



**Blackburn with Darwen Strategic Partnership Board  
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

**PRESENT:**

<b>Councillors</b>	Maureen Bateson
	Colin Rigby
	Andy Kay
	David Foster
	Dave Harling
	Frank Connor
<b>Business Sector</b>	Mike Murray ( Chair) (Community and Business Partners Ltd)
	Amanda Meachin (Community and Business Partners Ltd)
	Ruth Pimley (Community and Business Partners Ltd)
	Joanne Mason (Community and Business Partners Ltd)
	Malcolm Harrison (Daniel Thwaites Brewery)
	Ian Clinton (Blackburn Partnership)
	Mike Damms (East Lancs Chamber of Commerce)
<b>Public Sector</b>	Ian Kent (Job Centre Plus)
	Mike Leaf (Blackburn with Darwen PCT)
	Paul Hinnigan (Blackburn with Darwen PCT)
	Nick Kennedy (Blackburn with Darwen PCT)
	Rob Bellingham (East Lancashire Hospital Trust)
<b>Community and Voluntary Sector</b>	Pauline Walsh (CVS)
	Geoff Townsend (Interfaith Council)
	Garth Hodgkinson (CVS)
	Doreen Stockdale (Older Peoples Forum)
	Bob Simpson (Disability Issues Network)
	Manisha Ismail (BME Network)
	Frank Lang (Darwen and Rural Neighbourhood)
<b>Council Officers</b>	Peter Morgan (Director of Children's Services)
	Sharon Kemp (Assistant Director (Neighbourhoods) Regeneration, Housing and Neighbourhoods Department)
	Habib Patel (Principal Policy and Performance Officer)
	Diane Hill (Principal Executive & Regulatory Support Officer)

<b>Also in attendance</b>	Gavin Redhead (CVS) Brian Todd
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## **1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chair, Mike Murray, welcomed everyone to the meeting which was being held in Conference Room 1, Town Hall, Blackburn.

Apologies for absence were received from Phil Richards, Chief Superintendent David Mallaby, Councillor John Milburn, Andrew Lightfoot, Councillor Kate Hollern, Councillor Mohammed Khan, Peter Neill, John Jordon, Tom Finn, Nasrullah Anwar, Matthew Warden, Stephen Sloss, Sharon Roscoe, Dr Gifford Kerr and Laurence Loft.

## **2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2006**

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2006 were agreed as a correct record.

## **3 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2006**

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006 were submitted for information.

## **4 COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS PARTNERS – THE RESULT**

Amanda Meachin, Chief Executive of Community and Business Partners Limited, together with Ruth Pimley and Joanne Mason, Project Managers, gave presentations on projects being delivered by the private sector that are benefiting the local community.

Community and Business Partners Limited started life as Blackburn Partnership back in 1988 with the sole purpose of engaging with the private sector into all other areas of the community. This was being done through five managed projects, four of which have been working successfully for over 10 years and one, the Employers Forum, which is 18 years old. The Employers Forum, currently managed by John Hurst, brings together private sector companies to discuss issues that have a direct impact on their business. Up to 20 forums per year covering different geographical areas or issues common to all businesses such as traffic flow, human resources, fuel costs etc.

Guardian Angel Entrepreneurs Network is a group of successful, experienced business people who offer help, support and direction to growing companies in East Lancashire. They take away the isolation of business growth by giving companies the benefit of someone else's successful experience.

A Guardian Angels Award ceremony had been held some months ago at Blackburn College at which Sir Digby Jones, Director General of CBI, presented the prizes. Rob McLaughlin of Granada TV hosted the event for the sixth year running.

The Employee Community Involvement Project works at inviting/arranging for the private sector to donate time, growth, resources or money to charities, good causes and voluntary groups in Blackburn with Darwen.

Ruth Pimley, Project Manager, gave a presentation on the School Friends Project that links private sector companies as a sponsor with primary and high schools in the Borough and gave various examples of the various links.

Joanne Mason reported on SAMS, the scrap art material store that has over 300 members using materials donated by the private sector to inspire, motivate and entertain thousands of local residents in art, craft and play.

SAMS, which had linked with the C21 Exhibition Artist in Residence, had 17 regular volunteers. The scheme had made a successful secondment application to the John Lewis Group Golden Jubilee Trust resulting in Debbie Hall of Herbert Parkinsons, Darwen working for the project for a four month period.

A special event was also being held on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00 pm at which the Rt. Hon. Jack Straw MP for Blackburn and Leader of the House of Commons had agreed to visit the project to help SAMS celebrate its first year achievements and officially thank everyone who had supported the venture.

## **5 CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN**

Peter Morgan, Director of Children's Services, presented a report outlining the statutory guidance and regulations and requirements for the production of the Borough's Children and Young People's Plan. The local authority is required to act as the lead agency.

The Plan covers all local authority services affecting children and young people and also includes:-

- Health and public health services to children and young people including child and adolescent mental health and sexual health
- Advice and guidance for 14/19 year olds (including Connexions)
- Services to tackle the misuse of drugs and alcohol
- Services provided by relevant youth justice agencies
- Voluntary and community services
- Education provided other than by the local authority

A formal consultation had been undertaken in October 2005 with responses invited from partners, agencies and groups throughout the Borough. Children and young people's ideas and feedback had been key to the development of the Plan and would remain so in working with the Children and Young People's Partnership to achieve the following five outcomes.

- Be healthy
- Stay safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic wellbeing

A pull-out summary of the Plan had been included in a recent edition of The Shuttle, the Council's free newspaper delivered to every household in the Borough and was also available on the Council's website.

Councillor Bateson outlined discussions at a recent half day meeting with Chairs of the following Sub-Groups and the Looked-After Children and Children with Disabilities Groups to discuss ways of improving matters eg communications and ways to monitor issues to ensure that outcomes in the Plan are delivered.

Chairs of the Sub-Groups would continue to meet regularly to discuss the following thematic tasks and linkages with other Partnership Sub-Groups:-

- Neighbourhood and Environment
  - involving children and young people
  - involving families
- Community Safety Partnership
  - bullying
  - children and young people at risk of domestic abuse/violence
- Economic Regeneration
  - neighbourhood engagement
  - employer engagement
- Health and Social Wellbeing
  - healthy lifestyles
  - mental health services

- People and Communities
  - community cohesion
  - citizenship

## **6 PRESENTATION BY THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELLBEING FORUM**

Nick Kennedy, Chair of the Health and Social Wellbeing Forum gave a presentation that covered:-

- NHS – Commissioning a Patient Led NHS Reform
- PCT Policy and Strategy Snapshots
- Partnership Working
- Consultation on East Lancashire Health Trusts “Meeting Patient Needs” and on Local Mental Health Services
- Update on the Health and Social Wellbeing Forum

Copies of the Powerpoint presentation were tabled at the meeting.

## **7 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

As no future agenda items were suggested at the meeting, Mike Murray reminded colleagues that they should inform Phil Llewellyn if they required a particular item placing on a future agenda.

## **8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None