

**Oldham Partnership
Steering Group Meeting
Held at Civic Centre, Oldham
on 7th February 2008**

Members	Bill Edwards Zuber Ahmed Mohammed Alyas John Crompton David Cummins Cllr Barbara Dawson Kevin Dawson Jo Farrington Clare Fish Philip Gaul Janet Gipson Martin Gleeson Roger Gould Judith Haughton Jack Hulme Jean Laurie Jean Maxwell David McGealy Cllr Jim McMahan	Chair and Environment Partnership Oldham Primary Care Trust Werneth Community Council Failsworth Community Council Housing Partnership Oldham MBC St.James & Waterhead Community Council Community Cohesion Advisory Group Health & Social Care Partnership Alexandra Community Council Hollinwood Community Council Oldham Trades Union Council Faith Sector – Churches Together Oldham Council for Voluntary Youth Service Chadderton Community Council Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive Shaw & Crompton Community Council Voluntary & Community Sector Oldham MBC
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Observers	Michele Carr Philip Davenport Shirley Dickson Naomi Duggan John Eley Alan Higgins Susan Kirkham Adam Patterson Bruce Penhale Jennet Peters Michelle Renshaw	Oldham MBC, Corporate Policy Saddleworth & Lees Area Committee Werneth/Freehold Community Development Project Oldham MBC, Oldham Partnership Support Team Oldham PCT Oldham MBC, Strategy & Resource Oldham Partnership Support Team Oldham MBC, Diversity & Cohesion Government Office North West Oldham Partnership Support Team (minute-taker)
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**Members
Apologies**

Jon Bloor Nidi Etim Cllr Jean Jones Shah Newaz Mark Powell Fazil Rahim Mohammed Sumidh	Local Learning Partnership North West Development Agency Oldham MBC Chadderton Community Council Greater Manchester Police Community Cohesion Advisory Group Medlock Vale Community Council
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Judith Haughton informed the meeting that a free Fun Day had been organised for the 21st June in Alexandra Park.

01/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

02/08 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Oldham Partnership Steering Group 18th October 2007

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

36/07 LAA UPDATE: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE BLOCK

Janet Gipson sought clarification on the plans re. Limehurst Youth Club which had recently burnt down.

Alternative venues are currently being looked at in the interim until a full decision has been made on whether the Youth Club will be re-built.

38/07 OLDHAM IN PROFILE

The final version has now been printed and distributed.

Oldham Partnership Executive Group 15th November 2007

There were no matters arising from these minutes.

End of Matters Arising

It was agreed Item 9 on the agenda would be taken next.

03/08 OLDHAM BEYOND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

To update the Steering Group on the OBIP.

Michele Carr, Service Director – Economy & Enterprise Unit, presented the report.

The report sought approval of the penultimate version of the OBIP and, for the group to commit to joint scrutiny of the OBIP with the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

Minutes from the Oldham Partnership Steering Group Oldham Beyond Implementation Plan Sub Group dated 29th January 2008 were distributed at the meeting.

A discussion highlighted the following:

- Maps are being developed which will go onto the Oldham Council website. These will show regeneration plans for the borough.
- Following discussion on bullet points 9 and 10 of the sub-group minutes it was requested that the older population should be specifically included within these plans and that the minutes should be extended and be more specific.

Action: All are asked to take this document back to their groups to enable community input to be included.

Any comments should be sent to either: Michele Carr, michele.carr@oldham.gov.uk or Sara Hewitt, sara.hewitt@oldham.gov.uk

- It was requested that links to the Community Cohesion Strategy in the actual plan should make reference to the Borough not Oldham.
- Concern was raised by representatives from Hollinwood and Failsworth about specific areas within their communities requiring attention that are not included within the OBIP.
- Re. bullet point 11 within the sub-group minutes, it was suggested that this should also address the campaigning for affordable housing within certain areas of the borough.
- The OBIP is an active piece of work and as such it should be looked at regularly. It was suggested that the Oldham Partnership Steering group be involved with this and contribute to the longer term vision and review it regularly.

This to be reflected in the final version of the OBIP and for it to state that the OBIP will be reviewed in such a year by the Oldham Partnership Steering Group.

This was **agreed**.

- It was suggested that the Safer Stronger Communities theme within the OBIP and the LAA should be changed to Sustainable Neighbourhoods to reflect the wider agenda of this block.

This was **agreed**.

04/08 LAA UPDATE: HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES & OLDER PEOPLE BLOCK

To provide an update on the Healthier Communities & Older People Block within the LAA

Alan Higgins, Director of Public Health and Clare Fish, Assistant Director – Partnerships & Performance, gave a presentation.

Following the presentation a discussion highlighted the following:

- Oldham is rated very low in all areas relating to Alcohol. The partnership agreed that this needed to be addressed across the partnership as a whole. Clarification was sought on

how much had been achieved using external funding rather than mainstream and how this would be managed if it needs to come under mainstream.

The Primary Care Trust confirmed it would be possible to sustain this work through their funding.

- It was expressed that more intervention was needed to work with the food sector in improving information available through better food labelling.
- It was expressed that more time needed to be given to the provisions for the elderly.
- Carers are a priority in the Government Agenda and as such the Carers Grant is due to continue next year and will come within the Local Area Agreement single pot. Concern was raised that although financial support was necessary it was not the only support needed by carers.
- The increase in volunteers had been achieved primarily by going out into the communities and highlighting opportunities available.
- Clarification was sought around the development of emergency care.

Emergency care is currently being looked at in terms of what is already available and how this can be utilised more to improve facilities. **Action:** Clare Fish will provide further information for circulation to the Steering Group.

- Although the age limit for purchasing cigarettes is due to increase to 18 years of age from the 1st October, it was felt heightening the awareness of this had been very limited. Much more prominence of this increase is needed.
- The Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive (GMPTE) asked if partners could raise awareness that from the 1st April free bus passes can be used anywhere in the country. GMPTE also offered the assistance of their Health Co-ordinator to the Health & Well-being Board wherever possible.
- Evidencing impact on prevention is currently being looked at but this will take time to filter through.
- Those indicators showing 'red' are very challenging but it was expressed that these are the right things to address. Improvement on how progress is shown in these areas needs to be reviewed. It was also expressed that percentage spend on health and prevention services should be considered/reviewed.
- The Health & Well-Being Board will replace the Health & Social Care Partnership. It was asked that the new board have a system in place to assess what impact this change has made to assure that value for money has been received and to highlight the benefits of the change from what is currently in place.
- Members of the Steering group asked for clarification of the board membership in terms of including representatives of the community sector and the wider healthy lifestyles and sports provision agenda.

Action: Alan Higgins to provide details of the membership of the new Health & Well-being board.

- Acknowledgement and recognition was given by the group for the excellent work being undertaken by the block in particular the imaginative approach to the different initiatives.

05/08 SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY & LAA UPDATE

To provide an update on the progress and implications regarding the development and implementation of a 'new model' Local Area Agreement for Oldham from 2008.

John Eley, Partnership Development Manager, presented the report.

A discussion highlighted the following:

- Concern was raised that the comments re. National Indicator 110 - Young people's participation in positive activities, did not give enough information and caused confusion. The comments need to clarify that this is for ALL young people not just those with anti-social behaviours.
- Concern was raised on how the funding will be distributed.

Oldham Council will be the accountable body for the Area Based Grant, with the work being commissioned through the Oldham Partnership.

Government Office commented that the Area Based Grant is evolving and not every funding stream will go into this. It has not yet been confirmed that the Area Based Grant will be spent in total on the contents of the Local Area Agreement.

06/08 BRANDING

To provide an update on re-Branding

Naomi Duggan, Assistant Director of Corporate Communications gave a presentation.

Following the presentation a discussion highlighted the following:

- The research and analysis report on re-branding will be circulated to the Partnership.

Action: Naomi Duggan to forward the report to the Oldham Partnership Support Team for circulation.

- Clarification was sought on the timescales chosen for this process.

The process has been linked into the financial year.

- It was expressed that due to the number of major items on the agenda the Steering group felt there wasn't enough time available to discuss these as necessary.

It was suggested that a joint scrutiny meeting with the Council and the Oldham Partnership Steering Group should be arranged to look at this item and that the meeting will be solely dedicated to this one item. This was **agreed**.

07/08 COMMUNITY COHESION STRATEGY

To inform the Steering Group of progress on the development of the Community Cohesion Strategy and Action Plan; and to seek the Groups views on the content.

Bruce Penhale, Assistant Director – Communities, presented the report.

Action: Any comments should be sent to Bruce Penhale (bruce.penhale@oldham.gov.uk) by the end of February.

A revised draft will be produced in March for public consultation. The 2nd 'Great People, Great Place' conference with residents will be held on the 8th March.

The final version is due to be produced and signed off in May.

08/08 STRATEGIC RESEARCH WORKING GROUP

An update from the Strategic Research Working Group

Susan Kirkham, Research Manager OMBC, presented the report.

A discussion highlighted the following:

- The need to look at what percentage of funding should be provided for the resource and also to monitor the benefit of this facility.

09/08 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

10/08 DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS AT THIS STAGE.

No changes made.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Date of Next Meeting

Date: Thursday 15th May 2008

Time: 6pm

Venue: Crompton Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham