

## **Oldham Economic Partnership – Terms of Reference**

### **Context**

The Oldham Economic Partnership is a local private sector led partnership involved with economic regeneration issues in Oldham. The aim of the partnership is to receive and feed back information about, and shape actions relating to, the five drivers of economic change – enterprise, skills, innovation, investment and full employment.

The Economic Partnership exists to contribute to the competitiveness and continued economic well-being of Oldham in ways which are sustainable and socially cohesive. It also exists to provide the private sector with a way to influence and challenge the council and partnerships with regards to issues that affect their capacity to grow and succeed.

Each meeting will be themed relating to the 5 drivers, and members of the Economic Partnership and the wider private sector may choose to attend those most relevant to their areas of interest and expertise.

The Economic Partnership will act as a forum for the private sector to voice their needs, be consulted and shape the work of the subgroups. The Economic Partnership will nominate members to act as Business Champions, supporting the development of the sub-groups' agendas.

The Economic Partnership will ensure that real-time, up to date economic and enterprise issues are taken into account by the Economy and Enterprise Board (via Business Champions) and subgroups.

The Economy and Enterprise Board will work as a strategic body and receive reports on programme management, approve and reject business cases and approve the termination of projects. The Economy and Enterprise Board are focused on delivering the Economy and Enterprise Strategy.

The Business Champions will have an additional responsibility to check the outputs and performance of the activity coming from the sub groups.

### **Objectives**

The objectives that the Economic Partnership will seek to support are:

- To influence strategy based on current (and forecast) needs of the private sector
- To establish the objectives of projects through the subgroups to improve the economic well-being of the Borough.
- To influence delivery and funding to improve the effectiveness of programme design
- To check outputs are acceptable and realistic
- To increase communication between the private sector in Oldham and the Oldham Partnership.

## **Partnership Structure**

### Economic Partnership

The Partnership is chaired by a private sector partner. A private sector member (Business Champion) of the Economic Partnership also sits on each of the three related sub groups.

Members of the Economic Partnership and the wider private sector may choose to attend those most relevant to their areas of interest and expertise. Additional members may be invited to attend at the discretion of the Chair.

### Economy and Enterprise Board Subgroups

Subgroups to examine particular topics are established by the Economy and Enterprise Board. The views and decisions of the Economic Partnership will be passed to the sub-groups through the Business Champions.

### **Economic Partnership: Membership**

Membership of the Economic Partnership currently comprises:

- Private Sector (15)
- GM Chamber (1)
- Oldham MBC (2)
- The Oldham College (1)
- Town Centre Partnership (1)
- Local Learning Partnership (1)
- Manchester Enterprises (1)

### **Economic Partnership: Frequency of Meetings**

The Economic Partnership should meet four times a year with the flexibility to call meetings in between set meetings as and when required.

**Economy & Enterprise LAA Block Delivery Programme and Workstreams**

