

**Oldham Partnership
Steering Group Meeting
Held at Civic Centre, Oldham
on 18th October 2007**

Members	Bill Edwards Ruth Baldwin Jon Bloor Steve Burns John Crompton Cllr Barbara Dawson Kevin Dawson Jo Farrington Clare Fish Philip Gaul Janet Gipson Roger Gould Judith Haughton Jean Maxwell David McGealy Cllr Jim McMahon Shah Newaz Mark Powell Mohammed Sumidh	Chair and Environment Partnership Children & Young People Partnership Local Learning Partnership Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive Failsworth Community Council Oldham MBC St.James & Waterhead Community Council Community Cohesion Advisory Group Health & Social Care Partnership Alexandra Community Council Hollinwood Community Council Faith Sector – Churches Together Oldham Council for Voluntary Youth Service Shaw & Crompton Community Council Voluntary & Community Sector Oldham MBC Chadderton Community Council Greater Manchester Police Medlock Vale Community Council
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Observers	Michele Carr John Eley Lee Gosling Adam Patterson Bruce Penhale Jennet Peters Rachel Reid Michelle Renshaw	Oldham MBC, Corporate Policy Oldham Partnership Support Team Oldham Council for Voluntary Youth Service Oldham Partnership Support Team Oldham MBC, Diversity & Cohesion Government Office North West Oldham Partnership Support Team Oldham Partnership Support Team (minute-taker)
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Members Apologies	Philip Davenport Cllr Jean Jones	Saddleworth & Lees Area Committee Oldham MBC
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Judith Haughton informed the meeting that the Oldham Borough was now officially a Fairtrade Borough.

34/07 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

35/07 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Oldham Partnership Steering Group 5th July 2007

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising

25/07 OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

Members of the Oldham Partnership Steering Group are invited to an Overview & Scrutiny Away Day which is being held on Thursday 1st November at the Avant Hotel, Windsor Road, Oldham 5.30pm – 8.30pm. The Away Day will give the opportunity to discuss and debate the main issues which we want to tackle through our new Local Area Agreement.

Please could you confirm your attendance by contacting Hana Assifuah either by email or telephone as soon as possible. You can contact Hana on 0161 770 4832 or via hana.assifuah@oldham.gov.uk

26/07 SUB GROUPS

Janet Gipson raised concern that the sub-groups seemed to have been set up prior to the new Community Council Co-optee's being appointed.

The sub groups needed to be set up to move forward on the different issues. If you would like to be part of a particular sub-group please contact the relevant person for the area you are interested in.

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16/07 REFRESHED LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

This information is now available on the Oldham Partnership Website:
www.oldhampartnership.org.uk

28/07 LAA UPDATE: HOUSING BLOCK

It was suggested the 3rd paragraph should read 'No new council housing has been built in the Borough since 1982 rather than 'social housing'.

32/07 RACE STRATEGY DOCUMENT

This should actually read ORESA (Oldham and Rochdale Economy Skills Alliance) not RACE.

End of Matters Arising

36/07 LAA UPDATE: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE BLOCK

<i>To provide an update on the Children & Young People Block within the LAA</i>

Ruth Baldwin, Executive Director – Children, Young People and Families, presented the report.

The report updated the Group on the progress in relation to the development and delivery of the Children and Young People Block of the Local Area Agreement, focussing on: Governance Arrangements; Funding; Commissioning; Performance; Children and Young People Plan; Prevention; youth Matters; Locality delivery; Engaging the voluntary; community and faith sector.

A discussion highlighted the following:

- Janet Gipson sought clarification as to the reason Hollinwood did not feature within the report whilst other wards did.

Ruth Baldwin explained that a needs analysis is undertaken before commencement of special projects. The outcome from this must have ranked Hollinwood lower priority than other wards.

- Clarification was sought as to the reason for the deletion of two indicators (refer to 2.2 in the report).

These indicators were deleted as no baseline figure could be established and therefore they could not be measured.

- Discussion took place around youth nuisance/ anti-social behaviour which highlighted the following:
 - The need to look at what age problems start.
 - Practical issues for Youth intervention and what this links to.
 - The difficulty in differentiating between ages when calls are received by the police on this issue.
- Youth Centres are currently being reviewed to highlight those which are used regularly and those which are not with a view to refurbish facilities as needed.

Ruth Baldwin offered to present the Children & Young People 10 Year Strategy Plan at Community Council meetings.

Action: Community Council Co-optee's to liaise with the Chair's of the Community Councils and let the Children & Young People block know if they would like an update on the Children & Young People 10 year strategy at one of their future meetings.

- Jo Farrington highlighted that obesity in young people was on the increase.

This has been included as a priority for 2007/8 within the report (refer to page 47)

It was also noted that the LAA Stretch Targets regarding children taking activity within in school and outside of school have both been exceeded.

- Discussion took place around section 3.9.3 in the report .

Representation from the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector on all Children & Young People Boards has been increased.

Laura Breslin is also meeting with the Voluntary and Community Sector to increase involvement.

Ruth Baldwin informed the group she would be leaving the organisation on the 14th November. The Group thanked Ruth for all her important contributions to Children, Young People & Families Directorate and the Children & Young People Block of the LAA.

37/07 QUARTER 2 – PERFORMANCE UPDATE

To provide an overview on Performance for Quarter 2

Rachel Reid, Research & Performance Co-ordinator, presented the report.

The report provided a summary and overview of performance for the Local Area Agreement (LAA) for the second quarter of the financial year 2007/8.

A discussion highlighted the following:

- Concern was raised about the number of indicators where collecting data is difficult. There is a need to be clear for the new LAA how data is going to be collected to monitor and measure the indicators accurately.

Some of the indicators have come from Central Government particularly the Home Office.

- Government Office suggested that in the next report it may be helpful to distinguish between those targets that have not been met but there is a plan in place to address the issues and those which do not and need attention.

38/07 DRAFT OLDHAM IN PROFILE

Draft Oldham in Profile for comments

Rachel Reid, Research & Performance Co-ordinator, presented the report.

A discussion highlighted the following:

- Section 5 Safer Stronger Communities under Culture those responsible should read Adele Smail and Kevin Shaw.
- It was suggested the Voluntary Sector survey work which had been undertaken might need to be included.

- The final report is expected to be complete mid November, a copy will be sent out to all members.

39/07 LAA – SHAPING OLDHAM'S FUTURE

The report shares for discussion the results of the LAA Feasibility Testing with Government and updates on the emerging shape, role and operation of Oldham's LAA.

John Eley, Partnership Development Manager, presented the report.

A discussion highlighted the following:

- If all 198 indicators are included within the LAA all 198 have to be measured. Government Office are still to confirm if all 198 indicators have to be included within the LAA.
- The LAA is to include upto 35 national/local targets plus the 17 statutory indicators. Clarification was sought as to whether Oldham's LAA will have the maximum of 35 included.
- The LAA will be framed under three crosscutting themes: Health & Wellbeing; Economic Prosperity; Safe and Strong Communities. These three themes are not in direct correlation with the indicator sets.

Oldham has chosen to frame the LAA under these three crosscutting themes.

Michele Carr, Head of Corporate Policy gave an update on the Oldham Beyond Implementation Plan.

Oldham Beyond is about the physical regeneration of the Borough. The documentation was followed by the 1000 day campaign which is soon to end. At the end of this campaign the Oldham Beyond Implementation Plan will be produced. The document will reflect what is in the Local Area Agreement. The first draft of the document will be available by the end of this month. Consultation will be undertaken during November and December.

At the last meeting of the Oldham Partnership Steering Group it was agreed that a sub group would be formed to look at this. The sub group will need to meet during November and December.

Further nominations from the new Community Council Representatives are welcome.

It was **agreed**: Kevin Dawson, Jean Maxwell and Janet Gipson would join this sub group.

40/07 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

The purpose of this report is to present the final draft of the Community Engagement Strategy which has been produced on behalf of the Oldham Partnership.

Bruce Penhale, Assistant Director (Communities), presented the report.

This version of the document is much more developed to incorporate earlier concerns/ comments re. engagement. This has now been included within the Aims and Objectives of the document. The Action Plan also allows for further inclusion.

The group **agreed** Section One of the document was ready for sign off and Section 2 is the Work In Progress part of the document.

41/07 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

OLDHAM MBC BUDGET 2008/9 AND BEYOND (*John Eley*)

The document was distributed at the meeting. Your views can be logged on the Oldham MBC website.

42/07 DATES AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS AT THIS STAGE.

No changes made.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Date of Next Meeting

Date: Thursday 7th February 2008

Time: 6pm

Venue: Lees Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham