

**OLDHAM PARTNERSHIP
EXECUTIVE GROUP MEETING
HELD ON 13th MARCH 2008
GROUNDWORK ENVIRONMENT CENTRE, SHAW ROAD, HIGGINSHAW**

MEMBERS: Nick Brown	- Chair & Further/Higher Education Sector
Paul Argyle	- Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service
Michelle Ford	- Learning & Skills Council
Marie Gillott	- Job Centre Plus
Alan Higgins	- Oldham PCT (for Gail Richards)
Carol Hopkins	- Private Sector
Andrew Kilburn	- Oldham MBC
David McGealy	- Voluntary, Community & Faith Partnership
Cllr Jean Stretton	- Oldham MBC

OBSERVERS:

Michele Carr	- Oldham MBC
Bill Edwards	- Oldham Partnership Steering Group
John Eley	- Oldham Partnership Support Team
Naomi Duggan	- Oldham MBC
Clare Fish	- Healthier Communities & Older People
Tom Flanagan	- Oldham MBC
Adam Patterson	- Oldham Partnership Support Team
Bruce Penhale	- Oldham MBC
Jennet Peters	- Government Office North West
Michelle Renshaw	- Oldham Partnership Support Team (minute-taker)
Phil Sumner	- Community Cohesion Advisory Group
Cllr Howard Sykes	- Oldham MBC
Sue Vanden	- Hemisphere

MEMBERS

APOLOGIES:

Caroline Ball	- Greater Manchester Police
Cllr Peter Dean	- Oldham MBC
Cllr David Jones	- Oldham MBC
Gail Richards	- Oldham Primary Care Trust

The Executive Group thanked Adam Patterson for the work he had undertaken for the Partnership in his role as Marketing and Communications Co-ordinator. This was Adam's last meeting before moving to his new job with Knowsley Council.

The DVD produced for the Local Government Channel for the Annual Culture, Tourism and Sport Conference & Exhibition on the 13th & 14th March included a section on Oldham. This was viewed by the group.

01/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

02/08 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE GROUP (7th February 2008) AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

03/08 REGIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE

Nick Brown, Principal, Oldham Sixth Form College gave a verbal update.

The following information was included:

- Oldham's growth in Science post 16 is higher than anywhere else in the country.
- Oldham would be the first to have a Science Centre and would be a model for the rest of the country.
- It is possible for the Science Centre to be ready by 2010.
- The area previously housed the Pennine Way Hotel has been identified for the Science Centre.
- This is a cutting edge project and a great opportunity for Oldham. It is moving quicker than anticipated and is very much a deliverable scheme.

Michele Carr briefly updated the group re the masterplan and visioning document which will show where inward investment can be deployed.

Action: Michele Carr to present a paper on the above at a future meeting.

04/08 NEW MODEL LAA – PROGRESS & IMPLICATIONS

John Eley, Partnership Development Manager, presented the report.

The figure within point 4 on page 4 should read £100,000 not £100.

The group agreed with the paper in principle with the following requirements:

- More detailed information to be provided on the suggested allocation of resources within the report to enhance transparency. This to be agreed by the Local Public Service Board.

The following queries were raised:

- Will elected members be involved? Andrew Kilburn, Chief Executive of Oldham MBC will ensure this occurs within the Local Authority.
- Clarification was sought re the Community Cohesion aspects. In particular the monitoring/ commissioning being carried out in line with the strategy.

Action: John Eley to prepare a paper for the next meeting to:

- a) Show how and what further detailed information will be provided to support the allocation of resources.
- b) Detailed information on the governance arrangements of the suggested Public Service Board.

05/08 LAA UPDATE: HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES & OLDER PEOPLE BLOCK

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

Following the presentation a discussion highlighted the following:

- Additional work has been commissioned to address those targets currently with a 'Red' rating.
- Clarification was sought on: How the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment fits in with the planning cycle, and; Is it in line with the work already being done.

Some re-positioning is needed but the information fed in will not be too different it will just give more detail.

- In respect to the Carers information it was felt more awareness was needed re. how many breaks are being taken, which are not being accessed, how this is monitored and how does this reflect in the figures.

The figures reflect those breaks that have actually been taken up.

06/08 COMMUNITY COHESION STRATEGY

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

A discussion highlighted the following:

- The final version is to be signed off in May.
- The document needs to include the cross cutting areas highlighted within the LAA.
- Clarification was sought as to how the group ensures the strategy works once finalised and signed off and; how it will be implemented and delivered.

It was suggested a joint Overview & Scrutiny meeting be arranged to look at the above in more detail. This was **agreed**.

07/08 OLDHAM BEYOND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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

The following points were highlighted to the group:

- The document is designed to reflect the 3 themes of the Local Area Agreement: Economic Prosperity, Health and Well-Being, Safe and Strong Communities.
- The governance is detailed in Section D of the document.
- Communications plans are in place to ensure people are kept informed of what is going on and what progress has been made.
- The final document will go to print in May/June.

08/08 BRANDING

Sue Vanden from Hemisphere and Naomi Duggan, Assistant Director – Corporate Communications, Oldham MBC presented the report.

The following points were highlighted to the group:

- The research has now been undertaken and is included within the Final Report dated February 2008.
- Hemisphere are currently underway with developing a design. A marketing group has been formed to look at the designs and will put a recommendation forward.

A discussion highlighted the following:

- Documents are now consistently including the same values within them and as such would be complimented with a joint branding.

09/08 CITY REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Andrew Kilburn, Chief Executive, Oldham MBC updated the group.

The City Regional Development includes 10 districts and looks at how these work together. It gives the opportunity to look at Multi Area Agreements to make a real difference.

Action: Andrew Kilburn to bring a report to the next meeting giving fuller details.

10/08 MULTI AREA AGREEMENTS

Tom Flanagan, Executive Director – Regeneration, Oldham MBC gave a presentation.

A discussion highlighted the following:

- A small group will be formed over the next 2 to 3 weeks to take this forward, Tom Flanagan will be part of this group.
- Clarification was sought as to how Community Cohesion aspects will be included.

This will need to be included and it was suggested that maybe Oldham could assist with this process.

- It was suggested that some form of agreement should be drawn up to cover what the MAA should include/ focus on and what the LAA should include/focus on.

11/08 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other matters were raised.

12/08 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

No changes were made.

13/08 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

No changes were made.

The meeting closed at 3.50pm

NEXT MEETING

Thursday 19th June 2008

Venue: Groundwork Environment Centre, Shaw Road, Higginshaw

Time: 2pm