign up to ‘Our Generation’ a company that would build new technology into public buildings. Company could work with 12 sites with no funding commitment required at the moment.
- It was agreed that partners could sign up to the 10:10 campaign but the agenda that will require discussion is a lot wider than the remit of 10:10 we could produce a much more ambitious agenda.
- The timing for signing up to ‘Our Generation’ is not right and it would be wise not to commit to a single provider at the moment until further information around retro fitting our buildings becomes available in late November.

**Actions**

4.1 It was agreed to set up a sub group/ workshop where work around energy issues could be developed further. A further report to be brought back in December with more comprehensive proposals that will enable decisions to be made.

4.2 Partners to provide nominations for the group to Adam and start to scope the process, layout the challenges and provide some key initiatives to offset the risks

## **5 Biomass Report – Hugh Broadbent**

- FCHO currently has a facility that provides energy for 1400 homes and for Oldham Sports Centre; this facility is in need of repair. A series of meetings have been held to discuss the possibility of a new biomass facility. Would partners be interested in pursuing this as a project.
- Gail Richards suggested that this should come under the remit of the sub group set up to look at environmental management.
- It was agreed that the discussion should start with a biomass facility but should not be constrained by it as there are other technologies out there. This should be linked with broader study and technical expertise will be required.

## **6 Passport to Summer – Ian Hughes**

- A presentation was tabled at the meeting along with a comment from the Oldham Chronicle which was very positive, especially in relation to the reduction of anti social behaviour.
- A number of points were raised in relation to carrying out activity in the future,
- Branding needs to reflect the partnership as it had been thought ‘too councilly’ by young people.
- It was suggested that activities could be widened to take place throughout the year rather than just summer time.
- The brochure did not really represent all communities as the activity was originally linked to community cohesion.
- The concern was that activities for early 20’s was not really looked at and needs to be addressed.
- It was agreed that partners would commit to the activity again next year and that planning and mapping should start to take place now and that activity should be more than just a summer scheme.
- Thanks were presented to Ian Hughes for all of his hard work in pulling the activities together and an appreciation of his herculean effort in delivering the passport to summer activity.

### **Action**

6.1 That the steering group that continues to meet starts to map and plan the programme of activities for next year.

## **7 Skills Pledge and Apprenticeships Update – Kath Thomas**

- Kath tabled a report which identified how many companies had signed up and how many apprenticeships were available. Partners agreed that the numbers were very small
- The partners agreed that a more co-ordinated approach is now required and that we need to sign up to the seven criteria provided by the DWP.
- It was agreed that further discussions would take place as to how we could use the seven criteria to support a better offer to young people.
- It was agreed that partners should sign up to the criteria.

**Action**

- 7.1 It was agreed that John Eley supply an e mail contact list of all partners to Kath Thomas.
- 7.2 Start to think about how to progress this issue and about how we capture broader apprentices and how we can improve the numbers of apprenticeships.

**8 Workplan and Date of Next Meeting – John Eley**

30<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 1pm – 3pm  
Crompton Suite