

The review of Area Based Grant (ABG) Challenge Panel – Fact Sheet

If you have any questions about the review of Area Based Grant, please contact the Oldham Partnership Support Team on 0161 770 3199 or info@oldhampartnership.org.uk

Background:

Following the announcement by Government on the 10th June of in year reductions to the Area Based Grant 2010/2011 programme, the ABG review Challenge Panel has met four times to look at the current ABG commissioned activities and to make its recommendations to the Oldham Partnership Executive.

The Challenge Panel is working to achieve a 30% reduction in 10/11 ABG allocations (15% in year pro rata).

To recap - the overall aims of the Challenge Panel are:

- To assess the impact of activity currently commissioned through ABG against the priorities of the Oldham Partnership's prospectus (www.oldhampartnership.org.uk/oldham-prospectus)
- To consider the costs and benefits of each activity (or proposed costs and benefits if the activity has not yet started)
- To understand the broader implications of Panel decisions on services and outcomes,
- To make recommendations about what needs to be retained or decommissioned, or about whether we need to re-think how we deliver a service.

The commissioned activities have been grouped in clusters, in line with the Prospectus Priorities, which are as follows:

- **Towards a university town, this includes**
 - Worklessness
 - Skills and educational attainment
- **Great places to live, this includes**
 - Reducing crime
 - Street cleanliness
 - Positive activities for young people
- **Healthy life, this includes:**
 - Active people

- Reducing the harm done by alcohol
- Helping them to be empowered, to increase their independence and aspirations

The Challenge Panel has reviewed each area of activity against the following criteria:

- Is the activity making a direct impact on one of the issues within the prospectus?
- Is the approach plausible and is there evidence that it is the right intervention to achieve the required outcomes and to meet a need?
- Does the activity make an impact on the prospectus priority? Can we present evidence to show this?
- What would happen if the activity was no longer there? What impact would there be on partner organisations?

The Challenge Panel then agreed a savings target for each cluster which has been worked up by the Strategic Leads and key partners.

When recommendations have been made by the Challenge Panel members – they have assessed the impact of their decisions on mainstream provision and any related activity.

Equality impact assessments are being carried out on all activity where funding reductions have been proposed.

The Challenge Panel has also been working closely with the third sector, through the Voluntary Community and Faith Partnership (VCFP) and Voluntary Action Oldham (VAO).

The recommendations:

Over the past number of months, extensive consultation has been carried out with thematic partners, boards and key partners. As a result, the Challenge Panel will make recommendations to find the required funding reductions and efficiency savings.

The recommendations will be presented to the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) on the 23rd September 2010 and delivery agents will receive official notification shortly after this date. Once the LSP approve the recommendations, a 90 day consultation period will commence, in compliance with the Oldham Compact.

Please find attached details of both ABG funded activity and delivery agents

Next steps

The Challenge Panel will continue to meet to help implement the recommendations. However, going forward the Challenge Panel will move into a single commissioning board that will complement the LSP structure. The single commissioning board will help to reshape the programme of activity provided by the LSP into 2011 onwards.

The key principles for 2011 onwards are to reduce duplication and create fewer and larger commissions based around Oldham's Prospectus Priorities.

We are predicting a 30% reduction going forward. However, the Comprehensive Spending Review, to be announced on the 20th Oct 2010, will provide a clear indication of resources available for 2011.

Contact us

We will continue to keep you informed throughout the process and information will be available on the Partnership website www.oldhampartnership.org.uk/reviewing-abg

The Partnership Support Team fully understands that this is a challenging period and would like to thank all partners who are heavily involved in the process.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Alison Vaughan on 0161 770 3199 or John Eley on 0161 770 5254.

Thank you for your support.

Clusters and Activity

Alcohol	
Prospectus narrative - <i>A borough in which people enjoy long, healthy, active and fulfilling lives and reduce the impact of drugs and alcohol</i>	
Activity	Delivery Agent
AMOAT	ADS and Acorn Treatment
Oasis.	Positive Steps Oldham
Access	Positive Steps Oldham
Alcohol Co-ordinator	Positive Steps Oldham

Crime	
Prospectus narrative - <i>High quality neighbourhoods with low levels of crime.</i>	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Domestic Abuse Partnership Unit	Oldham Council Community Safety Unit
Challenge and Support Team	Positive Steps Oldham
Violent Crime Coordinator	Oldham Council
Supporting Victims of Crime	Victim Support and Witness Service
Services for Children Affected by Domestic Abuse	Barnardos
Safe Tasking	GMP/Oldham Council
Saddleworth & Lees Inspector.	GMP
Chief Inspector Post	Oldham Council Community Safety Unit
Integrated Offender Management	Probation Service
Get Offenders Back On Track (GOFBOT)	H2O
Neighbourhood Justice Coordinator	Oldham Council Community Safety Unit
Integrated Youth Crime Prevention Initiative	Positive Steps Oldham

Third Sector Infrastructure	
Prospectus narrative - <i>creation of a cohesive society where people get on and where people want to live</i>	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Community grants and VCFP development	OCAS and VAO
Capacity building and development	Oldham Communities Unit
The HUB	Positive Steps Oldham
Interfaith development/faith related cohesion	Oldham Communities Unit/Interfaith forum

Local Involvement Networks	Oldham Council
Embedding Equalities	Talawa consulting

Cohesion and Preventing Violent Extremism	
Prospectus narrative - <i>creation of a cohesive society where people get on and where people want to live (SCS)</i>	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Preventing Violent Extremism co-ordination	Oldham Council Cohesion team
PVE top slice	AGMA - Oldham Council accountable body
Good Relations Oldham	Oldham Council

Volunteering	
Prospectus narrative - <i>creation of a cohesive society where people get on and where people want to live (SCS)</i>	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Oldham Volunteering Agency	Voluntary Action Oldham
Public Sector Volunteering Co-ordination	North West Network

Culture/Diversionsary Activity	
Prospectus narrative - <i>participation in high quality activities to help improve the prospects of all young people, develop socially and emotionally, building communication skills and improving self confidence and self esteem</i>	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Go Oldham	Oldham Council
Carnival mela and pride events	Oldham Council
Festival Partnership	Coliseum Theatre
LATICS	Oldham Athletic Community Trust
SHOP programme	Oldham Council Arts Team

Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP)	
Prospectus narrative - <i>participation in high quality activities to help improve the prospects of all young people, develop socially and emotionally, building communication skills and improving self confidence and self esteem</i>	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Play Development	Oldham Play Action Group (OPAG)
Asha Project	Barnardos
CAF Commissioning and Participation (formerly Early Intervention and Prevention)	Oldham Council

Youth Zone	Positive Steps Oldham
Junior Youth Clubs	OPAG, Barnardos, Werneth and Freehold CDP
Sports Provision for children and young people	Oldham Council Integrated youth services

Community Support	
Prospectus narrative - <i>creation of a cohesive society where people get on and where people want to live (SCS)</i>	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Legal and advice services	CAB and Oldham Law Centre
Credit Union	Oldham Credit Union
Community Centres and Organisations	Oldham Council
Neighbourhood Network Coordination	Age Concern
Capacity Delivery officers	Oldham Council Adult Services
Learning and Disability Development Fund	Oldham Council
Mortgage Rescue Scheme	CAB

Strategic Health	
Prospectus narrative - <i>Improving people's overall lifetime expectancy and tackling the inequalities gap to achieve better health and well being for all. A Borough in which people enjoy long, healthy, active and fulfilling lives</i>	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Heart of Oldham	Oldham Community Leisure Ltd
School Travel Plans	Oldham Council
Preserved Rights	Oldham Council Adult Services
Child Death Review Panel	Oldham Council Safeguarding Team

Connexions	
Prospectus narrative - <i>participation in high quality activities to help improve the prospects of all young people, develop socially and emotionally, building communication skills and improving self confidence and self esteem. Preventing young people from starting to commit crime or ASB, reducing truancy, low attainment, mental health problems and improving employability</i>	
Activity	Delivery agent
Integrated and Targeted Youth Support	Positive Steps Oldham
NEET Reengagement Groundwork	Groundwork
NEET Re-engagement WFCDP	Werneth and Freehold

NEET Re-Engagement Coppice	Coppice community Centre
Learner tracking and management System.	Positive Steps Oldham
Reducing Teenage Conception Rate	Brook

Support for Independent Living	
Prospectus narrative - <i>Provide high quality preventative services and support independent living. When care is needed, good services will be delivered in a timely manner</i>	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Where Can I find?	Age Concern
Safe at Home and Home Shopping	Age Concern
Gardening Maintenance	Oldham Council
Community Transport (Promobility)	Community Transport

Housing	
Prospectus narrative - <i>high quality neighbourhoods through high quality affordable homes</i>	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Oldham Reconnect (mediation)	De Paul Trust
Oldham Nightstop	FCHO
Oldham Bond Scheme	FCHO
Emerging Communities Co-ordinator	FCHO

Supporting People	
Prospectus narrative - <i>Provide high quality preventative services and support independent living. When care is needed, good services will be delivered in a timely manner</i>	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Supporting people (SP) programme (general – all services including admin support)	Various

Carers	
Prospectus narrative - Provide high quality preventative services and support independent living. When care is needed, good services will be delivered in a timely manner	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Carers Grant	Oldham Council Adult Services
Specialist Service for Young Carers	Positive Steps Oldham

Mental Health and Mental Capacity Advocacy	
Prospectus narrative - Provide high quality preventative services and support independent living. When care is needed, good services will be delivered in a timely manner	
Activity	Delivery Agent
CAMHS	Oldham Council safeguarding
Mental Health and Mental Capacity Advocacy	Oldham Council Adult services

Supporting Learning	
Prospectus narrative - investment in higher level skills, increase level 3 and 4 progression, expand curriculum provision, strong apprenticeship routes, reduce unemployment and worklessness. Narrow the gap in educational achievement	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Junior University:	Oldham Sixth Form College
Training Opportunities for Young Parents	Key to the Door
Study Support	Oldham Council Integrated Youth service
Enterprise in Education (Young Enterprise)	Enterprise Factory, Young Enterprise NW, North Chadderton Schools, Engineering Development Trust
Young Professionals	Oldham College
Extended Right to Free Transport	Oldham Council

Workforce Development	
Prospectus narrative - increase the proportion of highly skilled people in the City Region, attracting talent, retaining and nurturing the best talent	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Workforce Development	Oldham Council PCS
Children's Social care workforce development	Oldham Council PCS
Adult Social Care Workforce	Oldham Council PCS

Extended Schools	
Prospectus narrative - investment in higher level skills, increase level 3 and 4 progression, expand curriculum provision, strong apprenticeship routes, reduce unemployment and worklessness. Narrow the gap in educational achievement between children from low income and disadvantaged backgrounds and their peers	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Extended Schools	Oldham Council School Improvement
School improvement teams	Oldham Council School Improvement
Choice Advisors	Oldham Council School Improvement
Behaviour Improvement	Oldham Council School Improvement
Family Group Meetings	Child Action North West
Psychology Service	Oldham Council Safeguarding
SEN Activities	Oldham Council School Improvement
Care Matters White Paper	Oldham Council Safeguarding
Virtual Schools Co-ordinator	Oldham Council School improvement

Worklessness	
Prospectus narrative - increase the proportion of highly skilled people in the City Region, attracting talent, retaining and nurturing the best talent. Investment in higher level skills, providing apprenticeship routes, reduce unemployment and worklessness	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Bulky Bobs	FRC Trading
J21 Construction training.	Rochdale Council
Get Oldham Back On Track 1 (GOBOT)	Upturn Enterprise Ltd
Get Oldham Back On Track 1 (GOBOT)	H20

Business Support	
Prospectus narrative - Increase the proportion of highly skilled people in the City Region, attracting talent, retaining and nurturing the best talent and development of high tech industries	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Think Local	Oldham Council EPS
Employer engagement programme	Oldham Council EPS
ISUS- Intensive Business Start up Programme-	Three private sector delivery agents
Supporting Oldham businesses	Winning Pitch

Strategic Regeneration	
Prospectus narrative - <i>High quality neighbourhoods, good well maintained environments and clean streets</i>	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Beyond Oldham Beyond-	Oldham Council EPS
Economy and Skills Unit-	Oldham Council EPS
Economic Assessment Duty	Oldham Council EPS
Improvement of LEQ	Oldham Council EPS

Cross Cutting and PSB approved	
Activity	Delivery Agent
Marketing and Comms	OPST
Strategic Research	Strategic research Working Group
OPST	OPST
Safeguarding Chair	Oldham Council Safeguarding
Supporting People Admin	Oldham Council PCS