



**Blackburn with Darwen Strategic Partnership Board
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 7th March 2005**

PRESENT:

Councillors	Kate Hollern
	Mohammed Khan
	Maureen Bateson
	Dorothy Walsh
	Frank Connor
	Andy Kay
	Colin Rigby
Business Sector	Mike Murray (Business Link East Lancashire)
	Peter Tucker (Capita)
	Peter Hobkirk (East Lancashire Chamber of Trade)
Public Sector	Warren Turner (Lancashire Constabulary)
	Ian Clinton (Blackburn College)
	Andy Fawcett (Learning and Skills Council)
	John Jordan (Connexions Lancashire Limited)
	Paul Hinnigan (Blackburn with Darwen PCT)
	Nick Kennedy (Blackburn with Darwen PCT)
	Gifford Kerr (Blackburn with Darwen PCT)
	Phil Richards (Social Landlords Group)
	Peter Neill (Groundwork)
Community and Voluntary Sector	Angela Aspinall (School Governor Services)
	Sikander Ali (Youth M.P.)
	Naveed Sharif (Community Associations Forum)
	Garth Hodgkinson (Blackburn with Darwen CVS)
	Pauline Walsh (Voluntary and Community Health and Social Care Forum)
	Geoff Townsend (Churches Together)
	Nan Goodall (Ewood and Fernhurst Community Association)
	John Tempest (Children and Families Representative)
Council Officers	Donna Hall (Executive Director – Corporate Resources)
	Sharon Kemp (Assistant Director – Regeneration and Neighbourhoods)
	Habib Patel (Principal Policy and Performance Officer)
	Peter Morgan (Director of Education and Lifelong

	Learning)
	Andrew Lightfoot (Director of Policy)
	Phil Llewellyn (Executive & Regulatory Support Manager)
	Mike Kinsella (Economic Regeneration Manager)
	Alan Ricketts (Assistant Community Care and Health Director)
Also in attendance	Ian Gordon (Government Office North West)
	Dan Morley (Government Office North West)
	Gavin Redhead (C.V.S)
	Malcolm Harrison

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair, Mike Murray, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and thanked everyone who had sent letters of congratulation on his recent appointment.

Apologies were received from Terry Boynes, Ian Gallagher, Madhu Pandya, Paul Browne, Rob Bellingham, Nick Hall, and Councillor John Milburn.

2. THE NORTHERN WAY GROWTH STRATEGY

Graham Burgess, Executive Director, Regeneration and Technical, carried out a presentation which outlined the background to the Northern Way Growth Strategy, which was intended to correct the imbalance in wealth between the northern and southern regions in the country.

In January 2004, OPDM had asked Northern Regional Development Agencies to produce a new economic growth strategy, to bridge a £29 million GVA gap. The Northern Way Growth Strategy submitted in September 2004 is based on ten priority themes, and the concept of eight 'City Regions' including Central Lancashire which was based on the 'polycentric' urban corridor of Blackpool, Preston and Blackburn. He reported on the City Region Development Programme and the emerging vision, which included closer working to pool knowledge and assets and an aim to close a £4 billion output gap. Key priorities for Central Lancashire included:

- Tourism
- New economy

- Enterprise
- Sustainable Communities
- Connectivity

He outlined the key challenges, which included producing a seamless development programme, owned by all partners, securing the sub-regional status of Blackburn with Darwen and developing new partnership structures and ways of thinking.

The next steps included consultation on the draft Development Programme, with a final version due for submission at the end of May.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 20TH DECEMBER 2004

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th December 2004 were agreed as a correct record.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 24TH JANUARY 2005

The minutes of the Executive held on 24th January 2005 were received for information, together with a report submitted to that meeting on the Stronger Safer Communities Fund (SSCF), which recommended the formation of a sub-group of the Executive to progress the development and negotiation of the SSCF.

Garth Hodgkinson sought clarification on the representation on the group for the CEN and CVS. Andrew Lightfoot advised that one member from each of those organisations would be appointed to the sub-group.

5. COMMUNITY PLAN 2005 - 2007

Habib Patel reported on the latest draft of the Community Plan, and representatives from each of the thematic groups outlined the targets and outcomes relevant to them that were included in the Community Plan.

The more detailed supporting document for the Community Plan would be presented to the next meeting of the Executive to be held in April.

6. RAISING THE GAME OF THE LSP

The Chair, Mike Murray, detailed his plans to speak to representatives from all groups who sat on the LSP, to gain their views on the performance of the LSP and ideas for taking it forward.

7. LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT (PSA2)

Further to discussion at previous meetings of the Executive and Board, Andrew Lightfoot submitted the Local Public Service Agreement 2004-2007 for information, which is due to be signed off by the ODPM.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Andrew Lightfoot reported that a presentation from the Children and Young People's Partnership would be delivered at the next meeting of the Executive.

9. DATES OF MEETINGS 2005 – 2006

Phil Llewellyn submitted a list of provisional dates for the Board and Executive in 2005/6.