

# Minutes

## Oldham Leadership Board

Thursday 12 January 2017, 10 am until 12 noon

Harry Burns Suite, First Choice Homes, Oldham

### Present:

Cllr Jean Stretton	Leader, Oldham Council (Chair)
Cllr Abdul Jabaar	Deputy Leader, Oldham Council
Cllr Howard Sykes	Leader of Opposition, Oldham Council
Carolyn Wilkins	Chief Executive, Oldham Council
Alan Higgins	Oldham Council
Maggie Kufeldt	Oldham Council
Liz Windsor-Welsh	Action Together
Cath Green	First Choice Homes and Chair of Co-ops and Neighbourhoods Cluster
Jon Aspinall	Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue
Stuart Lockwood	Oldham Community Leisure
Vivien Robinson	Department of Work and Pensions (JCP)
Jeremy Broadbent	Oldham Business Leaders
Cllr Barbara Brownridge	Oldham Council
Cllr Sue Dearden	Oldham Council and Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board
Supt Neil Evans	Greater Manchester Police
Ray Ward	Oldham Council
Dave Benstead	Oldham Business Leaders and Chair of Economy and Skills Partnership
Cllr Eddie Moores	Oldham Council
Vicky Sugars	Oldham Council
Dr Henry Kippin	Collaborate
Andree Lightfoot	GMCA

### Apologies:

Caroline Drysdale	Pennine Care
Alun Francis	Oldham College
Dr Ian Wilkinson	Oldham CCG
Jayne Clarke	Oldham Sixth Form College
Denis Gizzi	Oldham CCG
Sir David Dalton	Pennine Acute
Nisha Bakshi	Probation
Michael McCourt	Pennine Care
Jonathan Yates	Citizens Advice and VCFP Chair

1	<b>Minutes and matters arising from meeting on 17 November 2016</b>
	The minutes of the meeting of 17 November 2016 were agreed as a correct record of proceedings.
	Cllr Jean Stretton, Leader of Oldham Council (Chair) welcomed Andrew Lightfoot, Head of Paid Service at the GMCA to the meeting,
	<b>AGREED</b>

	That the minutes of the meeting of 17 November 2016 are agreed as a correct record of proceedings
<b>2</b>	<b>Greater Manchester</b>
	<p>Andrew Lightfoot, Head of Paid Service at the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) provided a brief overview of GMCA developments including progress on devolution, challenges and opportunities presented by the new Mayor due to be elected in May 2017, the GM Strategy and particular implications/connections to Oldham.</p> <p>Board members discussed the implications of devolution deals and the following comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That GM devolution was likely to change the political dynamic nationally</li> <li>• Increasingly national government have looked towards GM to ‘test’ the delivery of reform areas – especially where centralised methods were not working</li> <li>• That the transport powers and health and social care devolution present a significant step but devolution of powers remains marginal</li> <li>• That transitions to new arrangements are currently taking place including staff from GMFRS, PCC and New Economy being ‘tuped’ over to the GMCA</li> <li>• AGMA is being wound down and the GMCA will be the legal entity similar to a local authority but with the footprint of GM</li> <li>• The GMCA’s role is to look at devolved powers from Whitehall and not local powers from districts</li> <li>• That the LEP will remain largely the same under the new arrangements though representation may need to be reviewed.</li> </ul> <p>A discussion took place on the GM Mayoral elections and Board members commented that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GM Mayoral model was not widely understood – both politically and by GM residents</li> <li>• The GM Mayoral model differs from elsewhere and has many checks and balances</li> <li>• The unique GM Mayoral role will need to be embedded across the city region</li> <li>• The ‘soft’ power of a GM Mayor could be significant even if the formal powers are not</li> <li>• The GM Spatial Framework will be the first major political challenge for the new Mayor</li> <li>• There will be challenges in communicating the exact role of the Mayor in the lead up to the elections in May.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion also took place on the emerging GM Strategy which was still under development. Board members requested that the emerging Oldham Plan themes feed into the GM Strategy and that there must be synergy between the two on aspects such as ‘a new relationship with public services’ and ‘a new formulae for Inclusive Growth’.</p>
	<p><b>AGREED/ACTION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the GMCA consider the thinking behind the Oldham Plan and that this helps inform a refreshed GM Strategy</li> </ol>

	<p>2. That the Oldham Leadership Board continues to be updated on GM developments and the GM Strategy as it emerges.</p> <p>3. That the slides be circulated to the Board</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>The Oldham Plan Refresh 2017</b>
	<p>Dr Henry Kippin, Collaborate presented a paper as a 'straw man' for the emerging Oldham Plan for 2017 onwards.</p> <p>The plan picks up a number of headline commitments and 'asks' of the Board and wider Partnership. Board members were asked to consider the paper in detail and feed back to Henry directly by the end of January. This will then be worked up into a full plan for sign off at the 9 March meeting of the Oldham Leadership Board.</p> <p>As it stands the Oldham Plan will be formed under the interdependent prioritise of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusive Growth</li> <li>• Thriving Communities and</li> <li>• Co-operative Services</li> </ul> <p>Board members commented that it was important that the Plan aligned to the new GM Strategy.</p>
	<p><b>AGREED/ACTION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That an electronic copy of the draft Oldham Plan document be circulated</li> <li>2. That Board members feedback on the Plan by the end of January</li> <li>3. That a new Oldham Plan be circulated for sign off on the 9 March 2017 meeting of the Oldham Leadership Board.</li> </ol>
<b>4</b>	<b>Thriving Communities Transformation Bid</b>
	<p>Alan Higgins, Director of Public Health, Oldham Council presented a summary of the GM Transformation Bid on Thriving Communities.</p> <p>Board members made the following comments/observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That the bid is about 'establishing a way of working' as much as a programme of work</li> <li>• There are lots of successful pilot schemes that needed to be established and rolled out in the mainstream</li> <li>• The term 'co-operative workforce' is beyond public services and encompasses the role of members, volunteers, carers and many more who are 'doing their bit' as well as behaviours and preconditions of co-operative workforce</li> <li>• We need to consider how we communicate the messages through #ourbit #yourbit #result</li> <li>• Other places in GM are using the language but in practice few places are doing this and truly changing the relationship between citizens and public services.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>AGREED/ACTION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The GM Transformation Bid was noted and endorsed</li> <li>2. That the GM Transformation Bid be discussed in further detail at the Co-</li> </ol>

	operatives and Neighbourhoods Commissioning Cluster and Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>5</b>	<b>AOB</b>
	<p><b>AGREED/ACTION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The GM update report was noted</li> <li>2. That Board members submit any ideas for future agenda items to Vicky Sugars to be added onto the Forward Plan</li> <li>3. That the work on the Food Economy and Food Network be presented to a future Board meeting</li> <li>4. That the Board promote/support the crowdfunding campaign for the Community Kitchen.</li> </ol>
	<b>Date of next meeting</b>
	9 March 2017, 10am until 12noon, Old Town Hall Building (tbc)