



**Blackburn with Darwen Strategic Partnership Board
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 13 25th July 2011.**

PRESENT:

Councillors	Mohammed Khan
	Yusuf Jan-Virmani
Business Sector	Mike Murray
	John Slee
	Mohammed Isap
	Mike Damms
Public Sector	Sir Bill Taylor
	Ian Clinton
	Kevin Ruth
Community and Voluntary Sector	Garth Hodgkinson
	Pauline Walsh
	Abdul Mulla
	Peter Neill
	Amar Abass
Council Officers	Denise Park (Strategic Director, Resources and Shared Services)
	Sayyed Osman (Director of Environment, Neighbourhoods & Housing)
	Tom Stannard (Director of Policy and Communications)
	Ken Barnsley (Head of Corporate Research and Joint Intelligence Unit)
	Clare Turner (Development Manager, Regeneration Department)
	Philippa Cross (Policy & Performance Manager)
	Phil Llewellyn (Executive & Councillor Support Manager)

Also in attendance – Paul Hardman (A4e), Vidusi, and Mohammed Ilyas.

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kate Hollern, Councillor Maureen Bateson, Councillor Andy Kay, Councillor Michael Lee, Graham Burgess, Bob Eastwood, Stephen Kennedy and Gladys Rhodes White.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22nd JUNE 2011

Agreed – That the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2011 be agreed as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:

Ian Clinton to be listed as present, the removal of one entry for Kevin Ruth (listed as attending twice) and the correct spelling of 'Garth' not 'Gareth' Hodgkinson.

3. INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.

The Chair, Mike Murray and Vice Chair, Mohammed Isap outlined some of the key challenges and priorities facing the thematic groups over the next two years and indicated that all partners needed to take ownership of and accountability for delivering against the 2030 Vision and it was hoped that success and progress would be achieved. There followed a debate on the first month of work undertaken by the thematic groups.

Garth Hodgkinson and Pauline Walsh raised concerns on the lack of communication and engagement with some thematic groups, in particular the Prosperous Group which they felt was particularly focused on engaging with private sector representatives, and had not yet involved any voluntary, community or faith sector representatives.

Mike Damms outlined the early work of the Prosperous Group and indicated that the communications issue would be looked at whilst noting that the approach to the Prosperous group needed to be different in the first instance, in order to engage business representatives that had not worked with the LSP before. .

There followed general discussions on the progress of the various thematic groups and it was felt that it was still very early in the process and that the thematic groups should be given time to develop and but, that they would need to have a clear idea of their work programmes for presentation to the LSP's development session in October.

Agreed – That progress of the various thematic groups be further discussed under the thematic update from each Chair (Agenda item 4).

4 THEMATIC CHAIRS UPDATE

Verbal updates on the work of the Thematic Groups were given as follows:

Prosperous

Mike Damms gave the apologies of the Chair and reported that the Thematic Group were focussing on job and wealth generation and were building a consistency of interest and ownership of issues via the private sector representatives before any linking in with other sectors.

He noted the comments about involving the Third Sector and he indicated that the Thematic Group would call on the key players at the appropriate time.

Connected

Ian Clinton and Sayyed Osman reported on the initial work of the Connected Thematic Group and advised that a 100 Voice style event would be held in September to make sure the themes were correct, after which these would be prioritised and presented to the workshop on 10th October.

Significant events in the near future such as the Jubilee and Olympic Games would be good opportunities to connect with communities in a positive way.

Clean

Peter Neil reported that a scoping meeting had recently been held, which considered key issues such as housing, waste and street cleaning. A focus group would be established by early October, and the initial focus would be on visible problems and engagement with pub landlords and private waste collection companies etc.

Safe

Kevin Ruth reported that rather than creating a new group it was felt that the 'Safe' theme was best placed within the Community Safety Partnership Board (CSPB) and emphasis would be placed on ensuring that the membership of the CSPB was balanced.

The new neighbourhood structures would be looked at as part of a refresh of the existing CSPB engagement structures and cross cutting relationships, such as those with the Health and Wellbeing Board and 50+ Partnership would be a key focus.

Healthy

Sir Bill Taylor reported that the initial discussions had been held and as with the Safe thematic group, the membership of the existing statutory body (in this case the Health and Wellbeing Board) would form the basis of the membership.

Nationally, the picture was not clear and was complicated, but the next meeting of the group would be held in August.

Commissioning Board

(See Agenda Item 5)

Agreed – That the updates from each Thematic Group be noted.

5. LSP Commissioning Board Update

Pauline Walsh tabled a report which provided the Strategic Partnership Board with a summary of key findings from a recently held scoping session and to provide an update on next steps.

The scoping session took place on 12th July 2011 and had focussed on what had worked well/needed to improve, the future of compact working, membership, aims for the first two years, and engagement with neighbourhood and community engagement.

The next steps included finalising of a high level work programme and core functions/deliverables a review of membership (with representation from all quarters of the LSP a pre-requisite) and submission of a fuller report to the Development Session to determine key decisions on the future role, status and support arrangements for the Commissioning Board.

A full write up of the scoping session was available on request.

Following the update, Members of the Board discussed the need to ensure that a common language was adopted across the various groups, as some of the terminology used by the groups and organisations differed.

There was also debate on the benefits of resource mapping information and the potential for top slicing of budgets, which if applied at 1% would, for example, potentially deliver millions of pounds of funding.

Agreed – That the report be noted.

6. Work Programme

A report was submitted on the local implementation of the Government's new flagship welfare to work programme; the Work Programme.

The Work Programme was launched in June 2011 and represented a step change for Welfare to Work, creating a structure that treated people as individuals and allowed providers greater freedom to tailor the right support to the individual needs of each customer. It replaced much of the confusing array of existing programmes for unemployed people.

The key features of the Work Programme were outlined in the report submitted.

Paul Hardman, Regional Development Director, A4e, presented the delivery model of the work programme across Lancashire.

The presentation provided an overview of the work programme, the key principles of the operating model, engagement with employers, operational delivery in Lancashire and a focus on people and places – in

particular employment was highlighted as the key to reducing health inequalities.

The model and partner infrastructure would evolve over the lifetime of the programme. Partnership working was the key in the delivery of the work programme and A4e intended to be more than a contractor, instead they intended to be a strategic partner for the next 5 to 7 years. An immediate opportunity existed via the DWP ESP employment focussed provisions for families with multiple problems.

Agreed – That the contents of the paper and presentation by A4e on the local delivery of the Work Programme be noted.

7. **Integrated Strategic Needs Assessment (ISNA)**

Ken Barnsley, Head of Corporate Research and Joint Intelligence Unit, submitted a report and delivered a presentation on the development of the Integrated Strategic Needs Assessment (ISNA) in the Borough.

Approval was sought for the key ISNA priorities set out in the report and for the ISNA development process to begin with a development workshop for Dementia.

The 2007 Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act included the current duty to undertake Health and Social Care Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). The Health and Social Care Bill now going through Parliament proposed an enhanced role for JSNA, with local authorities and GP consortia each having an equal and explicit obligation to prepare the JSNA, and to do so through the health and wellbeing board, and a new legal obligation on NHS and local authority commissioners to have regard to the JSNA in exercising their relevant commissioning functions.

The ISNA Leadership Group had previously agreed that the ISNA should cover the full scope of public and social policy across the Local Strategic Partnership and should aim to develop a joint evidence base, analysis and needs assessment; and had agreed the major priorities for the ISNA as follows:

Worklessness – a detailed approach and priority issues to be discussed and agreed through the Prosperous Thematic Group

Health and Housing - a detailed approach and priority issues to be discussed and agreed through the Health and Wellbeing Board advised by the Health and Housing working group of officers

Children and Families – a detailed approach and priority issues to be discussed and agreed through the Children and Young Persons Trust – with the initial priority as Think Family

Older People - a detailed approach and priority issues to be discussed and agreed through the 50+ Partnership – with an initial priority being Dementia.

The following short term priorities would also be addressed through needs assessment: Cardiovascular Disease, Cancer, Alcohol, Sexual

Health, Drugs, Gypsies and Travellers, Learning Difficulties and Child Dental Health.

The ISNA process was outlined in the report submitted, together with the Governance Structure.

Garth Hodgkinson reported that the 3rd Sector Health and Wellbeing Forum was changing its name and requested that the new title be used in future ISNA documents. He also requested another seat for the Third Sector on the ISNA Leadership Group.

Agreed –

1. That the approach to development of ISNA be approved
2. That the governance structure for ISNA be approved with joint reporting responsibility to the Health and Well-Being Board and the LSP Commissioning Board be approved
3. That the existing priorities set out at 4 of this report be endorsed
4. That the Health and Well-Being Board and Local Strategic Partnership support a development workshop for ISNA for Dementia.

8. Any Other Business

Mike Damms reported that the Local Enterprise Partnership had started to meet and the current focus was on Regional Growth and Enterprise Zones, as well as development of the Economic Plan for Lancashire, and that he would report back to future meetings on progress.

9. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

A list of meeting dates for the Board in 2011/12 was circulated with the agenda which confirmed the meetings in 2011/12 would be as follows:

- 10th October 2011 (*Development Session*)
- 13th February 2012 (*Board Meeting*)
- 2nd April 2012 (*Board Meeting*)