

# Notes of Meeting

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## Chief Executives Management Board

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**Crompton Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham**

1pm – 3.00pm

### **Attendance:**

Caroline Ball, Charlie Parker, Clare Fish, Debbie Bridge Emma Alexander, Gail Richards, Hugh Broadbent, Ian Kendall, John Howard, Kath Thomas, Nick Brown, Paul Argyle, Tim Mitchell, Veronica Jackson, Mark Reynolds (item2), Alison Vaughan (notes), John Eley,

### **Welcome and Introductions - Carolyn Wilkins**

Apologies: Carolyn Wilkins, John Saxby, John Archer

### **1 Minutes and Matters Arising**

CP advised that Item 4, Streamlining our Services would be deferred until the New Year and Item 5 was now ABG.

CP welcomed Paul Argyle and the group introduced themselves

Minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Actions – on agenda for January or in progress

A paper was circulated with the agenda with regards to the updated position on Apprenticeships. Work would be finalised by the end of the year and report brought to a future meeting.

### **2 Strategic Housing Agenda – Mark Reynolds**

- Mark Reynolds summarised the main points of the report and the current initiatives /progress being made. He highlighted that the current allocations policy is being reviewed and that they are also working closely with FCHO on accessing funding from HCA. Oldham has one of the first equity based mortgage rescue schemes in the country and are concentrating more on preventing repossession.
- Training providers, PSO, OSFC and OC gave their support in providing increased economic awareness and citizenship support to tenants.
- The group discussed how we can demonstrate our success with regards to the outlined schemes are improving community cohesion and how this links to CAA. They questioned whether we need a coherent framework that all partners work within to measure success. The social care, quality of life evaluation matrix was highlighted as a best practice model with links to Housing Options service and Working Neighbourhood Teams
- The group discussed about the regulation of private sector and absent landlords and how they are contributing to reducing overcrowding, community safety and tensions issues. This isn't viewed as a significant issue but it may be 'hidden' or closed – we don't know what we don't know. There are schemes that that can enable us to pick up broader issues and provide better access but this may be something that could be developed alongside the City region agenda

- Developers are now looking to build affordable homes rather than homes for sale and we are looking to make better use of the stock we have.

Action

- 2.1 report to a future meeting as how Community cohesion issues can be pulled together and a pilot approach developed, linked to the City Region agenda
- 2.2 to look at piloting an approach in east and west Oldham through the City Region with regards issues within the private sector

### **3 Alcohol Strategy update – Gail Richards**

- Gail Richards updated progress on the alcohol strategy and outlined the five themes. Partners are taking time to scope the work now to gain the required outcomes and maximum impact on the action already in place.
- The draft strategy will be presented to all thematic partnerships for comment before being presented to the HWB in January for approval

Action

- 3.1 Strategy to be aligned with the AGMA health commission and to gain consensus on increasing the strategic goal of no supermarkets in Oldham with unrestricted sale of alcohol at less than 50p per unit of alcohol being allowed to potentially 75p.

### **4 Streamlining our Services**

- Deferred until January 2010

### **5 Strategic Commissioning ABG – John Eley/Alison Vaughan**

- John Eley summarised the report and emphasised that ABG has supported achievements against the SCS and LAA and better programme management has helped reduce duplication and improved partnership working
- The Group agreed that the right people need to be on a single commissioning board to ensure the process is open and transparent and the remit needs to be clear for the long term if there is no money to strategically commission. There also needs to be consideration as to how expertise is transferred to the SCB.
- The group discussed how we review what we are doing now in preparation for anticipated future budget cuts from 2011. This is on-going within the Blocks but nothing is being done strategically at the moment. 2010/11 to start implementing transition arrangements
- There was agreement to streamlining what activity we have in place now, review our ABG priorities and to start making difficult decisions as what needs to be cut or tapering funding to support this.
- A future workshop also needs to be arranged to look at all public sector funding, not just ABG, to gain most value. Need to agree what the criteria is going forward and determine a framework for determining our future priorities
- Agreed that there also needs to be consideration of communication and managing tensions arising from any decisions made. We need to avoid being reactive or forced to do what is not needed

Action

- 5.1 A review of all ABG activity to be undertaken by the end of the financial year, with statutory requirements and liabilities mapped against this. What elements would then need to go through a SCB will come out of this.

The following needs to be built into the review:

- be clear as to what our funding decisions are and the rationale behind them
  - how activity fits to current priorities and supports the achievement of strategic objectives
  - what do we have to do and what's ring-fenced
  - what will be the impact on Oldham and on delivery groups if the activity is no longer there.
  - If we took it away what would be the real problem
  - what has worked, what is working well or needs to be built on and what hasn't
- 5.2 OPST to provide details of currently funded activity to EMB in January, with staff/non staff breakdowns, to Partnership Boards/leads to review by the end of January
- 5.3 Outcomes of review to be brought to February EMB for further discussion and to be over-laid against broader funding issues at a future workshop

**6 Work plan, Date of next Meeting and AOB**  
18<sup>th</sup> January 2010, 1pm- 3pm, Crompton Suite