

Minutes

Oldham Leadership Board

Themed meeting: Oldham's role in Devolution Manchester.

25 June 2015, 10am until 12noon

Lees Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham

Present:

Cllr Jim McMahon	Leader, Oldham Council (Chair)
Cllr Jean Stretton	Oldham Council
Stuart Lockwood	Oldham Community Leisure
Julie Price	DWP / JCP
Liz Windsor-Welsh	Voluntary Action Oldham
Caroline Drysdale	Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
Richard Spearing	Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
Nadine Armitage	Pennine Acute Trust
Glenn Parkes	National Probation Service
Ian Wilkinson	NHS Oldham CCG
Denis Gizzi	NHS Oldham CCG
Cath Green	First Choice Homes Oldham
Alun Francis	Oldham College
Cllr Barbara Brownridge	Oldham Council
Helen Lockwood	Oldham Council
Emma Alexander	Oldham Council
Michele Carr	Oldham Council
Jill Beaumont	Oldham Council
Alan Higgins	Oldham Council
Liz Wade	Oldham Council
Mark Reynolds	Oldham Council
John Rooney	Oldham Council
Jackie Wilson	Oldham Council

Apologies:

Carolyn Wilkins	Chief Executive, Oldham Council
Maggie Kufeldt	Oldham Council
Elaine McLean	Oldham Council
Cllr Howard Sykes	Oldham Council
Caroline Ball	Greater Manchester Police
Michael McCourt	Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
Martin Roe	Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
John Schofield	Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
Jeremy Broadbent	Oldham Business Leadership Group
Dave Benstead	Oldham Business Leadership Group
Jayne Clarke	Oldham 6 th Form College
Nigel Elliot	Cheshire & Greater Manchester CRC
Nisha Bakshi	Oldham Probation
John Jesky	Pennine Acute Trust
Dr Gillian Fairfield	Pennine Acute Trust
Ian Bailey	Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service

1	Minutes and matters arising from meeting on 23 March 2015
	The minutes of the meeting of 23 March 2015 were agreed as a correct record of proceedings.
2	Governance and implementation of Devolution Manchester
	<p>The chair welcomed Board members to the Devolution themed meeting, noting how far Oldham and Greater Manchester have come in the past 2 years. The chair stressed that Devolution is not ‘business as usual’ and that the Partnership needs to ensure that Oldham are best placed to get the benefits of the deal economically, socially and democratically.</p> <p>Michele Carr, Oldham Council, took the Board through the new powers received by both the Directly Elected Mayor and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) under the Devolution deal. Included in this were the expectations of Oldham and its strategic partners in delivering Devolution through growth and reform. In addition, the Board discussed the key communications challenges and priorities, and the leadership role of the Board as ambassadors for Oldham at the GM table.</p>
	<p>AGREED / ACTION Slide pack to be circulated to the Board</p>
3	Exploring the detail of Devolution
	<p>The chair introduced the item to explore the detail of the different elements of the Devolution deal, focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current position of the theme • Opportunities, risks and the Partnerships role within each theme <p>Skills Alun Francis, Oldham College, outlined what is included, and excluded, within the devolution of skills provision. There followed a discussion by Board members around this topic including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the need for flexibility; • the opportunities to build better joined up / effective services (supply and demand); • and coordinating early help to enable a sustainable employment base. <p>Specific areas were highlighted as being opportunities such as in-work support and the links between health and skills. The Board discussed the importance of listening to the voice of Oldham’s young people and how the Partnership can provide support to them to make decisions that are aligned with Oldham’s ambitions e.g. our economic strategy etc.</p> <p>Economy and infrastructure Michele Carr outlined the detail relating to both support for businesses and the proposals for changes to transport systems. The chair added that Oldham must be ambitious / have clear goals to benefit from and utilise the opportunities at a Greater Manchester level.</p>

	<p>It was discussed and agreed that the Board should take a more proactive leadership role in ensuring that Oldham is on the map and a primary destination where people come to shop, socialise and work.</p> <p>Health and social care Alan Higgins, Oldham Council, took the Board through the detail of the Health and Social Care Devolution. He highlighted the timescales and the need to produce a place-locality plan by the end of July.</p> <p>The Board agreed that Health Devolution offers Oldham a great opportunity to recast models and do things differently. It is also essential that we engage communities to reduce demand and manage expectations. A question was raised and debated about the specific freedoms / benefits that Devolution will give to Oldham. Specifically if Oldham can demonstrate efficiency savings, can these savings be reinvested back into Oldham?</p> <p>Planning and housing Cath Green, First Choice Homes, and John Rooney, Oldham Council, outlined the detail relating to the planning and housing aspects of Devolution; including the GM spatial framework, housing investment, and the asks / offers of housing providers. The Board discussed the importance of 'one voice' and a coordinated approach as the Devolution deal develops. Communications and tactics will be crucial to ensure success for Oldham.</p>
4	Specific actions for OLB within Devolution
	<p>The chair wrapped up the theme-based discussions by re-iterating the importance of working alongside GM colleagues and ensuring Oldham benefits from Devolution and the wider-GM work.</p> <p>The chair requested that each Cluster now consider the following and report back to the next Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of OLB as leaders in driving Devolution and getting the best deal for Oldham. • Communications, tactics and messaging • Organisational and partner repositioning around Greater Manchester. • North East Manchester Group in partnership with Rochdale and Tameside? • Public engagement strategy for Devolution: build up to the directly elected Mayor in 2017 • Leading areas of Devolution for Greater Manchester.
	<p>AGREED/ACTION: Clusters to meet to discuss specific opportunities and actions in relation to Devolution, and to report back to the next Board.</p>
	Date of next meeting
	<p>Wednesday 2 September 9.30-11.30am, Civic Centre Theme: Economy and Skills</p>