



**Blackburn with Darwen Strategic Partnership Board
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 14th September 2009**

PRESENT:

Councillors	Michael Lee
	Michael Law-Riding
	Kate Hollern
	Alan Cottam
	Chris Thayne
	David Foster
Business Sector	Mike Murray (Chair) (Community and Business Partners Ltd)
	Amanda Meachin (Community and Business Partners Ltd)
	Peter Hobkirk (Blackburn & District Chamber of Trade)
	Ilyas Munshi (Enterprise 4 All)
	Chris Wright (Daniel Thwaites)
	John Slee (Capita)
Public Sector	Nick Kennedy (Blackburn with Darwen Primary Care Trust)
	Ian Clinton (Blackburn College)
	Ian Potter (Lancashire Fire & Rescue Services)
	Judith Griffin (Chief Executive NHS BwD)
	John Jordan (CXL)
Community and Voluntary Sector	Bob Simpson (Disability Issues Network)
	Garth Hodgkinson (BwD CVS/Community Network)
	Fawad Bhatti (BwD CVS)
	Pauline Walsh (Voluntary Health & Social Care Forum)
	Laurence Loft (Local Safeguarding Children Board)
	Yvonne Hulse (Older People's Forum)
	Vidusi (Interfaith Forum)
	Ian Gallagher (Blackburn with Darwen Trades Council)
Council Officers	Graham Burgess (Chief Executive)
	Tom Stannard (Director Policy and Communications)
	Adam Scott (Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment)
	David Gavagan (Head of Partnerships and Performance)

	Elise Carroll (Research & Intelligence Advisor)
	Ros Davies (Principal Partnerships Advisor)
	Ken Barnsley (Head of Corporate Research)
	Phil Llewellyn (Executive & Councillor Support Manager)

1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

As this was the first meeting held in the current Municipal Year, Graham Burgess, Chief Executive, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, asked for nominations for the Chair and Vice Chair of the LSP.

Mike Murray was nominated as Chair and Councillor Michael Lee was nominated as Vice Chair of the LSP Board for 2009/10.

AGREED – That Mike Murray be elected Chair of the LSP Board and that Councillor Michael Lee be elected as Vice Chair of the LSP Board for 2009/10.

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from John Draper, Tom Finn, Asif Iqbal, Peter Neill and Councillor Colin Rigby,

3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16^H FEBRUARY 2009

It was noted that the presentation at the meeting on Blackburn College Masterplan (Agenda Item 9) had been presented by Lisa O'Loughlin.

Under matters arising (Agenda Item 11) Amanda Meachin advised that she had contacted United Utilities about possible LSP membership.

AGREED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2009 be agreed as a correct record, with the inclusion of the correct spelling of Lisa O'Loughlin's name.

4 MINUTES OF THE LSP EXECUTIVE MEETINGS HELD ON 9TH MARCH 2009, 8TH JUNE 2009, 13TH JULY 2009 AND 17TH AUGUST 2009.

The minutes of the meetings held on 9th March, 8th June, 13th July and 17th August were noted by the Board.

5 LSP ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009

The Chair, Mike Murray, asked the LSP Board to note that the finalised Annual Report was now available on the LSP's website – <http://www.bwdlsp.org.uk/>

6 PLACE SURVEY

Ken Barnsley, Head of Corporate Research gave a presentation on the Place Survey 2008, which had been carried out by IPSOS Mori, the objective of which was to collect national indicators to assess performance of local areas; to enable authorities to continue to track some of the data collected through 3 previous BVPI surveys; to try to understand what was going on at an area level; and to inform the Comprehensive Area Assessment from 2009.

The results showed that people were happier than in previous years with where they live. Perceptions of anti social behaviour (ASB) had improved over time, and people's key focus still centred on clean streets, low levels of crime, activities for teenagers and road repairs, but there was evidence that leisure facilities were becoming more of a priority.

Ipsos Mori in the analysis suggested that communication remained the key and that the LSP should align messaging around performance criteria.

- AGREED –**
- (1) That the presentation be noted;
 - (2) That the full report be made available to all members of the Board; and
 - (3) That a dedicated workshop on the Place Survey should be held at a future date.

7 CONSULTATION ON THE 2030 VISION

Ken Barnsley, Head of Corporate Research, gave a verbal report on the ongoing consultation on the 2030 Vision, and circulated a progress update and outline project plan to the Board.

The 2030 vision would be launched in March 2010 and would further develop the 2020 vision, taking into account the changed landscape since the 2020 vision was launched.

The consultation process was outlined, including the need to consult with the LSP's 8 thematic Forums, workshops would be held with each one

and each of the Neighbourhood Boards, as well as events and consultation with other key groups and partners across the LSP.

The draft 2030 Vision would be launched at a Conference at Ewood Park in January 2010.

Following discussion it was agreed that it would be useful for the 2020 vision to be circulated to all members of the Board so that progress could be gauged. In progressing the 2030 Vision, it would be important to capture the achievements against the 2020 Vision.

AGREED – That the update be noted and that the 2020 vision be circulated to all members of the Board.

8 THE REMIT OF THE BOARD AND EXECUTIVE AND THE THEMATIC FORUMS ‘BIG TICKET’ ISSUES.

Ros Davies, Principal Partnerships Advisor, submitted a report which sought to clarify the respective roles and remit of the LSP Board and Executive. The primary purpose was to free up the Board’s agendas to provide more time to consider key issues as discussed at the Board’s development session in April 2009. The report also advised of the ‘Big Ticket’ issues identified by the thematic forums.

The Board’s role was to provide strategic direction to the work of the partnership to improve the quality of life for local people, and particularly to tackle inequalities in the Borough. The Executive Board was more operational in seeking to achieve the delivery of the Board’s priorities, including through the thematic forums.

Looking forward, it was suggested that the role of the thematic forums’ chairs be broadened by reporting on performance to highlight any notable achievements and flag up any areas of concern where progress was stalling to allow partners to debate what assistance they could offer. The bigger issue was now how the Board could best progress its overarching role of setting the direction and priorities for the partnership, and it was suggested that the ‘Big ticket’ issues identified at the last development session inform the work to develop the 2030 vision.

The ‘big ticket’ issues were summarised in the appendix to the report and it was suggested that these be discussed in detail with the chairs of forums in turn at future meetings to allow members to consider the scope for partners acting in collaboration to achieve progress against priorities.

AGREED – That the report be approved and that the thematic forums’ ‘big ticket’ issues be used to inform the work to develop the 2030 vision.

9 COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT (CAA) UPDATE

David Gavagan, Head of Partnerships and Performance, gave a verbal update on the key messages delivered by Tom Keena from the Audit Commission on the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) at the last meeting of the LSP Executive.

There would be a period of challenge between 25th and 30th October of the draft CAA, with the final report being published on 10th December 2009.

AGREED – That the update be noted.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

BLACKBURN COLLEGE UNIVERSITY CENTRE

Peter Hobkirk requested more information on the development of the Blackburn College University Centre and the meeting discussed the importance of the initiative for the Borough.

AGREED – That Ian Clinton be requested to report on the Blackburn College University Centre to the next meeting of the Board.

11 14-19

Councillor Chris Thayne made reference to a letter from Iain Wright, Minister for 14 – 19 Reform and Apprenticeships which gave an update on the allocation of 16 – 18 budgets, the Young Apprenticeships Pilot, learning routes and the National Commissioning Framework.

AGREED – That the update be noted.

12 NEET

Ros Davies reported that Ofsted would be carrying out an inspection on the reduction in NEET in the Borough.

AGREED – That the update be noted.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the LSP Executive would be held on 26th October 2009, and the next meeting of the Board would be held on 16th November 2009.