

Notes from the Public Service Board 17th July 2009

Attendance: Caroline Ball (Acting Chair), Cllr Howard Sykes, Bill Edwards, John Eley and Carolyn Wilkins

Apologies: Nick Brown, Charlie Parker, and Gail Richards

1. Notes from 17 June 2009

Notes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record. It was confirmed that this was not a meeting for which deputies were required.

2. Matters Arising

a) Credit Union

JE reported that £144k had been agreed from ABG together with an additional £15k from the Priority Programme Fund.

Action: Confirmation required of the approval process undergone for the Priority Programme Fund element.

2. Update on Prospectuses

JE reported these were on track for formal approval in September 2009. The draft Prospectuses had been agreed by the Oldham Partnership Executive Group and would be going back for formal approval in September 2009.

The main delay had been finalizing the health element. This is being progressed.

Action; JE to circulate the latest drafts to PSB members.

AF to meet with BE to discuss community aspects of the Prospectuses.

3. Shared functions and partnership working

JE discussed a paper which had already been shared with the Executive Management Board. The focus was on streamlining our shared infrastructure in order to work more effectively and generate efficiencies. NHS Oldham were fully committed to this approach.

Discussion took place with regard to the development of a single commissioning body.

Action: A discussion paper to be produced for September on a single commissioning framework. Options Appraisal to be undertaken to identify the areas for immediate action.

4. Review of HMR

JE highlighted the fact that Oldham Council was the accountable body for the HMR Programme. No review had taken place on the governance arrangements, core team costs and risks to OMBC. The Council would be responsible for a proportion of any redundancy costs should any staff reductions be required.

Action: A review of core team costs was agreed. JE to update Elaine McLean.

5. Oldham Partnership Team Support Costs

JE circulated a report which highlighted the increase in core team costs following the team restructure and Hay reviews. In addition a business case had been approved to fund the CSU community safety officer through ABG.

Action: JE to review where Community Safety Officer post to be located.
Agreed team costs from ABG and deletion of post in team to help reduce increase. Other efficiencies made also noted.

6. Oldham Community Radio

A report circulated by JE was discussed. It was agreed that the principle of a community radio for Oldham was very important. It was noted that £15k had been allocated. Part of the challenge was the lack of accurate listener data.

It was agreed to work on the business case for a sustainable service. BE asked to be kept updated on this project.

7. Total Place Project

CW updated the meeting on the Total Place Initiative. The focus for Greater Manchester, plus Warrington was 0-5 age range. Further updates would be provided as the project progresses.

8. Any other business

A business case for the Chief Inspector Post within Safer Stronger Communities was also presented to the Board and agreed.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 15th September 2pm-3.30.