



**Blackburn with Darwen Strategic Partnership Board  
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 13 February 2012.**

**PRESENT:**

<b>Councillors</b>	Kate Hollern Andy Kay Mohammed Khan Maureen Bateson Yusuf Jan-Virmani
<b>Business Sector</b>	Mike Murray Mohammed Isap Khalid Saifullah
<b>Public Sector</b>	Sir Bill Taylor Ian Clinton Kevin Ruth
<b>Community and Voluntary Sector</b>	Garth Hodgkinson Amanda Meachin Peter Neill Amar Abass Ilyas Munshi
<b>Council Officers</b>	Graham Burgess Denise Park (Strategic Director, Resources and Shared Services) Sayyed Osman (Director of Environment, Neighbourhoods & Housing) Tom Stannard (Director of Policy and Communications) (Head of Corporate Research and Joint Intelligence Unit) Imran Akuji Paul Conlon (Democratic Services Manager)

**1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Abdul Mulla Pauline Walsh, Ian Clinton, Mike Damms and Sayyed Osman.

**2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

**Agreed** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011 be agreed as a correct record.

### 3. **Complaint to the Local Government Ombudsman- Mr Brian Todd.**

The Board were informed of a complaint that had been the subject to a report from the Local Government Ombudsman. The Ombudsman had recommended to the Council that it reports to the Executive board and the LSP Board that there was no direct consultation with the community associations about the Councils withdrawal of funding and that it apologises to Mr Brian Todd for indicating otherwise. **The Board agreed** that a formal letter of apology be sent to Mr Todd on the issue.

### 4. **Sector Input.**

The Board received updates from the community Network Board, Public Service Board and the Community and Business partnership as follows-

#### **Community Network Board and Election results.**

The board were informed that a number of changes had been agreed and would be chaired by Angela Allen with Pauline Walsh as vice chair. Angela would be attending the partnership board meetings as a member of the public.

#### **VCS Transformation Programme**

The board received a presentation from Garth Hodgkinson on the Voluntary community service transformation Programme. The Programme was about modernising not sustaining what we had and transforming and modernising local charity support services. The programme aimed to do this by-

- Developing better links to the local business community.
- Developing stronger partnership with the local public sector bodies
- Promoting giving both time or money
- Becoming more sustainable

The Blackburn with Darwen Bid was one of 72 successful bids and worth over £395,750. The programme delivery time was a period of 18months.

**The board agreed** that the programme report to the LSP Commissioning board and that an approach would be made to the CVS chair become a formal member of the LSP commissioning Board.

The board were informed of the anticipate outcomes of the programme which were-

Outcome 1: to introduce new high quality support services that anticipated the future needs of frontline CSOs around giving, commissioning and the localism agenda.

Outcome 2: to improve communication and strategic relationships with the public and commercial economies to foster greater awareness, understanding and Joint activity.

Outcome 3: to transform the culture within the infrastructure partnership to be more entrepreneurial in order to secure the long term sustainability of the support services being offered.

The outputs, activity and review of the scheme were also outlined and the way in which the scheme would be marketed. The board

#### **4 THEMATIC CHAIRS UPDATE**

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

**Prosperous**

**Connected**

**Clean**

**Safe**

**Healthy**

**Commissioning Board**

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

#### **5. LSP Commissioning Board Update**

**Agreed** – That the report be noted.

#### **6. Work Programme**

**Agreed** –

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

**8. Any Other Business**

**9. DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was noted that the future meetings of the LSP Board were scheduled to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012, 11<sup>th</sup> February and 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013.