

**CHARLESTOWN AND LOWER KERSAL  
NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES**

**Minutes of**

**NDC PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**Held at  
Salford Sports Village 26th April 2010**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Ann-Marie Pickup (Chair)	Community Representative
Steve Aveyard	Albion High School
Linda Carr	Community Representative
Lee Craven	Voluntary Sector
Harry Davies	Community Representative
James Eagle	Merlyn Electronics
Brenda Moore	Community Representative
Ann Olnier	Community Representative
Les Smith	Community Representative

SUPPORT TO PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Alison Burnett	NDC
Bernadette Elder	NDC
Brian Enright	NDC
Tim Field	NDC
Anne Lythgoe	NDC
Rob Pickering	Salford City Council
Phil Royle	Job Centre Plus (joined the meeting at the beginning of item 7)
Eddie Sawford	Salix Homes
Dave Bird	NDC (minutes)

It should be noted that the agenda was considered in the following order items  
3, 7, 6, 5, 8, 4.

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received, from Councillor Peter Connor, Councillor Matt Mold, Councillor John Merry, Steve Bailey, Stella Elliott, Roger Baldry, Janice Lowndes, Keith Barnes and Diana Martin.

Ann-Marie Pickup welcomed everybody.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

The following Board Members made declarations of interest under Item 5; Succession Strategy; Ann-Marie Pickup, Linda Carr, Lee Craven, Harry Davies, James Eagle, Ann Olnar (Development Framework Group).

Les Smith (Charlestown Riverside), Harry Davies, (St Sebastian's) declared an interest under Item 6; Housing Update.

### **3. Minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

James Eagle introduced consideration of the minutes as he had chaired the March meeting

Bernadette Elder reported that she had raised the issue of eco-block parking along Littleton Road with the Environment Agency. The Environment Agency had stated that they would not look to support a project which increased parking space at an existing facility but would look to encourage sustainable transport to the facility. Ann-Marie Pickup and Harry Davies agreed to write to the Environment Agency to raise the issue again regarding eco-block parking for the Sports Village

Bernadette Elder went on to report that letters had been sent out to community groups for the vacant Charlestown Community Representative position on the Partnership Board. The Election will take place at May's Community Committee. Letters have also been sent to local voluntary sector agencies, Chapel Street Business Forum and Salford Hundred Venture in order to fill both the voluntary sector and business representative positions on the Board respectively.

Ann-Marie Pickup reported that East Salford Community Committee would be electing a new chair in May. Community board members are encouraged to consider standing and also to attend the meeting to take part in the process.

Alison Burnett reported that a letter had been sent to Councillor Warmisham in order to progress re-convening of the Beacon Centre Advisory Group. Alison went on to report that she had also discussed the issue with the Deputy Director of Children's Services in order to resolve the issue and he was hopeful that a meeting of the group could be arranged for the last two weeks of May.

Bernadette Elder confirmed that following the Board agreement that the DFG would be a Task and Finish Sub Group of the Board and therefore allowances can be claimed this would be applicable for meetings from and including April 10<sup>th</sup> onwards.

Brian Enright confirmed that a report on the Lower Kersal Bowling Green would be presented to the May meeting of the Partnership Board.

Tim Field confirmed that a meeting with Manchester Science Park regarding the management of the community space at the Innovation Forum would take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May.

The minutes were approved as an accurate record.

## **5. Succession Strategy**

Tim Field presented an update on progress towards the Final Succession Strategy, including the draft response to the feedback from the Government assessment panel. Tim explained that a few issues are outstanding including that advice is still needed from Government Office in relation the valuation of NDC assets. Tim went on to report that a paper outlining proposals for the annuity arrangements was to have been considered by the City Council's Budget and Efficiency Cabinet Working Group on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April but unfortunately this meeting had been postponed.

Tim went on to outline the next steps in approving the Final Succession Strategy and confirmed that the approval of the annuity arrangements from Cabinet would be sought before presenting the Final Succession Strategy to the Board.

### **The Partnership Board**

- **Noted the progress made with regard to the issues raised in section 3 of the report and commented on key issues.**
- **Agreed the proposed response to feedback from the Government assessment panel.**
- **Noted proposals for the approval of annuity arrangements by Salford City Council.**
- **Noted the timetable estimated for approval of the final strategy.**

## **8. Working Neighbourhoods Team Update**

Alison Burnett presented a report updating the Partnership Board on the progress of the NDC Working Neighbourhoods Team. She explained that the Charlestown and Lower Kersal area was one of eight pilots across the city and involved a wide range of agencies meeting every two weeks. She reported that as part of the NDC transition plan the group would be chaired by the East Salford Neighbourhood Manager from May and that as of April 1<sup>st</sup> the NDC Business, Employment and Skills Manager has been assimilated in to the role of Skills and Work Commissioner with the City Council.

Alison Burnett went on to describe some of the key elements of the Working Neighbourhoods Team Action Plan. This included understanding client journeys, barriers back to work and having a multi-agency and engagement approach for the London Street Estate and the development of the Children and Families First project.

The Board discussed the services on offer to local people including the Future Jobs Fund and discussed issues around the transition from benefits to work. It

was noted that evidence from work in the NDC area would support future commissioning of services.

#### **The Partnership Board:**

- **Noted the content of the report and commented on the work undertaken to date within the Working Neighbourhood Team.**

#### **4. Programme Update**

Anne Lythgoe reported the outturn for the 2009-10 financial year and noted that the total programme had overspent by 0.1%, which would be accommodated in the final year's allocation. Anne noted that this is the fifth year that expenditure targets set for the Partnership have been achieved. She went on to state that Government has confirmed the full £1.2 million capital allocation had been slipped in to the final year, and explained that a further report would be presented at May's Board meeting seeking approval for slippage allocations for individual projects.

Ann-Marie Pickup thanked Anne Lythgoe, the Partnership Board, Finance Sub-Committee, Cath Fox and the joint working with the City Council for ensuring sound financial management in this and previous years.

#### **The Partnership Board**

- **Noted the outturn for the financial year 2009-10.**
- **Noted the confirmed grant allocation for 2010-11.**
- **Noted the draft minutes from the March meeting of Finance sub-committee.**

#### **10. A.O.B**

Tim Field and Alison Burnett reported that Unlimited Potential were looking to recruit Board Members and that anyone who was interested should contact Alison or Chris Dabbs at Unlimited Potential for further details by 13<sup>th</sup> May.

Tim Field confirmed that he would be finishing at NDC at the end of May and informed the Board that he will hold a leaving party before June's Board Meeting.

**Date and Time of next Meeting**  
**24<sup>th</sup> May 2010**  
**(5.30 pm for) 6pm**  
**@**  
**St Sebastian's Community Centre**