



**Blackburn with Darwen Strategic Partnership Board
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 21st July 2014**

PRESENT:

Chair	Mo Isap
Local Public Service Board	Harry Catherall
Community Safety Partnership	Kevin Ruth
	Garth Hodgkinson
Health and Wellbeing Board	Cllr Mohammed Khan
	Dominic Harrison
Prosperous Group	Brian Bailey
Council Officers	Mohsin Mulla
	Rachael Liles
	Steven Cochrane

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies were submitted on behalf of Cllr Kate Hollern, Abdul Mulla and Yakoob Hussain.

2 Nomination of chair and vice chair

The board agreed and appointed Mo Isap as the Chair of the Board and Cllr Kate Hollern as Vice Chair.

Resolved –

1. A meeting to be arranged to update new members of the group - Mohsin Mulla.

3 Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed – The minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

4 Feedback from LSP summit and Prosperity Strategy

The board received an up-date on the draft plan for prosperity following the summit held in March 2014.

The following headings reflect the Lancashire LEP priorities and BwD LSP themes;

- Infrastructure and Housing
- Investment
- Innovation
- Employability
- Quality of Life
- Image and Marketing
- Funding
- Governance and Delivery

Action plans for each of the above were issued out and are in the plan under Appendix A; Brian Bailey asked the group for any comments/feedback before the final version is published.

The group discussed the need clearly define some key pledges / targets for the timeline of the plan, future reporting of these at future board meetings and updates by the sub groups of the LSP.

The milestones need to be mapped out and a strong emphasis on delivery of the action plans, ensuring each representative knows what we are achieving and why.

The plan will effectively set the agenda for each meeting to discuss developments.

Resolved -

1. The strategy be noted and sent to the Board and other partners for comments and feedback.
2. Follow up summit to be arranged.
3. Pledges to be identified from the action plan.

5 Delivery of the Prosperity Strategy

The group received an update on Local Growth Deals. The financial monies secured to fund the schemes is around £20M which is a good result for BwD.

The following schemes of the single local growth deal are as follows;

- Completion of Pennine Reach
- Blackburn to Bolton Rail Corridor Capacity Improvements
- Darwen East Distributor Route/new road
- East Lancashire strategic cycle network
- Blackburn town centre improvements

A 3 year action plan to be considered and drafted by May 2015, and there will be a Partnership Board set up by the end of summer 2014 for each LEP.

Presentation from Regenerate Pennine Lancashire

Steven Cochrane attended the meeting to present an update on Regenerate. The current aims were as follows;

- Delivery and strategic capacity for LA partners and the LEP.
- Vehicle to access external funds that would not be secured by working alone
- Create jobs, generate business growth and attract private investment.
- Communicate positive messages about Pennine Lancashire and its business community.
- Simplifies business support.

Performance, businesses started and assisted, future opportunities, challenges and risks were all discussed.

Resolved -

1. It was agreed that up to 5 successful companies would be presented as case studies at the next summit, prepared through the Hive and RPL.

6 Forward Plan

The Board agreed the 12 month work programme would become the forward plan and be the main agenda item for future meetings.

7 Any other business

The board were reminded that the next meeting was to be held on Monday 6th October 2014.

Chair.....

Date.....