

**OLDHAM PARTNERSHIP
EXECUTIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD ON 1ST FEBRUARY 2007
GROUNDWORK ENVIRONMENT CENTRE, SHAW ROAD, HIGGINSHAW**

MEMBERS: Nick Brown	- Chair & Further/Higher Education Sector
Paul Argyle	- Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service
Caroline Ball	- Greater Manchester Police
Paula Boshell	- Voluntary, Community & Faith Partnership
Cllr Peter Dean	- Oldham MBC
Robin Henshaw	- Voluntary, Community & Faith Partnership (for Elma Plant)
Alan Higgins	- Oldham PCT (for Gail Richards)
Carol Hopkins	- Private Sector
Cllr David Jones	- Oldham MBC
Andrew Kilburn	- Oldham MBC
Cllr Jean Stretton	- Oldham MBC

OBSERVERS:

Steve Burns	- GMPTE (Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive)
Michele Carr	- Oldham MBC
David Davies	- Government Office North West
John Eley	- Oldham Partnership Support Team
David Hillary	- Voluntary Action Oldham
Steve Mills	- Royton & Shaw Area Committee
Adam Patterson	- Oldham Partnership Support Team
Bruce Penhale	- Oldham MBC
Rachel Reid	- Oldham Partnership Support Team
Michelle Renshaw	- Oldham Partnership Support Team (minute-taker)
Charles Shaw	- OCVYS
Phil Sumner	- Community Cohesion Advisory Group

MEMBERS

APOLOGIES:

Cllr Jackie Stanton	- Oldham MBC
Elma Plant	- Voluntary, Community & Faith Partnership
Gail Richards	- Oldham PCT
Marie Gillott	- Jobcentre Plus

Nick Brown was congratulated on receiving an OBE. The Group expressed their appreciation and recognition of the work Nick had undertaken.

01/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

02/07 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE GROUP (on 14th November 2006) AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record with the following amendment:

Voluntary, Community & Faith Sector should read Voluntary, Community & Faith Partnership.

Matters Arising

38/06 LAA UPDATE: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE BLOCK

The bullet point re. Teenage Pregnancy should reflect that this is an issue in every school in Oldham.

End of Matters Arising

03/07 LAA / LSP UPDATE OF PROGRESS

John Eley presented the item. Refer to the report circulated.

A discussion highlighted the following:

- Clarification was sought as to whether GONW would agree to the timescale of having a single pot a year early. Oldham Partnership via the freedom & flexibilities within the LAA and as a mature partnership are requesting that Government support them in moving this forward.

David Davies confirmed that Government will assist Oldham in working towards this.

- The vision within the paper was welcomed. Oldham Primary Care Trust asked to meet with other partners prior to the meeting arranged for the 5th March.

Action: Oldham PCT will arrange the meeting prior to the 5th March with relevant partners.

- Clarification was sought on the implications of setting up a Local Public Service Board (LPSB) and what difference this would make to the current representation at the Oldham Partnership meetings.

Section 3.4 within the report gave an overview of the key tasks of an LPSB and linkages to the LSP.

- The voluntary sector asked if any feedback had been obtained/ received from other LPSB's that they could review.

It was **agreed** John Eley the Partnership Development Manager would co-ordinate the work highlighted/ needed in relation to this report.

04/07 LAA UPDATE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE BLOCK

Michele Carr presented the item. Refer to the report circulated.

A discussion highlighted the following:

- The next update from the Economic Development & Enterprise Block will be scheduled to allow Performance Management information to be included. The report focused on the Economic Strategy.
- The re-structuring of the Oldham Economy and the knock on effect this has for each Block will need to be re-visited and discussed at future meetings of the Executive.
- The Local Skills Council (LSC) have been invited to attend the Oldham Partnership Executive Group meetings.

05/07 STRATEGIC PLANNING

John Eley presented the item. Refer to the document circulated.

- It was felt that the report provided an opportunity to move this area of work forward and that the group should work with it and make the necessary changes as the work progressed.
- Government Office welcomed less plans and more action to streamline but added as a note of caution that there will be statutory plans required by Government. It was suggested that maybe the Partnership should look to the freedom & flexibilities within the LAA to request some leeway with Statutory Plans on a need by need basis.

The report was **agreed** in principle and discussion took place on what the next steps are to progress.

Action: It was **agreed** that a smaller group consisting of the Block Leads and the Partnership Development Manager should report back to the next OP Executive meeting with a paper that looks at/ illustrates how the plans can be combined/ simplified. This to then be taken to Government Office once agreed.

06/07 MULTI AREA AGREEMENTS

John Eley presented the item. Refer to report circulated

A discussion highlighted the following:

- Multi Area Agreements (MAA) have been introduced in the White Paper. There is a lack of clarity on how MAA's will work; will they be formal within a metropolitan area or flexible to allow to be with other councils with similar problems; there may be a need a large number of agreements with other areas within Greater Manchester.

This could be an opportunity for Oldham Partnership to shape and drive MAA's forward.

- The LAA helped to rationalise bureaucracy, Oldham Partnership need to be careful MAA's don't add back unnecessary layers of bureaucracy.
- GONW suggested considering: How does this add value? How will MAA help Oldham? Will Oldham be able to help others to do better? Would sharing Good Practice be better rather than MAA?
- City Regional Governance needs to be understood before moving to MAA's.

Action: Timescales to be identified re. City Regional Governance then the MAA debate to be brought back to the agenda for a future meeting.

07/07 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Bruce Penhale presented the item. Please refer to report circulated.

A discussion highlighted the following:

- The Commissioning Group has representation from all five LAA blocks and the Voluntary Community & Faith Partnership. Business Cases will go into this group.
- Community Engagement needs to be driven forward quickly to ensure the resources are utilised more effectively. The consensus of the group was that the Oldham Partnership should work with the report whilst looking at what other partners have in terms of resources, to ensure further delay is avoided.
- Clarification was sought from a representative from the Oldham Partnership Steering Group as to the whereabouts of the comments that had been submitted by the sub group who had previously been tasked at looking at this report to move things forward. The report did not seem to include/ reflect this input.

Action: Bruce Penhale to review the comments to ensure these are considered/ included.

- Community Engagement is about both 'Interaction' and 'Participation'. Concern was raised that the report did not include the 'Interaction' element of Community Engagement.
- Government Office commented that Community Engagement seems to have separated out from mainstream organisations where people are involved with the community on a daily basis i.e. Police, Health. Oldham Partnership need to look at how this daily interaction can be brought through and linked into strategic plans. It was also noted that nothing was mentioned within the paper re the use of IT Technology as an additional way of engagement.

- Community Engagement needs to link into the Neighbourhood Works agenda.

A recommendation in the report was for three members to be nominated to approve recommendations of the Commissioning Group on behalf of the Partnership. It was **agreed** the three nominated members would work with Bruce Penhale to address the issues raised above and drive this area of work forward. The nominated members are: Phil Sumner, Cllr Peter Dean and Steve Mills.

08/07 DEPLOYMENT OF NRF CONTINGENCY FUNDS

John Eley presented the item. Please refer to report circulated.

The suggested deployment of NRF contingency monies within the report was **agreed**.

Items For Information

09/07 NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKS

Michele Carr presented the item. Please refer to report circulated.

10/07 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Sub-Regional and Local initiatives (*Andrew Kilburn*)

It was suggested that at the end of each meeting the group needs to look at the major initiatives and developments to consider their impact on Oldham i.e.

- Congestion charges
- Waste
- Casino
- Community Councils
- OMBC & Private Sector Firm

Action: Andrew Kilburn and John Eley to discuss and introduce a process at the next meeting.

11/07 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

No changes were made.

12/07 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

No changes were made.

The meeting closed at 3.50pm

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 17th May 2007

Venue: Groundwork Environment Centre, Shaw Road, Higginshaw

Time: 2pm