



**Blackburn with Darwen Strategic Partnership Board
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 22nd September 2008**

PRESENT:

Councillors	Alan Cottam
	Tony Melia
	Kate Hollern
	Michael Lee
	Colin Rigby
	Chris Thayne
	Michael Law Riding
Business Sector	Mike Murray (Chair) (Community and Business Partners Ltd)
	Amanda Meachin (Community and Business Partners Ltd)
	Ian Gallagher (Trades Council)
	Michael Damms (Chamber of Commerce)
	Alasdair Reid (Capita)
	John Slee (Capita)
Public Sector	Nick Kennedy (Blackburn with Darwen Primary Care Trust)
	Neil Matthewman (Blackburn with Darwen Primary Care Trust)
	Marie Burnham (East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust)
	Terry Woods (Lancashire Constabulary)
	Sheila Battersby (Government Office North West)
	Ian Kent (Job Centre Plus)
	Ian Clinton (Blackburn College)
	Peter Neill (Groundwork)
	John Jordan (CXL)
	David Cresswell (Lancashire LSC)
Community and Voluntary Sector	Geoff Townsend (Interfaith Council)
	Garth Hodgkinson (Social Enterprise Network)
	Pauline Walsh (Voluntary Health and Social Care Forum)
	Derek Estill (Interfaith Council)
	Yvonne Hulse (Older Peoples Forum)
	Ivy Oglesby (Community Association Forum)
	Nick Cooper (Onside)
	Minhaz Khalya (Youth Forum)

	Tariq Patel (Youth Forum)
	Bethany Mills (Youth Forum)
Council Officers	Graham Burgess (Chief Executive)
	Andrew Lightfoot (Deputy Chief Executive, Regeneration and Technical)
	Peter Morgan (Strategic Director of Children's Services)
	Tom Stannard (Director of Policy)
	Adam Scott (Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment)
	Philippa Cross (Policy Department)
	Peter Little (Policy Department)
	Paul Jones Head of Democratic Services
	Angela McIntyre (Democratic Services)
	Amsad Rashid (Young Peoples Service)

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair, Mike Murray, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Mick Frankland, Peter Hobkirk Malcolm Harrison, Asif Iqbal, Aislinn O'Dwyer, Laurence Loft, Bob Simpson, Councillor John Slater and Elizabeth Taylor.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th JUNE 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2008 were agreed as a correct record.

3 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 4th AUGUST 2008

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 4th August 2008 were submitted for information.

4 PCT STRATEGIC PLAN

Neil Matthewman Blackburn with Darwen NHS (BwD NHS) gave a presentation on the BwD NHS draft Strategic Plan which had been submitted to the Strategic Health Authority on 5th September 2008.

The Strategic Plan aimed to:-

- Reduce health inequalities and support health improvement.
- Improve individual experience of efficient, effective high quality services
- Improve access to primary care services
- Improve health and well being of children, young people and young mothers
- Improve access to appropriate and effective mental health and well being services

Ten outcome measures had been identified to measure the success of the plan and examples of different initiatives were given. Details of the engagement work that had been undertaken to develop the draft Plan were given. Until the end of September further consultation would take place on the draft plan. The Plan would then go forward for final approval at the BwD NHS board meeting scheduled to take place on 13th October.

In response to a series of questions Neil Matthewman made statements and gave response to the different matters raised.

AGREED - That the presentation be received with thanks.

5 BLACKBURN YOUTH ZONE

Further to the last meeting of the Board Nick Cooper from the young people charity Onside, gave a presentation of the formation of a charity for young people that had been established as a result of the success of work undertaken to transform the Bolton Lads & Girls Club.

Peter Little, Engaging Young People Policy Officer, gave a presentation on how the Council was working in partnership with Onside to develop and submit a bid for funding to establish a Blackburn Youth Zone.

In response to a series of questions Nick Cooper and Peter Little made statements and gave response to the different matters raised. In particular, the representatives of the Youth Forum sought assurances about safety and transportation for young people.

AGREED - That the presentations be received with thanks.

6 REPRESENTATION ON THE LSP BOARD

A report was submitted seeking authority to allow the Lancashire Care Trust to nominate two named deputies to the LSP Board and to correct a provision in the recently approved constitution to refer to their being 10 Borough Council representatives all drawn from the Executive Board.

AGREED That the proposals be adopted and the Constitution revised accordingly

7 NEW STATUTORY GUIDANCE FOR LSPS (SAFE, STRONG AND PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES STATUTORY GUIDANCE).

Mike Murray, Chair, and Philippa Cross, Performance Manager, presented a report on the key implications for the LSP arising from recently published Statutory Guidance. The Guidance set out a number of key measures designed to enable local authorities to engage their

citizens, lead their communities and find new and more effective ways to deliver high quality services with their partners.

A self assessment had been undertaken against the key points in the guidance a copy of which was submitted with the report. The self assessment showed that overall the LSP was meeting the requirements of the guidance well. However, there was the possibility for some improvement in the following areas:-

- Oversight and coordination of community consultation and engagement activities of partners and, where appropriate, combines them
- Community empowerment and the duty to involve

AGREED - That the Neighbourhood Forum reviews the areas of concern and prepare a report on their implications for the LSP Executive on the 12th January 2009.

8 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT UPDATE

Philippa Cross, Performance Manager, submitted a report on the Local Area Agreement including overview of finance, timetable, process for refresh and update on performance management.

AGREED -

1. That the proposals to develop a commissioning round for 2009-2011 be endorsed
2. That approval be given to the Finance Sub-Group leading on the development and management of the commissioning round

9 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

AGREED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item in view of the fact that the business to be transacted is exempt by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 .

10 ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AND POTENTIAL IMPACT

A report was submitted on the economic downturn and its potential impact on Blackburn with Darwen

AGREED – That a research project be commissioned to identify specific implications of the economic downturn for Blackburn with Darwen