



**Blackburn with Darwen Strategic Partnership Board  
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday, 17th November 2008**

**PRESENT:**

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| <b>Councillors</b>                    | Alan Cottam  |
|                                       | Tony Melia   |
|                                       | Kate Hollern   |
|                                       | Michael Lee  |
|                                       | Chris Thayne   |
| <b>Business Sector</b>                | Mike Murray (Chair) (Community and Business Partners Ltd)    |
|                                       | Amanda Meachin (Community and Business Partners Ltd)         |
|                                       | Peter Hobkirk (Chamber of Trade)                             |
|                                       | John Slee (Capita)   |
| <b>Public Sector</b>                  | Thomas Phillips (Blackburn with Darwen Primary Care Trust)   |
|                                       | Liz Gaulton (Blackburn with Darwen Primary Care Trust)       |
|                                       | Diane Rapley (Lancashire Care Foundation NHS Trust)          |
|                                       | Terry Woods (Lancashire Constabulary)                        |
|                                       | Vincent Jubb (Government Office North West)                  |
|                                       | Ian Kent (Job Centre Plus)                                   |
|                                       | John Jordan (CXL)  |
| <b>Community and Voluntary Sector</b> | Geoff Townsend (Interfaith Forum)                            |
|                                       | Garth Hodgkinson (Social Enterprise Network)                 |
|                                       | Pauline Walsh (Voluntary Health and Social Care Forum)       |
|                                       | Derek Estill (Interfaith Council)                            |
|                                       | Yvonne Hulse (Older Peoples Forum)                           |
|                                       | Ivy Oglesby (Community Association Forum)                    |
|                                       | Minhaz Khelya (Youth Forum)                                  |
|                                       | Tariq Patel (Youth Forum)                                    |
| <b>Council Officers</b>               | Graham Burgess (Chief Executive)                             |
|                                       | Peter Morgan (Strategic Director of Children's Services)     |
|                                       | Ros Davies (Policy Department)                               |
|                                       | Adam Scott (Strategic Director Regeneration and Environment) |
|                                       | Steve Tingle (Assistant Director Community Care and Health)  |
|                                       | Philippa Cross (Policy Department)                           |

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|  | Marc Schmid (Head of Communications)             |
|  | Angela McIntyre (Democratic Services)            |
|  | Gwen Kinloch Strategy and Projects Officer       |
|  | Francesca Brooks-Moizer Climate Change Assistant |
|  | Mohsin Mulla Policy and Performance Officer      |
|  | Kayleigh Wainwright (Young Peoples Service)      |

## **1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Colin Rigby, Michael Law-Riding, David Foster, Mike Damms, Ian Clinton, Marie Burnham, Tom Finn, Tom Stannard, Bob Simpson, Andy Rhodes, Peter Neill and Asif Iqbal.

## **2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22ND SEPTEMBER 2008**

### Item 5

There would be a three month delay in hearing the outcome of the funding bid for the Blackburn Youth Zone project.

### Item 10

It was agreed that information would be gathered to identify specific implications of the economic downturn for Blackburn with Darwen for a future meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2008 were agreed as a correct record.

## **3 COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

A verbal update was given by Graham Burgess. A joint response from the LSP and the Council had been submitted. The overall response was support for the principles of the model and the update focused on

- roles and responsibilities
- performance assessment methodologies
- public reporting
- organisational and area assessments
- peer involvement and self assessment
- localism and the duty to involve
- treatment of MAA “areas”
- data quality.

**AGREED** - That the update be received with thanks.

#### **4 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT**

Phillippa Cross gave an update on the LAA review and refresh timescales and likely processes. There are issues regarding the current economic downturn that the targets may be too stringent and therefore difficult to complete.

The dates for the forthcoming LSP Board and Executive meetings have been amended to accommodate the LAA timetable as follows:-

LSP Executive meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2008

12<sup>th</sup> January 2009

9<sup>th</sup> March 2009

6<sup>th</sup> April 2009

LSP Board meetings

16<sup>th</sup> February 2009

**AGREED** - That the update be received with thanks and the dates of the meetings be noted.

#### **5 LSP COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY**

Marc Schmid gave an update to the Board. It is proposed to create a communications sub group covering all the services provided by members of the Board. This would also link through to shared publications from organisations within the partnership throughout the Borough.

**AGREED** - That the update be received with thanks and that a communications sub group be formed.

#### **6 CARBON MANAGEMENT**

A presentation was given by Gwen Kinloch regarding carbon management within the Borough. The level of carbon emissions has reduced overall with new strategies being introduced to continue this trend. Baselines for targets within the LAA would be established in the current financial year. Gwen also stated that there would be a balance struck between the most cost effective way of reducing carbon emissions with local sustainability and recommended that the LSP Board adopt the policy.

**AGREED** - That the presentation be noted with thanks and the policy adopted by the LSP.

#### **7 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

Adam Scott gave a presentation on the draft environment policy for adoption by the LSP Board. This focused on the principles of

sustainable development and continuous improvement in environmental performance.

The draft policy asks member organisations of the LSP to

- Require the environment and environmental impacts to be considered in all decision-making and investment
- Protect and enhance the Borough's environmental assets
- Minimise consumption of environmental resources and reduce waste and pollution
- Minimise the impact of partners' business and service delivery on the environment and offset adverse impacts
- Set and adhere to high standards of design and environmental specification
- Procure goods and services from the most sustainable sources
- Communicate these objectives and train staff to conduct their activities in an environmentally responsible manner
- Celebrate and disseminate examples of good practice to other networks, organisations and the community
- Monitor and report on progress against these objectives
- Continually improve our environmental performance

The draft policy also lists the LSP's priorities as

- Climate Change and Energy
- Natural resources and Waste
- Biodiversity and Open Space
- Built Environment
- Transport and Access

**AGREED** - That the presentation be noted with thanks and the draft policy be adopted by the LSP.

## **8 PAT ON THE BACK AWARDS**

Steve Tingle gave an update to the awards. Both individuals and teams across the partners of the Board have been nominated in 14 categories. Due to the high number of nominations the awards ceremony has been postponed and will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009 at Ewood Park Blackburn. Steve stated that the scheme had had a very good response with all categories having plenty of nominees, showing good partnership working across the Borough.

**AGREED** - That the update be noted with thanks.

## **9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Board discussed the current economic downturn, including the effect that it was having both on the Borough and the wider area, and the issue of what help could be offered to mitigate the position locally.

**AGREED** - That the discussion be noted.