



**Blackburn with Darwen Strategic Partnership Board
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 3rd September 2007**

PRESENT:

Councillors	Colin Rigby
	David Foster
	Salim Lorgat
	Chris Thayne
Business Sector	Mike Murray (Chair) (Community and Business Partners Ltd)
	Amanda Meachin (Community and Business Partners Ltd)
Public Sector	Nick Kennedy (Blackburn with Darwen Primary Care Trust)
	Lisa Haworth (Employment Service)
	Dave Mallaby (Lancashire Constabulary)
	John Jordan (Connexions)
	Liz Gill (Government Office North West)
Community and Voluntary Sector	Geoff Townsend (Interfaith Council)
	Garth Hodgkinson (Social Enterprise Network)
	Elizabeth Taylor (Learning Network)
	Peter Neill (Environment Network)
	Fawad Bhatti (CVS)
	Laurence Loft (Safeguarding Children's Board)
	Ivy Oglesbury (Darwen Central Community Association)
	Bob Simpson (Disability Issues Network)
	Minhaz Khelya (Blackburn with Darwen Youth Forum)
	Catherine Whittaker (Blackburn with Darwen Youth Forum)
Council Officers	Graham Burgess (Chief Executive)
	Tom Stannard (Director of Policy)
	Peter Morgan (Strategic Director of Children's Services)
	Susan Williams (Leader, Trafford MBC)
	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 Pauline Walsh, Ian Clinton, Councillor Michael Law-Riding, Phil Richards, Malcolm Harrison, Peter Hobkirk and Frank Lang.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JUNE 2007

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2007 were agreed as a correct record.

3 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 6TH AUGUST 2007

The minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 6th August were submitted for information.

4 UPDATE ON THE TRANSFORMATION OF PENNINE LANCASHIRE

Graham Burgess, Chief Executive, gave a verbal on the transformation of Pennine Lancashire. It was reported that the new brand was launched on the 10th September 2007 and would be used nationally.

It was further reported that the transformational agenda would be published towards the end of the month and the formation of the Pennine Lancashire City Development Company would deliver this.

Sympathies were expressed at the recent sad death of Tony Wilson and his commitment to the area was acknowledged. Representatives from Tony Wilson's company would be present at the next meeting to update on the Pennine Lancashire image.

Garth Hodgkinson once again raised concerns over the lack of third sector involvement in the initiative. However, it was stated that though the agenda needed to be lead by democratic leadership of the Councils, third sector input was required in terms of the work programme and sub groups. Any revised arrangements would give further consideration to third sector involvement.

5 LAA END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Government Office North West (GONW) submitted a report which related to the Local Area Agreement End of Year Review meeting which took place on 28th June 2007. Regular liaison meetings took place between the Council and GONW, with feedback provided to the LSP.

The report summarised the main points of the April 2006 – March 2007 end of year review, outlined risks to the achievement of outcomes and

described the impact of the LAA and strategic performance. GONW reported that though good progress had been made there were serious challenges around economic agenda and health in terms of female life expectancy.

The Government Office's view was that in overall terms the partnership was making steady progress, but with key issues accepted as needing intensive work. GONW wished to look again at areas of concern as part of the transitional review process for the next generation LAA. The timetable for this suggested that it would be appropriate for the lead negotiators to discuss progression in November.

Peter Morgan raised concerns over the narrative in paragraph 16 of the report, which related to the total number of measures below target. It was reported that out of the 17 measures that were reported below target, 9 were due to data not being available or out of date, 2 were not available due to the Government looking at adoption indicators and 5 were only missed by a fraction of a percentage. It was requested that this paragraph be amended to reflect a more accurate picture. It was also suggested that the presentation of the report could be improved.

With regards to health, it was reported that over the last 3 months there had been significant work in terms of improvement. It was accepted that this was a challenge but the recent health and social well being campaign 'Living Better, Living Longer' was aimed at raising awareness.

Clarification of paragraph 12, relating to violent crime, was requested with regards to complying with National Crime Recording Standards.

Government Office North West would redraft the report and forward to the Director of Policy.

6 LSP BOARD AWAY DAY

A report was tabled which set out the draft proposals for the LSP Board Away Day. The event was to take place in late October or early November at the Blackburn Enterprise Centre and would cover:-

- The changing role of LSPs in implementing new LAAs – External Speaker
- Blackburn with Darwen's 2008 LAA
- Review of Sub Groups
- Voluntary/Third Sector Engagement

It was felt that voluntary/third sector engagement needed to be at the top of the agenda and commissioning also needed to be incorporated. The date and details would be circulated to Members as soon as possible.

7 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were suggested at the meeting.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business considered.