

**Oldham Partnership
Steering Group Meeting
Held at Civic Centre, Oldham
on 15th May 2008**

Members	Bill Edwards Zuber Ahmed Mohammed Alyas Jon Bloor John Crompton Philip Davenport Kevin Dawson Clare Fish Philip Gaul Marie Gillot Janet Gipson Martin Gleeson Roger Gould Judith Haughton Ian Kendal Jean Maxwell David McGealy John Moorhouse Lihanne Nelson Mark Powell	Chair and Environment Partnership Oldham Primary Care Trust Werneth Community Council Local Learning Partnership Failsworth Community Council Saddleworth & Lees Community Council St.James & Waterhead Community Council Health & Social Care Partnership Alexandra Community Council Jobcentre Plus Hollinwood Community Council Oldham Trades Union Council Faith Sector – Churches Together Oldham Council for Voluntary Youth Service Oldham Community Leisure Shaw & Crompton Community Council Voluntary & Community Sector Relate GMN Oldham Children’s Trust Greater Manchester Police
Observers	Naomi Duggan John Eley Ian Flanagan Smith Cllr Jean Jones Mary Murphy Michelle Renshaw Anne Ryans Sue Vanden	Oldham MBC (Corporate Communications) Oldham Partnership Support Team Oldham Partnership Support Team Oldham MBC Oldham MBC (Communities) Oldham Partnership Support Team (minute-taker) Oldham MBC Hemisphere
Members Apologies	Paul Davies Lee Gosling Cllr Jim McMahon Jennet Peters Fazil Rahim Mark Reynolds	Oldham MBC (Adult Social Services) Oldham Council for Voluntary Youth Service Oldham MBC Government Office North West Community Cohesion Advisory Group Oldham MBC (Housing)

11/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

12/08 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

03/08 OLDHAM BEYOND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Discussion took place re changing the name of the Safer Stronger Communities theme to Sustainable Neighbourhoods. The agreed change had not yet been implemented.

Action: John Eley to discuss its implementation with relevant parties.

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

Re: first action point, Clare will provide the information when the review has been completed. Questions raised by individuals at the last meeting have now been addressed directly with them.

Re: second action point, the Voluntary & Community Sector have been approached to nominate two representatives to sit on the Health & Well-being board.

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Discussion took place re. the presenting of paperwork at the meeting rather than beforehand. It was the consensus that the information should be circulated in advance of the meeting to enable attendee's to prepare fully prior to the meeting.

The agenda and paperwork for the Steering group is circulated two weeks before the meeting. Those producing reports and presentations are requested to adhere to the timescales currently in place.

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03/08 REGIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE

The Steering Group requested that this be an item at the next meeting in August.

Action: Jon Bloor to provide an update at the next meeting.

04/08 NEW MODEL LAA – PROGRESS & IMPLICATIONS

Janet Gipson asked for clarification re. agenda items being presented at the Steering Group meeting before going to the Executive Group meeting.

The chair confirmed that the majority of items tend to come to the Steering Group meeting first but not all, dependent on the relevance of the agenda item.

10/08 MULTI AREA AGREEMENT

The Steering Group was interested in knowing the wider impact this will have.

Action: Tom Flanagan to update the group at the next meeting in August.

End of Matters Arising

13/08 COMMUNITY CARD

A presentation to explore the possibilities of a community card.

Ian Kendall, Chief Executive, Oldham Community Leisure gave a presentation (please refer).

A discussion highlighted the following:

- South Gloucester are rolling out the card next month to trial the product.
- Bolton already have a similar smart card which is also linked into transport.
- By partners working together rather than individually to provide a the range of services covered by the card, savings could be made in such area's as Marketing, and as such the savings could be utilised to improve the services being offered.
- One card would be more practical than a number of cards as at present i.e. gym pass for different venues, library card, travel card.
- Consideration should be given in identifying what it is residents want and then tailoring the system to achieve/ provide this.
- The information gathered from such a system could be beneficial in highlighting area's going well or area's which need attention i.e. improvement in health linked to regular exercise.
- A group is being formed to look at marketing and the new branding which could also link in and give the opportunity to look at this idea further.

The group welcomed the presentation and the consensus of the Steering Group was for the concept to be explored further with more detailed information being brought back to a future meeting should it develop.

14/08 BRANDING

To provide an update on the Branding to the Steering Group.

Naomi Duggan, Assistant Director of Corporate Communications and Sue Vanden, Hemisphere presented the item.

Examples of how the new branding can be used are available via the following website:
www.oneoldham.com

Following the presentation a discussion highlighted the following:

- The new branding provides a way of communicating to the community as a group of partners rather than individual organisations.
- The branding needs to be shared wider and utilised to show the positives of the borough of Oldham i.e. this is what it does, this is what it offers.
- Partners need to take responsibility and move this forward pro-actively showing unity in working for the people of Oldham.

15/08 LAA UPDATE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENTERPRISE BLOCK

To provide an update on the Economic Development & Enterprise Block within the LAA.

Jon Bloor, Economy & Enterprise Unit Team Leader, gave a presentation (please refer).

A discussion highlighted the following:

- Chadderton Technology Park does not seem to have been mentioned. This is included within Oldham Beyond.

Action: Jon Bloor to give an update on Oldham Beyond at the next meeting.

- Clarification was sought re. those people in work. It did not seem to address what was being done to deal with those in work with high sickness/ health issues which in turn impact on the economy.

The occupational health approach is currently being looked at. It was also suggested that partners should work together to address this and build on preventative measures.

- Clarification was sought on the Passport to Employment Scheme in respect to monitoring the length of time those people in work stay in work.

This is monitored for 18months.

- Clarification was sought on the following:
 - Comparative figures re Oldham being behind on new start businesses within Greater Manchester.
 - Graduates working in low paid jobs.
 - Why unemployment is increasing in Hollinwood and Werneth.

A new system is being developed which will be able to track these and assist in addressing the underlying issues.

16/08 QUARTER 4 – PERFORMANCE UPDATE

To provide an overview on Performance for Quarter 4.

John Eley, Partnership Development Manager presented the report.

A discussion highlighted the following:

- Clarification was sought on the expectations of being able to achieve the targets for the reward grant.

Action: John Eley is to provide a detailed assessment for the next Oldham Partnership Steering Group meeting.

- Clarification was sought on: Oldham's performance against other authorities and; variation between the different wards as to whether success can be mapped to the different wards and whether this is proportionate and solving the underlying problems/ issues.

Some key targets can be mapped by ward due to how they are monitored. Those that can't are currently being worked on to develop a local knowledge base to assist with this.

Bruce Penhale is currently working on a new tool which will enable indicators to be looked at at ward level.

- Clarification was sought on stretch target 9a) Healthy Schools Standard, and what this covered.

This target covers healthy eating, curriculum subjects, mental well-being and physical health.

The question was raised as to whether it would be beneficial for pupils to stay in school at lunchtimes.

17/08 COMMUNITY COHESION STRATEGY

The report seeks the Steering Group's approval of the Oldham Partnership's Community Cohesion Strategy and Action Plan.

Mary Murphy, Communities Unit Manager, presented the report (please refer).

The main updates since the previous draft are:

- More information has been included re baselines and comparators.
- More timescales have been included within the Action Plan
- The residents survey mentioned in 3.3 of the report has been received today. The strategy will be amended to include the findings before it goes to the Oldham Partnership Executive Group meeting in June.

A discussion highlighted the following:

- A request for further research to be undertaken on people's perceptions where the conclusions were ranked. This was something previously included in the Oldham In Profile report, December 2007, page 33.

Action: Mary Murphy will feed this back to FOR (Forum for Oldham Research) group.

- Clarification was sought on number 31 within the Action Plan (page 34 of the strategy).

The Voluntary, Community & Faith Sector included this within the strategy to strengthen their role across the borough.

- The Community Cohesion Strategy is a partnership document and partners are asked to look at how they can use the document within their organisations.

18/08 LAA UPDATE

This was deferred until the next meeting.

19/08 COUNCILS FINANCIAL STRATEGY

To provide an update to the Steering Group

Anne Ryans, Assistant Director (Finance), presented the item.

Before the presentation on OMBC Financial Strategy 2008/9 to 2010/11 was given, feedback was requested from the group. The group was asked to respond to the recent letter that had requested comments on the content of the Councils published accounts, a copy of the 2006/7 accounts having been sent out to the Oldham Partnership Steering group members. The views of the group members as stakeholders were sought as to what information they thought needed to be contained in the Council's Statement of Accounts.

After discussion, the Oldham Partnership Steering group members asked that the accounts be reviewed to see if they could reflect some information about the blocks/themes within the Local Area Agreement/ Sustainable Community Strategy documents.

Action: Further written comments should be forwarded to Anne Ryans before the end of the month.

Following Anne's presentation (please refer) clarification was sought on:

- Details of the income received from the Land Fill in the Beal Valley.

This can be found on Page 57 in the 2006/7 account documentation.

- Re. the funding set aside for the maintenance of Council buildings, clarification was sought as to whether there were details confirming what work had been done.

The property function is being centralised into one Directorate to address this issue and this will enable the Council's maintenance programme to be carried out in a more co-ordinated manner.

- Clarification was sought as to what plans were in place for making existing buildings suitable for disabled people.

The capital strategy document (which is included as an Appendix to the Financial Strategy) refers to the directing of resources with the capital programme to address this issue.

The group found the presentation very useful and informative and requested that a similar update be given in the future.

20/08 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bill Edwards – Frequency of meetings

A discussion highlighted the need to review the current arrangements for the Oldham Partnership Steering Group.

Action: It was agreed that this should be an agenda item at the next meeting in August for full discussion.

21/08 DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS AT THIS STAGE.

No changes made.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date of Next Meeting

Date: Thursday 14th August 2008

Time: 6pm

Venue: Crompton Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham