

# Minutes

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## Credit Crunch Cabinet (CCC)

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**Leader's Office, Rochdale Road Entrance, Civic Centre, Oldham**

**1.30 – 2.30pm**

<b>Present:</b>	Jon Bloor (chair) Shirley Burns Alun Francis Michelle Ford Jayne Clarke Jonathan Yates Dave Catherall	Oldham Council Oldham Council The Oldham College Oldham Council Sixth Form College CAB Oldham Council
<b>Apologies:</b>	Stephen Lowe Jonathan Phillips Michele Carr Charlie Parker Tim Forber Howard Sykes Cliff Ellison Jennifer Wright Viv Robinson Tim Mitchell	Royal Bank of Scotland Oldham Council Oldham Council Oldham Council Greater Manchester Police GMP Oldham Council Groundwork Oldham Council Jobcentre Plus Positive Steps Oldham

1 **Welcome and Apologies**

The chair welcomed everyone and noted the apologies.

2 **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

3 **Matters arising**

Community reporters project

Activity completed – project now integrated with Oldham Say's.  
Portal – Oldham Chronicle website  
Include portfolio of work as an agenda item for the next meeting

**ACTION: JP and DC to review**

CC monies rolled forward

The Rapid Intervention Fund monies have been rolled forward, but could be subject to ABG Challenge Panel. £70k still potentially available till March 2011 for new schemes.

**ACTION: HS to raise at the Board**

4 **Declarations of interest**

None

5 **Intelligence**

Economic Dashboard

JB presented the key points of the Economic Dashboard Report.

Housing Update

The report gives an overview of the current housing market trends in Oldham and we seem to be following national trends.

Business and residents

The report gives feedback from the Strategic Business Breakfast Consultation event held with businesses in July.

6 **Update on CC Programme**

Overview

An update of the Credit Crunch Programme was distributed.

JY queried the extension date of CAB activity.

Ongoing scheme activities:

- Employment & Skills Fair on 8<sup>th</sup> Oct.
- Volunteer Oldham – training with Managers and opportunities for young people with plenty of work going on in the background.
- Retail Support – Reducing on street car parking charges by 50% to encourage people to come into the town shopping. Measure of footfall – Definitely increased according to Traders on Yorkshire St.
- Retail Therapy – Working with businesses to promote and advertise themselves.
- Retail therapy and retail support evaluations are ongoing. Details at the next meeting.

**ACTIONS: DC to check with ABG Review Panel regarding CAB date  
JP to provide detailed evaluations next meeting.**

7 **Update on FJF**

FJF will recruit until March 2011 and funded up until Sept 2011. As of 3<sup>rd</sup> September we have 245 people in work or offered a post and awaiting a CRB check. Research on leavers at GM level showed 65% of those who participated on FJF have not returned onto benefits.

Currently working on the exit strategy along with proposed Apprenticeship Scheme.

We have to continue to build on our results and JB asked the group to look at ways of identifying prospective vacancies within their work areas.

8 **AOB**

JY mentioned the change in government policy such as tax under payments which will affect more people using their service such as re-negotiating mortgage and credit arrangements.

9 **Date and venue of next meeting**

15<sup>th</sup> November 2010

2.15 – 3.15pm

Leaders Office Room 328