



Minutes

UNITY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

12 February 2015

Members' Meeting Room - Civic Centre, Oldham, OL1 1NL

5.30 pm

Present: Councillors Dean, Jabbar (Chair), McCann and Stretton

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| Emma Alexander | Unity Partnership Managing Director |
| Craig Apsey | Mouchel Managing Director |
| Fabiola Fuschi | Constitutional Services Officer |
| Helen Gerling | Interim Director Corporate and Commercial Services |
| Simon Miller | Unity Partnership Service Delivery Director |
| John Sillitoe | Mouchel Operations Director |
| Richard Warriner | Unity Partnership Development Director |

1 Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Sykes, Janet Horton and Carolyn Wilkins.

2 ICT Proposals

2a Update from Unity

The Board considered a report of the Operations Director, Mouchel, on the Unity Partnership's proposals concerning the future delivery of ICT services to Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council.

The Board was informed of the Unity Partnership commitments and the key points of the agreement with the sub-contractor.

Board members sought and received clarifications on the transition and transformation costs of the proposals and the service delivery aspect in relation to the new key performance indicators. Board members also queried the staying of the digital software supply with the existing sub-contractor. It was explained that this was due to efficiency reasons.

The Board noted the Unity Partnership's proposals on the future delivery of ICT services to Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council.

2b Council Review

The Board considered a report of the Executive Director Commercial Services which outlined the Council's response to the Unity Partnership's proposals.

Board members queried how the Unity Partnership's proposals would be funded. It was explained that the payback period was three years and therefore net benefits would accrue from year four. It was added that not accepting Unity Partnership's proposals would impact on the opportunity to achieve further savings, in addition to those set out in the report.

The Board recommended that:

1. On balance of the benefits and risks, the ICT services proposals outlined in the Unity Partnership report be accepted.
2. More detailed work be done before full cabinet decision, for instance a full breakdown of transition and transformation costs with clear measurable deliverables.
3. This change be commissioned under the principles and governance of the Change Programme Board (Diamond).

The Chair thanked those officers and partners involved with the negotiations.

3 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Unity Partnership Board will take place on Thursday 23rd March 2015 at 5.30pm in the Members' Meeting Room.

The meeting started at 5.35 pm and ended at 6.10 pm