

## **Notes from the Public Service Board 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**Attendance:** Nick Brown (Chair), Gail Richards, John Eley, Carolyn Wilkins and Bill Edwards  
**Apologies:** Cllr Howard Sykes, Charlie Parker and Caroline Ball.

### **1. Notes from 15 December 2009**

Notes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record. It was noted that the meeting had been cancelled but due to an administrative error papers were circulated and the Chair decided that the meeting would proceed to progress work areas. For this reason, Howard and Charlie were unable to attend.

The more effective communication of partner and partnership successes was raised as a key issue for the partnership. Nick observed that perceptions of the work in Oldham are often higher outside than inside the borough. Gail suggested 'commissioning' the Chronicle to employ a trainee journalist to perform these functions and forge a stronger connection between our services and the local media.

**Action:** John to produce a short business case for the next meeting to explore the potential of utilising Area Based Grant underspend, if available.

### **2. Towards a new service delivery landscape**

The paper was well received by the Board who felt it represented a probable three year journey which is currently underway incrementally.

It was felt that the paper needed to do more to share/embed the concept of shared civic leadership (section 1.3) and that a section needed to be added to cover the perception/behavioural changes. Another major challenge is economies of scale versus localism.

**Action:** John and partners to continue to review the paper which will be circulated as part of the papers for the summer LSP conference. John to seek the views of the voluntary, community and faith sector.

### **3. Regional Science Centre**

A briefing note was discussed which focused on the potential funding for the project. A request was made for a simple descriptive paper for wide circulation and an initial paper to begin to focus on the funding aspects of the scheme.

**Action:** John to produce an initial paper focusing on finance but later drawing together the full range of information for approval. John to pursue a final position with GONW with respect to ERDF. Nick to produce a descriptive glossy for wider circulation.

### **4. LSP Conference and ABG spend**

The Board agreed that all members need to be present at the Conference and requested that dates within the first three weeks of July are checked. The ABG underspend position will be provided at the next meeting together with options.

**Action:** John to report back availability.

### **5. Next meeting**

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