

Notes from the Public Service Board 15th December 2009

Attendance: Nick Brown (Chair), Cllr Howard Sykes, Charlie Parker, Gail Richards, John Eley and Caroline Ball

Apologies: Carolyn Wilkins and Bill Edwards.

1. Notes from 17 November 2009

Notes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record. The European Public Service Award (EPSA) has now been featured in the Oldham Chronicle.

2. External Funding Framework

Board Members agreed that a more co-ordinated approach to external funding was in development but that at a strategic level the priority will be a more pluralist and efficient approach to services within a stronger commissioning model. In particular, this needs to be debated and agreed at the Oldham Partnership Executive and at a Partnership Conference in June.

A key stage in this work would be a roundtable discussion in March focusing on challenge and debate predicated on less resources in the future. A route map to prepare the partnership for a new service delivery landscape is required which will incorporate:

- Where are we now, what are our achievements and what changes are underway;
- What are the fixed needs, the priorities and what are we not going to do;
- What are the core principals that will guide this work;
- An initial strategic assessment should be produced against which organisations and working groups can add information and develop position papers for the June Conference;
- Timelines, milestones and the full involvement of LSP members;
- Clarity around our priorities (what do they mean and look like) and ensuring that they drive funding.

Action: John has been asked to produce an initial discussion for the Public Service Board.

3. CAA Update

The CAA results are now publicly available but there has been relatively little media/public interest to date. There are 28 flags across the North West but the Public Service Board identified that improving perceptions is the key issue for Oldham to address. Suggestions were:

- Developing staff to act as ambassadors for Oldham in terms of public services, organisations and the borough;
- That the Partnership Strategic Research Group are asked to analyse perceptions data and identify what we can influence and suggest options for moving forwards.

Action: that Carolyn lead on the above action points.

4. Regional Science Centre

The Board was updated on progress on the above which will be more fully discussed at the OP Executive on Thursday.

5. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 25th February 2pm-3.30, Oldham Business Centre.