



**Blackburn with Darwen Strategic Partnership Board
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 11th February 2013.**

PRESENT:

Councillors	Kate Hollern
	Mohammed Khan
	Maureen Bateson
	Andy Kay
	Michael Lee
Business Sector	Mike Murray
	Mohammed Isap
	Amanda Meachin
	Mike Damms
	Kevin Ruth
	Mohammed Isap
Community and Voluntary Sector	Garth Hodgkinson
	Abdul Mulla
	Pauline Walsh
	Angela Allen
	Amar Abass
	B.Norman
Council Officers	Tom Stannard (Director of Policy)
	Sayyed Osman (Director of Environment, Neighbourhoods & Housing)
	Liz Hall (Director of Finance)
	Brian Bailey (Director of Regeneration)
	Jonathan Tew (Head of Policy)

1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING, 18TH JUNE 2012.

Agreed- The minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2012 were agreed as a correct record.

3 LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP REVIEW.

The board received a report setting out the parameters of a review of the Local Strategic Partnership Board, its representative forums and its thematic groups. Tom Stannard informed the meeting that this was the start of the consultation on the future shape of the Board and was to be undertaken in light of the resource pressures but also to fulfil one of the recommendations of the Councils Local Government Association peer challenge which had been undertaken in July 2012. The peer review had pointed out that the council had worked hard over the years to establish effective partnerships and good relationships with other organisations locally regionally, nationally and significant benefits for local people had accrued from the effort that has been shown however things now need to evolve.

The structure had been reviewed in 2011 following the establishment of the updated Vision 2030 priorities and the removal of national/statutory prescriptions around some partnerships. The report outlined a number of options for initial partner debate and consultation. These options were

1. To maintain the LSP in its current structure.
2. To disestablish all aspects of the LSP framework apart from those statutory requirements-the Community Safety Partnership and the Health and Wellbeing Board.
3. To retain the existing LSP Board Model but rationalise non-statutory sub-groups by bringing the 'Clean and Connected' thematic groups and the LSP Commissioning Board to an end and allowing the Local Public Service Board to subsidise their work programmes. Alongside this, disestablish the Children's Trust and remodel as a delivery partnership of the Health and Wellbeing Board. Enhance existing neighbourhood engagement arrangements with a more formal Youth Forum and an Annual 'Your Agenda/Community Conference event. Retain the 50+ Partnership and revisit its work programme-again, in light of statutory requirements underpinning the Health and Wellbeing Board's Strategy.

Members of the board expressed the view points of their organisation and how the climate was affecting the working arrangements. The added value from the partnership was stressed and the need to ensure that the aim to improve was key. The climate should not damage relationships. The partnership needed to remain responsive to be leaner and work with new potential sources such as Pennine Lancashire and the Leep.

The partnership was asked to take the consultation to their organisations and consider their roles and contributions to the partnership. The partner organisations were also asked to come back with their comments and views as soon as possible and within 4 weeks.

Resolved-

1. That the changed context to LSP arrangements and statutory guidance be endorse and a strategic review of partnerships

arrangements being undertaken prior to the start of the 2013/14 Municipal year be agreed

2. That the provisional options outlined in the report be considered by the partners and their views be submitted for consideration by the partnership along with any additional suggestions regarding the future partnership structures
3. That the board will facilitate consultation with sector partners and organisational leadership teams on options and partners should feedback prior to 8th March 2013.

4 STRATEGIC REVIEW OF THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR/ CVS

The board received a presentation on the Strategic Review of the Voluntary and Community Sector/ CVS. The presentation outlined the levels of volunteering in the borough which were lower than the national average, views of volunteers and the LSP Volunteering Strategy. The strategy was to be reported to the CVS Trustees meeting in February and the Community Network board would discuss planned changes. In March the business community and councillors would be surveyed and reports made to the LSP Commissioning Board. A new Strategic Plan was to be agreed by the CVS by 31st March 2013. From April work would be undertaken to implement the new strategic plan and introduce new ways of working and progress new innovative partnerships.

The board discussed the Strategic Review and how there was a need to step back and look at roles and using collective strengths think about the shape of the organisation and skills needed to shape it. The sector needed to demonstrate what it achieved. It was noted that the levels of volunteering did not include those volunteering under the Your Call initiative.

Agreed – That the Strategic Review be noted and that Board receive a report at their next meeting on the progress on the review and implementation of the New Strategic Plan.