



**Blackburn with Darwen Strategic Partnership Board
Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2015**

PRESENT:

Chair	Mo Isap
Local Public Service Board	
Community Safety Partnership	Kevin Ruth Garth Hodgkinson
Health and Wellbeing Board	Cllr Mohammed Khan Joe Slater Dominic Harrison
Prosperous Group	Brian Bailey Abdul Mulla
Council Officers	Tom Flannigan Mathew Sidgrave Sayyed Osman Mohsin Mulla Paul Conlon

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies were submitted on behalf of Cllr Kate Hollern, Harry Catherall and Brian Bailey.

3 Minutes of the last meeting

Agreed – The minutes of the meeting held on 21st July 2014 were agreed as a correct record.

4 LSP Sub Groups Update

The board received an up-date on the progress of the LSP sub-groups

Voluntary Sector-

The board were reminded that the voluntary sector was still a very large sector with expenditure of around £175m per annum. It was stated that there was a lot of community activity taking place and there was a need

to capture data on this. Some of the organisations were however, still struggling.

The chair drew attention to the use of funds raised by the Asian community which could be used to contribute to and support charities in the borough. The need to build resilience in to the community networks where it was needed most was stressed whilst meeting the increasing demands. In response to a question it was stated that the sector was complex and growing. There was an opportunity for dialogue and that larger organisations could feed into grass roots community groups. This could also be put in to contracts. The model of Forever Manchester was highlighted and that we have the infrastructure and now we need to align organisations with this and to encourage and enable through signposting and advising. Attention was also drawn to Ramadan which was a time for giving and the opportunities this presented.

Prosperous-

Mathew Sidgrave attended the meeting and outlined the recent developments following the launch of the prosperity strategy including the new College Automotive Hub, Hive Network and the Business Awards. In response to a question it was stated there was big support to get the NHS to move into the digital age and there was a big local spend of around £1bn per year and a need to match skills to need.

Community Safety-

Kevin Ruth outlined the work of the community safety group. He stated that there was a continued fall in crime of around 3% with a 9% decrease in alcohol related crime. Prevention and early intervention was working and business support was continuing. Attention was drawn to the partnership working with businesses including Crown and Graham and Brown and the difference this had made. The annual report would be submitted to the board.

Health and Wellbeing-

The board were informed that the Health and Wellbeing Strategy was being revised and updated to include the collection of data on added Value and prosperity plan links. The aim was to shape the future by learning from the past.

Agreed- that the continued work of the thematic groups be noted.

5. Performance Indicators.

Members considered the issue of performance indicators for the work of the board. The chair stressed the need to ensure that the board could show tangible impact data on issues such as skill gaps etc. The indicators needed to be SMART and validated and ownership set out. There needed to be a communication strategy which made the strategy real. The need for a set of 4 key performance indicators was stressed for each group and these indicators should include targets and set out realistic ambitions for 12 and 24 months.

Agreed- That the LSP Sub-groups be asked to draw up 4 key performance indicators for their areas and that these be put together on a single page, setting out how they would impact on delivery of the prosperity strategy.

6 Dates of the future meetings

The board were reminded that the next meeting was to be held on Monday 15th June, 5th October 2015 and 7th March 2016.

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