

Oldham Executive Partnership Group

Thursday 19th March 2009
 Groundwork, Shaw Road, Oldham
 2:00pm

Members present:	Nick Brown	Chair & Further/Higher Education Sector
	Sally Pearson	GONW
	Marie Gillott	Job Centre Plus
	Geoff Harris	Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue
	Carol Hopkins	Private Sector
	David McGealy	VCFP
	Gail Richards	Oldham Primary Care Trust
	Caroline Ball	Greater Manchester Police
Observers Present:	Michelle Carr	Oldham Council – Regeneration
	Ami Dennison	Minute-taker
	John Eley	Oldham Partnership Support Team
	Ian Flanagan Smith	Oldham Partnership Support Team
	Karen McCrackle	Oldham Partnership Support Team
	Tom Wolstencroft	Oldham Council
	Pat Johnson	Audit Commission
	Charles Shaw	Oldham Council for Voluntary Youth Service
	Phil Sumner	Community Cohesion Advisory Group
Members' Apologies:	Paula Boshell	VCFP
	Cllr Thompson	Oldham Council
	Cllr Sykes	Oldham Council
	Charlie Parker	Oldham Council
	Cllr Stanton	Oldham Council
	Tim Mitchell	Positive Steps
	Bruce Penhale	Oldham Council
	Cllr Dean	Oldham Council
	Michelle Ford	Learning & Skills Council
	Cllr McMahon	Oldham Council

01/09	Welcome & Apologies
	Apologies were noted from Paula Boshell, Howard Sykes, Charlie Parker and Cllr Stanton. No Declarations of Interest were received.
02/09	Minutes and Matters Arising
	The minutes were approved as a correct record of the meeting of the Group on 18 th December subject to the amendments to minute 48/08, the second paragraph of which should read: Gail Richards referred to page 3 of the report and confirmed the positive

	<p>position that the Executive had oversight for the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and confirmed that best practice was being followed by having an Independent Chair for the LSCB. She also endorsed longer term planning because she felt that funding matters were too important to be left to annual debates.</p> <p>Phil Sumner asked about updates regarding the MAA. Michelle Carr informed the group that updates were not available yet but would be refreshed in June.</p> <p>David McGealy referred to minute 50/08 regarding the VCFP. It was noted that John Eley had taken this on board and discussions were to be had.</p> <p>David McGealy requested feedback and an update at the next meeting from Transforming Social Care.</p> <p>Phil Sumner noted that there appeared to be a problem following up on action points from meetings. Caroline Ball suggested an action matrix should log actions and attached to agendas as an appendix. Gail Richards added that this should also log who had responsibility for the action.</p>
03/09	Towards a Professional and Skilled University Town
	<p>Nick Brown delivered his presentation.</p> <p>Caroline Ball asked how the proposals connected to the economy and jobs. Nick Brown replied stating that an analysis of jobs undertaken after the recession noted a demand for technical and science-based jobs.</p> <p>Gail Richard informed the group of proposals for academic health science centres to link service providers in public and private sector: 3 were proposed for London, 1 in Cambridge and 1 in Manchester/Salford and stated that this was inward investment on an international scale bringing genuine job opportunities.</p> <p>Michelle Carr also informed the group that there were a high percentage of job opportunities in manufacture and more highly technical manufacturing was increasing. She stated that there was a Manchester Economic Review event taking place on the 30th March and noted that there was a lot Oldham could offer due to its location and it was a matter of keeping skilled people within the Borough and that this would be affected by housing and neighbourhoods and supporting young people. She also noted that links to employment needed to be improved and at a Greater Manchester level.</p> <p>It was agreed that the paper would go to the PSB.</p>
04/09	LAA Update: Health and Well Being
	<p>Gail Richards presented an update.</p> <p>Tom Wolstencroft also presented a report on older people.</p> <p>David McGealy commented that since direct payments were introduced in 2000 over three quarters of service users thought services were better but was</p>

	<p>concerned about the level of support for carers managing direct payments. Tom Wolstencroft stated that there were a range of options available and that not all were right but that this was developing.</p> <p>Gail Richards also informed the Group that cancer prevention practices were being promoted, such as bowel screening and that lives could be saved if any problems were detected early. She also stated that Royton Health and Well Being Centre was nearing financial close.</p> <p>Gail Richards and John Eley to agree dates for workshops later.</p> <p>The recommendations within the report were noted.</p>
05/09	LAA Refresh
	<p>John Eley presented the report.</p> <p>Caroline Ball asked about public involvement and noted that progress was not necessarily showing up and that this may be addressed by looking at individual cases. John Eley responded by stating that the documents were rushed and National Indicator models were impenetrable by the public. Nick Brown commented that the report was generally positive.</p> <p>Michelle Carr referred to Economic Indicators and stated that the time lag was not negotiated and gave an example of employment rates being 6 months behind and that it was not possible to predict academic achievement. However, the 2012 vision was considering having fewer indicators but express priorities as the current long list shrouds priorities. Phil Sumner commented that the indicators did not monitor ethnic achievements.</p> <p>The report was noted.</p>
06/09	Progressing Comprehensive Area Assessment
	<p>Pat Johnson presented the report.</p> <p>Sally Pearson stated that GONW was changing structure and introducing locality managers to focus on areas. This will help the Audit Commission to work more closely and join up where required.</p> <p>Pat Johnson would be speaking with Leadership.</p> <p>The report was noted.</p>
07/09	Confirming the Area Based Grant Allocation 09/10 and 10/11
	<p>John Eley presented the report.</p> <p>This was to be discussed at the PSB next week.</p> <p>The report was noted.</p>
08/09	Responding to the credit crunch and planning any for the upturn

	<p>Nick Brown noted that it was important that the partners had the ability to respond quickly and intervene to prevent businesses failing.</p> <p>Michelle Carr presented the report.</p> <p>David McGealy suggested that the VCF sector should have a selected representative.</p> <p>Charles Shaw commented that there were going to be changes to the Council's Voluntary Youth Service and that they were experiencing financial difficulties and were reliant on donations. He added that businesses do not talk to the voluntary sector but that this was a regional problem.</p> <p>The report was noted.</p>
09/09	Dates of future meetings
	<p>Thursday 18th June 2009 at 2pm Thursday 17th September 2009 at 2pm Thursday 17th December 2009 at 2pm</p>
10/09	Agenda Items for future meetings at this stage
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compact (June 09) - Update: Economic Development and Enterprise Block (June 09) - Update: Safer and Stronger Communities Block including the Housing Block (Sept 09) - Update: Children & Young People Block (Dec 09)
11/09	Timetable for the next meeting
	<p>Friday 29th May – Final request to Executive Group for agenda items Thursday 4th June – Deadline for receipt of Agenda Items Monday 8th June – Deadline for receipt of reports Wednesday 10th June – agenda and reports emailed and posted to Executive Group</p>

The meeting closed at 16:00.