

FAILSWORTH & HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP
21/03/2013 at 7.00 pm



Present: Councillors Ames (Chair), Battye, Briggs, Dawson, Fielding (Vice-Chair), Garry, McMahon and Stretton

Also in Attendance:

Emma Alexander	Executive Director - Commercial Services
Carol Brown	Assistant Executive Director - Environment
Dale Corrigan	Youth Forum
John Crompton	Failsworth Historical Society
Sarah Furbey	Contour Housing Group
Mel Garner	Failsworth Carnival Committee
Steven Garratt	Constitutional Services
David Hayes	Oasis Academy
Debbie Holland	OMBC Children's Area Lead
Anthony Hynes	Community Safety Services
Inspector Muzemil Kernain	Greater Manchester Police
Peter Kiely	Unity Partnership
Sam Lewis	Youth Forum
Paul McCann	District Caseworker
Stan Mitchell	Streetscene
Elaine Morgan	First Choice Homes Oldham
Claire Nangle	Strategic Regeneration & Development
John Norris	District Co-ordinator
Simon Tait	Integrated Youth Services
James Woodhead	Unity Partnership

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Stretton and Michael Kelly.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were two public questions received from Warren Bates regarding; (1) Remuneration of the District Partnership Champions for the three thematic working groups, and; (2) Participation of partners at the Finance Sub-Committee.

The District Co-ordinator responded to question 1, outlining that the District Partnership Champions for the three thematic working groups receive no remuneration for the positions.

The Chair responded to question 2, explaining that the decisions on the Finance Sub-Committee were made by the elected members of the Partnership as a collective, and it was for

partners to put forward views on applications to elected members. He also informed that a written reply on this question would be sent to the questioner.

RESOLVED – That:

1. The questions and responses be noted.
2. A response be sent to the questioner regarding question 2.

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FAILSWORTH AND HOLLINWOOD YOUTH REPORT

The District Partnership received a presentation from representatives of the Failsworth & Hollinwood Youth Forum, on work recently undertaken by the Youth Forum, including involvement with:

- International Women's Day
- Kerrching funding
- Transport survey
- Expressive arts evening
- Supporting Failsworth Q Youth Centre on a residential orienteering training course for young people

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

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SPORTS DEVELOPMENT IN FAILSWORTH AND HOLLINWOOD DISTRICT

The District Partnership received a report and presentation from the Club & Volunteer Development Officer, with assistance from two young people that had been involved in the sports development programme, providing information about the work that was being carried at a District Level to develop individuals and organisations allowing them to deliver high quality sports provision and develop individuals so that they are developing transferable skills and helping to ensure residents were work ready.

Highlighted included:

- Partnership working with community clubs and groups
- Links to employment and education opportunities alongside skills development for participants
- Promotion of healthy attitudes, positive lifestyles and leadership skills
- Young sports ambassador scheme to be launched in Failsworth and Hollinwood in May 2013

RESOLVED – That the report and presentation be noted.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING REPORT

The District Partnership received a report, with additional statistics also circulated, which gave updates on Police activity covering the Failsworth and Hollinwood area.

The following areas were highlighted:

- Anti-social behaviour trends were continue to reduce

- A short spike of domestic burglaries in Failsworth West had been quickly brought under control
- Proactive work was taking place under the new Neighbourhood Policing arrangements, which were targeting drug and vehicle crime in the area

The rate of solved crimes of burglaries from dwellings was queried by partners, and it was responded that although the values were low, it was an area that was difficult to prove, however the figures were healthy in comparison with other areas across Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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AREA REGENERATION

The District Partnership received a report providing an update of changes to the current range of regeneration activity across the District since the previous Partnership meeting.

A question was asked by a resident regarding the timescale of the transfer of allotments near the Lancaster Club, and it was clarified that those using the allotments wouldn't be moved until a new site was built, and that users would get a seasons notice of the change. All members of the allotment society were informed of this on 2nd February 2013.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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HIGHWAYS REPORT

The District Partnership received a report and presentation from Unity Highways Officers, providing an update on issues raised by Councillors and members of the public, and gave an overview of activity in Highways. The presentation highlighted awareness of safety engineering, road safety and street work co-ordination that were taking place, which had delivered a downward trend in casualties using a data led approach and joint working, the development of a trench sharing initiative for utilities companies, and stronger enforcement against poor repair works by utilities companies.

Following questions raised by members, the following issues were discussed:

- Many issues around footpath repairs were the responsibility of the utilities company
- The Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and Planning was looking to develop a strategy to deal with potholes and a feedback mechanism
- A timetable for traffic regulation orders at South Failsworth Primary School would be sent to Councillor Fielding
- A suggestion was made to undertake work on Dean Street for Failsworth West where no scheme had been

identified as part of the District Partnership schemes for the Highways Investment Programme

- Work was being undertaken to create priority routes across the Borough to take prompt action for repairs, which included the A62 through the District



A resident also praised the work of Council officers who had undertaken highways work on their street in the District.

RESOLVED – That the report and presentation be noted.

9 **MONEY MATTERS REPORT**

The District Partnership gave consideration to a report updating on the Money Management pilot programme which had commenced in July 2011, and was due to continue until the end of March 2013.

Members discussed the need for the scheme to continue due to the impact of recent welfare reforms which were due to hit residents in the coming months.

RESOLVED – That:

1. The report be noted.
2. The District Co-ordinator, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, be delegated to arrange a funding package to continue the Money Management scheme from 1st April 2013, to be funded from the 2013-14 budget, and to include the purchase of a banner to promote the scheme at Limehurst Library.

10 **7 STEPS TO CHANGE**

The District Partnership received a report and presentation from the Assistant Executive Director - Environment, provided context to a long term changing behaviours project to tackle fly tipping and dumping in Oldham, by engendering behavioural change amongst residents. It was a borough wide project involving a number of services, with the approach to be tailored within each district as appropriate.

Members raised that littering from fast food outlets was also a issue, and a suggestion was made to involve companies who operate drive-through facilities to record the number plate of the vehicle, and include it, possibly as a sticker, on packaging of fast food so that if littering took place the offender could be identified and fined. It was also raised that the £60 fine wasn't a significant deterrent, but was the value stated in law for the fixed penalty.

RESOLVED – That the report and presentation be noted.

11 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

12 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 30th January 2013 be approved as a correct record.



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FAILSWORTH AND HOLLINWOOD BUDGET REPORT

The District Partnership received a report advising of the current commitments agreed by the Partnership. It was highlighted that the current balance of the delegated budget was £7,145 following underspends from allocated funds.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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ALLEYGATING REPORT

The District Partnership received a report updating on the current position regarding the £10,000 funding allocation for alley gating projects in the District, and outlined options for the projected underspend.

RESOLVED – That

1. The report be noted.
2. Option 3 in the report be progressed regarding the projected underspend.

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COMMUNITY PAYBACK

The District Partnership received a report outlining the work completed by GM North Community Payback within the District over the financial year period. It was highlighted that from the £5,000 funding from the partnership, over £40,000 of works had been undertaken.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

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PETITIONS FOR NOTING

No eligible petitions had been received.

The meeting started at 7.00 pm and ended at 9.04 pm