



**Blackburn with Darwen Strategic Partnership Board
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 11th June 2007**

PRESENT:

Councillors	Colin Rigby
	Alan Cottam
	Kate Hollern
	Michael Law-Riding
	Michael Lee
	Chris Thayne
Business Sector	Mike Murray (Chair) (Community and Business Partners Ltd)
	Amanda Meachin (Community and Business Partners Ltd)
	Stuart Maloney (Chamber of Commerce)
	Malcolm Harrison (Daniel Thwaites Plc)
Public Sector	Nick Kennedy (Blackburn with Darwen Primary Care Trust)
	Lisa Haworth (Employment Service)
	Alice Knowles (Lancashire Constabulary)
Community and Voluntary Sector	Geoff Townsend (Interfaith Council)
	Garth Hodgkinson (Social Enterprise Network)
	Pauline Walsh (Lancashire Voluntary Community and Faith Health and Well-Being Forum)
	Ian Gallagher (Blackburn with Darwen Trades Council)
	Laurence Loft (Safeguarding Children's Board)
	Junaid Qureshi (Black Minority & Ethnic Network)
	Kayleigh Wainwright (Blackburn with Darwen Youth Forum)
	Minhaz Khelya (Blackburn with Darwen Youth Forum)
	Catherine Whittaker (Blackburn with Darwen Youth Forum)
Council Officers	Andrew Lightfoot (Deputy Chief Executive, Regeneration and Technical)
	Habib Patel (Performance Advisor)
	Caroline Walmsley (Executive & Regulatory Support Officer)

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

Apologies for absence were received from Peter Neill, Alasdair Reid, Councillor David Foster, Phil Richards, Elizabeth Taylor, Peter Morgan, Peter Hobkirk, Bob Simpson and Mike Leaf.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19TH MARCH 2007

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2007 were agreed as a correct record.

It was reported that 100 Voices strategy to tackle cohesion issues would continue under the Council's new administration.

3 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 16TH APRIL 2007

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 16th April were submitted for information.

4 TRANSFORMATION OF PENNINE LANCASHIRE

Andrew Lightfoot, Deputy Chief Executive, carried out a presentation that outlined the Pennine Lancashire Transformational Agenda, which addresses specific challenges of the Pennine Lancashire area. Pennine Lancashire still contributes more than any other area to the Lancashire Economy and transforming the future would ensure it is a place with varied and distinctive character and high environmental quality and heritage which celebrates its cultural diversity.

It was reported that the transformational agenda incorporated the following areas:

- Connectivity – Transport links to Greater Manchester and Preston, Pennine Lancashire Rapid Transit, transport links to employment sites
- Branding – Major conference to launch Pennine Lancashire brand
- Skills and Higher Education – Pennine Lancashire University: Blackburn and Lancaster – Burnley and Uclan. Workforce skills; delivery of Lancashire Skills Strategy in Pennine Lancashire
- Economic Development – Integrated economic plan for Pennine Lancashire: Developing the knowledge economy , manufacturing and cultural industries; delivery of integrated economic development function across east Lancashire; LEGI
- Employment Land – Strategic employment sites include Samlesbury Aerospace Park, Whitebirk, Burnley Enterprise Park, Medi Park and Michelin Technology Park

- Health – Centre of Community Health Excellence; Teaching Hospitals
- Housing Market Renewal – Attractive, sustainable and affordable housing
- Quality of Place
- Destinations/Tourism – Fashion Tower, Racecourse Adrenalin Gateway and Goal

It was reported that the integrated economic plan for Pennine Lancashire would be submitted to the LSP for formal endorsement along with the Council's Executive Board. The final version and timetable should be available within two months.

Concerns were raised over third sector involvement but it was stressed that all partners would be involved and would agree the final sign off.

5 LAA END OF YEAR REVIEW MEETING

Habib Patel outlined the process relating to the Local Area Agreement end of year review meeting with Government Office North West which was due to take place on the 28th June 2007.

The Chair and one other representative from each sub group had been invited along with the community/voluntary sector and will be challenged on how the Partnership has performed against the LAA. It was also reported that there would be discussions on what the LAA will look like in the future.

6 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were suggested at the meeting.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Pauline Walsh reported that there would shortly be a consultation on 'Developing Older People's Strategy' and requested that Partners respond.