



**Blackburn with Darwen Strategic Partnership Board
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 22nd July 2013.**

PRESENT:

Chair	Mo Isap
Local Public Service Board	Councillor Kate Hollern
	Harry Catherall
Community Safety Partnership	Garth Hodgkinson
	Sayyed Osman
Health and Wellbeing Board	Councillor Mohammed Khan
Prosperous Group	Khalid Saifullah
	Brian Bailey
VCS Voice Forum	Angela Allen
Council Officers	Mohsin Mulla
	Paul Conlon
	Jonathan Tew

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies were submitted on behalf of Kevin Ruth and Pauline Walsh.

2. Appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair

It was agreed that Mohammed Isap be appointed chair and Cllr Kate Hollern vice chair for the remainder of the municipal year.

3 Minutes of the Meeting Held on 13th May 2013

Agreed - The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2013 were agreed as a correct record.

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The board received an up-date on the work of the thematic groups.

Health and Wellbeing Group

The Health and Board were pushing to improve health in the borough and particularly issues relating to social inclusion. A complete view of the whole system was being prepared for reporting to the board. The confusion of different systems was highlighted and this will take time to address. The work of the board would be reported to the LSP. The need for better indicators was highlighted and partnerships and collaborations updated in key areas.

Community Safety Partnership

The work undertaken on early intervention was highlighted and producing benefits at a local level. It was highlighted that it was not always about money. The partnership would be producing a new strategy within a year.

Local Public Service Board

The Board were updated on the work of the Public Service Board and received a report on progress on the emerging issues. The growth of the voluntary sector was highlighted and the meeting was informed that 5000 people had taken part in your call campaign and work was progressing on the good neighbour campaign. Attention was drawn to the corporate plan and how this could be used was to welcome in people to the borough and show that the Council will work with them. The board were informed that Regenerate Pennine Lancashire has been selected in a bid for £5m from the latest round of the Government's Regional Growth Fund (RGF). There was also a need to talk up the borough and keep this going.

The Prosperous Group.

The Chair of the Prosperous Group outlined the progress of the group and stated that businesses were committed to this. He outlined the work to ensure that businesses were aware of the Hive. Work on business excellence was progressing with 5 companies involved. Work of the finance sub-group and the links to the community Hive were outlined. The work on the quality businesses strategy had got off to a phenomenal start and could call down business support. Business felt that work was worthwhile and positive feedback had been received that it was a good working model.

VCS Voices

The Board were updated on the work of the VCS voices group and the progress on the issues including work on developing local solutions to meet identified priorities.

RESOLVED-

1. That the progress of the thematic groups be noted and that reports on progress be reported to future meetings of the Board.

5. LSP Board and the Corporate Plan

The progress of the new board was highlighted and the slimmed down focus was already showing improved joint working. Attention was drawn to the Corporate Plan and it was stated that whilst the money was reduced, the public sector was still a major spender in the borough. The European funding would add value and leverage to bring additional opportunities to the borough. The Leader of the Council drew attention to the work of the Leaders Group and the investment plan for Pennine Lancashire and BwD borough. This was providing real benefit and real cash with £240m over 7 years. Submission bids were being written and the borough would be ready when opportunities arose. The need to talk up the borough was highlighted and the fact that business was booming. It was highlighted that this was a new LSP for a new world and that it would be looking at long term strategies.

Members discussed the way forward and highlighted the need to the present key priorities and outcomes for delivery. The need for a holistic strategy and collaboration was stressed and for the next meeting an LSP growth strategy in line with the corporate strategy needed to be produced. The need for the vision to include all was stressed with a fairness and a future for all.

It was agreed that an LSP Growth strategy should be produced for the next meeting of the Board.

6. Next meeting of the Board

The board were reminded that the next meeting was to be a development session and that the session would look at priorities, outcome and success of the partnership and how we can set out our stall and make a difference with strategies objective and priorities to make it happen.

Action – all members to bring further updates to the development session of their action plans, outcome measures and what they aim to achieve up until March 2015.

Chair.....

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