

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

**Minutes of**

**NDC PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**Held at**

**St Sebastian's Community Centre 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**IN ATTENDANCE**

**PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

Ann-Marie Pickup (Chair)	Community Representative
Linda Carr	Community Representative
Cllr Peter Connor	Local Councillor
Lee Craven	Voluntary Sector
Harry Davies	Community Representative
James Eagle	Merlyn Electronics
Stella Elliot	Community Representative
Janice Lowndes	PCT
Cllr John Merry (Vice Chair)	Leader of the Council
Les Smith	Community Representative
Keith Barnes	University of Salford
Ann Olnier	Community Representative

**SUIPPORT TO PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

John Chapman	NDC
Bernadette Elder	NDC
Brian Enright	NDC
Tim Field	NDC
Anne Godding	East Salford Neighbourhood Management Team
Anne Lythgoe	NDC
Ian Marshall	Job Centre Plus
Eddie Sawford	Salix Homes
Paul Walker	Salford City Council
Dave Bird	NDC (minutes)

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Kevin Coakley, Steve Bailey, Steve Aveyard, Dot Jones and Rob Pickering.

Ann-Marie Pickup welcomed Eddie Sawford and everybody introduced themselves. It was noted that Dot Jones has had an accident and would not be able to attend the Partnership Board Meetings until the New Year.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

Declarations of interest were made by Harry Davies (Item 6: St Sebastian's) and Les Smith (Item 6; Oliver's Youth Club).

Items 3 and 6 on the agenda were taken next and it was agreed that these were to be marked Part 2 – (not for publication or discussion outside the meeting). Notes from these items are contained within Part 2 of these minutes.

## **4. Programme Update**

Anne Lythgoe provided an update on expenditure to date and the proposed arrangements for setting the 2010 -11 Delivery Plan. She explained that the revenue figures indicated that full spend of the revenue allocation is expected. She went on to express concern about expenditure levels in the capital programme. It was noted that if £1.2 million could be slipped in to next year then this issue would be resolved. However, this would need to be agreed with central Government. Anne agreed to provide an update at the next Board meeting.

Anne reminded the Board that a delivery plan working session will be held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 from 4.30 pm at Grumpy.

### **The Partnership Board**

- **Noted current levels of expenditure.**
- **Noted proposals for the preparation of the 2010-11 Delivery Plan and Delivery Plan workshop on 17<sup>th</sup> November.**

## **5. Succession Strategy**

Tim Field introduced a report which provided an update on the progress towards the NDC Succession Strategy. Bernadette Elder then went on to explain how the proposed Local Neighbourhood Action Plan would include the Lower Kersal and Charlestown Forums focusing on the cleaner greener agenda, and a Development Framework Group who would work with the developer and other partners to ensure the community's influence on the physical development in the NDC area.

Bernadette went on to explain that the next steps for the steering group would include expanding membership and establishing governance arrangements. John Merry offered support for the Succession Strategy but explained that specific points of detail needed exploring further, including the proposed LNAP relationship with East Salford Neighbourhood Management Team.

Brian Enright reported it is proposed the physical programme will be driven forward by Salford City Council and Salix Homes once the NDC programme has finished.

James Eagle highlighted the success of a multidisciplinary support team in the area. Tim Field explained how this learning could be taken on to influence how the Working Neighbourhoods Team could be configured.

With regard to the local community facilities, Tim Field explained that a letter of support from the PCT regarding their commitment to community involvement in the Healthy Living Centre had been received. Also the re-launch of the Beacon Centre Advisory Group has been agreed, and a meeting was scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> November to discuss the Sports Village.

In relation to mainstreaming, Tim Field reported that work is ongoing regarding mainstreaming arrangements at an individual project level. Tim informed the Board that there was currently a lack of clarity around proposed Children's Services commissioning arrangements which is currently being discussed with officers in the Children's Services Directorate.

Tim went on to report that assets would be managed through an agreement with Salford City Council but that any annuity arising from this had to be agreed. Anne Lythgoe reported that a risk assessment had been undertaken for the Succession Strategy and the key concerns were noted by the Board.

John Merry stated that Salford City Council would be happy to work towards the Succession Strategy but need to discuss issues further before agreeing financial arrangements with NDC. It was noted that the draft strategy was due for consideration at Cabinet Briefing the following morning (27<sup>th</sup> October).

Bernadette Elder circulated a communications strategy for the Succession Strategy but the Board agreed that November should be devoted to discussions with Salford City Council to finalise points of detail before wider consultation in December.

Tim Field explained that he would contact Communities and Local Government to discuss timescales. The revised timescales would probably see the final Succession Strategy taken to the Board and Cabinet in January 2010.

### **The Partnership Board**

- **Approved the submission draft of the Succession Strategy to the department of Communities and Local Government on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009.**
- **Noted progress being made on issues raised through work undertaken so far on the Succession Strategy but that further discussions were required between the City Council and the NDC Partnership.**

- **Noted the timetable following submission of the draft strategy.**

## **7. Board Development**

John Chapman provided an update on the Board Development Programme, noting the package of support which had already been offered. He went on to enquire if Board members knew any further individual or group learning needs in particular relating to areas of work emerging from the Succession Strategy.

**The Board recommended a Level 3 course on 'Working in Neighbourhoods' in addition to targeted support where needed focusing on specific skills such as negotiating and presenting.**

## **8. A.O.B**

Lee Craven informed the Board about a planning application submitted for the former Hercules site on Langley Road South to recycle construction waste. John Merry enquired if support was available to help the Board raise their concerns. Tim Field agreed to investigate the issue further and respond on behalf of the Board.

Lee Craven informed the Board about the expansion of the In Bloom group and how it would be working across East Salford and known as East Salford In Bloom.

Linda Carr reported that some members of the Board had undertaken a fantastic trip to Media City and recommended the trip to others on the Board.

### **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
(5.30 pm for) 6pm  
Salford Sports Village**