

## OLDHAM PARTNERSHIP – COMMISSIONED ACTIVITY

**LAA BLOCK:**

**SAFER & STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

<b>Project Name:</b>	<i>Community Cohesion Advisory Group</i>
<b>Project Reference:</b>	
<b>Organisation Responsible:</b>	<b>Diversity &amp; Cohesion Unit, Oldham Council</b>
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<b>Project Start Date:</b>	April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2007
<b>Project End Date:</b>	March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2008

### **Project Summary:**

The Community Cohesion Advisory Group (CCAG) is a think tank of representatives, who have specialist knowledge of community cohesion issues. The Advisory Group is multi-agency and includes representatives from each of the Oldham Partnership's thematic partnerships. It has representatives on the Oldham Partnership Steering Group and the Oldham Partnership Executive. It provides advice and policy direction on a range of cohesion related issues including community engagement, community identity and issues of equality.

The Community Cohesion Advisory Group will oversee the delivery of the commissioned activity. It will work in partnership with statutory and voluntary sector agencies on identifying and delivering community cohesion projects/activities throughout 2007 – 2008. To this end, it will:

- Commission a number of community cohesion activities yet to be identified.
- Submit an annual report on work in 2007 to Oldham Partnership Steering Group
- Produce publications/Reports as appropriate

<b>LAA Indicator:</b>	<b>Project work towards target:</b>
<p>The impact of the work of the Community Cohesion Advisory Group will be to influence both what others do and how they do it in a way, which delivers improvements in community cohesion. For example, this could include how resources are prioritised, the content of a refreshed Community Cohesion Strategy or the way in which communities are engaged. The CCAG will continue to support, promote and address issues, where people of different backgrounds feel they don not get on; promoting good practice, identifying needs and solutions and advising mainstream services on new approaches. The activities of the CCAG will contribute in the long term to the achievement of the following LAA Targets/Indicators:</p>	
<p><b>Safer Stronger Communities</b></p>	
<p>B – To have cleaner, greener and safer public spaces</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percentage of residents reporting an increase in satisfaction with their neighbourhoods and narrowing of the gap between disadvantage areas and the rest</li> </ul> <p>Percentage of Adults who say that people from different, (ethnic and social), backgrounds get on well in their area</p>
<p>C – To build respect in communities, to reduce crime etc</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measure of progress in addressing hate crime</li> </ul>
<p>D – To empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of people who feel that they can influence decisions affecting their local area</li> <li>• Number of people engaged in (defined) volunteering activity</li> </ul>
<p><b>Other Targets that will be met by this Commissioned Activity, (additional to LAA Targets)</b></p>	
<p>Residential integration</p>	<p>Tackling community relations problems may help to make people from different ethnic groups more willing to live in areas, which they would not previously have been willing to consider</p>
<p>Secondary School replacement</p>	<p>Supporting the delivery of this to ensure that it helps to result in ethnically diverse schools as well as schools which lead to improved attainment</p>