

Notes from the Public Service Board 17th June

Attendance: Nick Brown (Chair), Gail Richards, Cllr Howard Sykes, Bill Edwards, John Eley

Apologies: Caroline Ball, Charlie Parker, Carolyn Wilkins

Notes of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record. Clarification on the role and attendance of Board members was requested to ensure that the group is capable of delivering its strategic leadership role for the borough.

1. Update and discussion on the Prospectuses.

Draft versions of the Prospectuses have now been prepared for submission to the Oldham Partnership Executive. They represent work in progress. Comments were:

- they illustrate what we will do together as a partnership
- they can't include everything and focus on the major strategic breakthrough issues
- we'll continue to deliver against this agenda at the same time as shaping it
- the prospectuses will focus on tangibles
- strategic criteria should be visible/ tangible and crosscutting

Action: JE will co-ordinate feedback to Andrew Fletcher.

2. Oldham Credit Union

A business case and Memorandum of Understanding were presented to the Board for approval.

Action: Agreed.

3. Improving Perceptions of Oldham

A summary of commissioned projects was presented for final ratification and discussion by the Board. The Board also highlighted the need to join-up public services websites, to build capacity for the partnership, and ensure a more co-ordinated approach.

Action: the summarised projects were agreed. JE and GR agreed to do some joint work to develop initial proposals for improvement.

4. Commissioning and Performance Management

The need to move towards a more open and transparent commissioning system was highlighted with a single commissioning board approved as the key mechanism for both ensuring this and potentially making the tough decisions needed if public sector budgets are reduced post 2011.

It was also emphasised that we need a realistic timescale and process for moving into new arrangements without disrupting the huge amount of work already underway.

Action: JE and GR to develop a paper for the Executive Management Board.

5. Area Based Grant update on underspends and carry forward

An update was provided on the Area Based Grant. It was agreed that more work may be needed to co-ordinate Oldham's work on apprenticeships.

Action: it was agreed that **JE** would liase with Oldham College and Jon Bloor to progress this work.

5. Longitudinal Survey

This was discussed as a potential future item but as it has been approved already by both the PSB and H&WB Board it was agreed that this item would be dealt with by **JE** and **GR** outside the meeting.

Date of next meeting: Friday 17th July