

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

Minutes of

NDC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

**Held at
Salford Sports Village 30th November 2009**

IN ATTENDANCE

PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Ann-Marie Pickup (Chair)	Community Representative
Steve Bailey	GMP
Linda Carr	Community Representative
Kevin Coakley	Community Representative
Cllr Peter Connor	Local Councillor
Lee Craven	Voluntary Sector
Harry Davies	Community Representative
James Eagle	Merlyn Electronics
Janice Lowndes	PCT
Cllr Matt Mold	Local Councillor
Brenda Moore	Community Representative
Ann Olnier	Community Representative

SUPPORT TO PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Bernadette Elder	NDC
Brian Enright	NDC
Tim Field	NDC
Anne Lythgoe	NDC
Ian Marshall	Job Centre Plus
Rob Pickering	Salford City Council
Dave Bird	NDC (minutes)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from, Steve Aveyard, Keith Barnes, Alison Burnett, Anne Godding, Dot Jones, Cllr John Merry, Les Smith and Paul Walker.

Ann-Marie Pickup sent Dot Jones best wishes in recovering from her accident.

2. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were made by Peter Connor (Item 4; Lower Kersal Centre), Harry Davies (Item 3; St Sebastian's Item 4: St Sebastian's) Lee Craven (Item 6; Lichfield Street), Ann-Marie Pickup (Item 4; GEARS+, Item 8; Chair), Linda Carr (Item 4; Lower Kersal Centre), Kevin Coakley (Item 4; St Sebastian's) and James Eagle (Item 4; GEARS+).

It was agreed that items 3 (where applicable) and 8 on the agenda were to be marked Part 2 – (not for publication or discussion outside the meeting).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.

3. Minutes of 26th October

Winster Avenue

Brian Enright informed the Board that Salix Homes are currently undertaking a detailed financial appraisal for the refurbishment of acquired properties in Winster Avenue and agreed to provide further details at future Board meetings.

St Sebastian's Hub

Brian reported that following consultation over the plans with Oliver's Gym, the proposal would then be taken back to St Sebastian's Management Committee. He went on to report that discussions regarding the lease and licensing arrangements for the building were ongoing.

Tim Field reported that discussions to incorporate the extra costs of the extension into the funding gap on the Charlestown Riverside development were ongoing with the City Council Treasurer and developer.

Reading Street Area

Brian Enright reported that demolitions had started and that the 3 households remaining in the area are being supported by staff from Salix Homes.

Poets Development

Tim reported that due to the Council's Choice Based Lettings Policy, the 6 properties at Duchy House that are due to be built could not be earmarked for NDC residents affected by demolition. Councillor Connor agreed to investigate the issue.

4. Programme Update

Kevin Coakley joined the meeting

Anne Lythgoe provided an update on expenditure to date. She explained that it had been anticipated that a decision would have been received from

Government as to whether the Partnership will be allowed to slip all or any of the requested. However, this deadline has now passed and the finance sub-committee are proposing that the Board approach Hazel Blears for support in seeking confirmation. The Board agreed.

It was confirmed that revenue expenditure is broadly on target. Anne went on to outline contingency actions including proposed flexible funding arrangements with Salford City Council. One specific proposal was that the NDC Partnership should contribute towards the Sure Start Children's Centre at the Lower Kersal Centre in 2009/10. The City Council had confirmed that an equivalent sum of capital will be allocated from the council's budget, towards the cost of NDC projects in 2010/11. Anne explained that this proposal would involve varying the delivery plan to include the Lower Kersal Children's Centre that the project would need to be appraised by finance sub-committee.

Tim Field highlighted the financial strategy for the management of capital and revenue resources over the final 18 months of the NDC programme. He explained how the strategy increasingly relies on partnership working with the City Council and others.

Anne Lythgoe highlighted the decisions made at the working session held on 17th November 2009 to discuss strategies for setting the 2010 -11 Delivery Plan. The Board went on to review the approval of decisions made in relation to the third sector at the workshop as there had been a number of declarations of interest concerning this item and the meeting had not been quorate at this point.

The Board noted that due to the number of declarations of interest in individual projects and enterprises it would never be possible to make a quorate decision. However, in order to move forward an overall approach, which would see confirmation of a number of project commitments and a new project fund into which individual enterprises could bid, was approved. The Board agreed that assessment criteria for the funding pot would need to be approved by the Board, and recommended setting a cut off date to ensure that funds are spent within the financial year.

Anne highlighted minutes from Finance sub-committee attached to the report.

Tim provided an update on the submission for the Delivery Plan and outlined that the Final Delivery Plan would be submitted to GONW in March 2010 and Council approval sought in April 2010.

The Partnership Board

- **Noted the current levels of expenditure.**
- **Approved the inclusion of the funding for the construction Lower Kersal Children's Centre in the Partnerships Delivery Plan for 2009/10.**

- **Agreed to contact Hazel Blears in order to pursue a response from Government on slippage.**
- **Discussed and approved the financial strategy.**
- **Noted the minutes from September, October and November meetings of Finance sub-committee**
- **Noted decisions made at the Delivery Plan workshop on 17th November.**
- **Approved proposals for projects relating to local third sector, confirming commitments for Douglas Green Community Hub and Young Volunteers projects, and introducing a new fund for social enterprises to bid for gap funding.**

5. Succession Strategy

Tim Field provided an update on recent progress towards the NDC Succession Strategy. He went on to outline proposals for the Local Neighbourhood Action Plan and how it will continue to empower the community and fit within existing structures in East Salford and at a city wide level. The Board recommended the LNAP focus on issues around liveability and place but noted there could be a role for scrutiny over local services affecting employment and skills, young people and education and health. There will not be a 'Plan' as such but more a jigsaw of interlinked components taking forwards the interest of the neighbourhood.

Tim outlined how the Development Framework Group would form an important part of the LNAP. It was proposed that the group be made up from the Chairs of the Charlestown and Lower Kersal Forums, elected members and local residents with nominations and elections undertaken at Community Committee. He went on to report that with regards to succession arrangements for the physical programme, the City Council's Sustainable Regeneration Directorate have confirmed their role in driving forward projects, working within the Development Framework Group.

Tim reported that the Beacon Centre Advisory Group would be re-launched and meet on December 3rd. The Board discussed ongoing negotiations with Sports Village regarding community use and recommended contacting the Director of Community Health and Social Care, Sue Lightup to push forward a resolution. It was agreed that Board representatives should continue to negotiate the usage with the City Council and Salford Community Leisure but that the final recommendation should come back to the Board for approval.

Tim explained that discussions were also ongoing with the City Council regarding confirmation of arrangements for the community space at the Innovation Forum, and with Children's Services around commissioning arrangements. He went on to explain that discussions continue with Greater Manchester Police and it is hoped that similar agreements for a sustained level of community police as have been put in place by other NDC Partnerships could be secured.

Tim outlined a timetable of next steps and informed the Board that an initial meeting with a Government appointed assessor was scheduled for 4th December. It was hoped that the Final Succession Strategy would be submitted to the Board in early 2010, followed by consideration by the City Council Cabinet.

Ann-Marie Pickup thanked John Merry, Rob Pickering, Tim Field and Anne Lythgoe for their help and support in developing the succession strategy.

The Partnership Board

- **Noted the submission of the draft Succession Strategy and the letter of support from the City Council to Government.**
- **Noted progress made with issues raised in section 3 of the report.**
- **Noted the timetable following the submission of the draft strategy.**

6. Development Framework Review

Brian Enright presented a report to update and seek the Board's views on the:

- Development Framework Review process
- The Council's Draft Core Strategy
- The Council's Draft Established Employment Areas Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

Brian explained that when the Development Framework was approved in 2004 it set out a clear vision for the physical regeneration of the NDC area identifying some 38 projects. He went on to explain that around 63% of the projects identified in the Framework have been or are being completed.

Brian went on to explain that it was proposed that the review of the Development Framework should cover the themes of housing, community and environment, employment, transport and retail. He went on to propose that the following steps should be followed.

- Staff write up a detailed Brief for the review (end of December 2009)
- Submit the brief for comment to the NDC Development Framework Group, P&E/ Community Safety Task Group and the Core Strategic Group (Mid January 2010)
- Either complete first draft "in house" or externally commission the production (end of March 2010)
- Consult with partners on the draft document (end of April 2010)
- Complete the final draft (end of May 2010)

Brian explained that the Established Employment Areas Supplementary Planning Document recognises the need to protect and improve employment

areas throughout the city and the that discussions were needed with planning colleagues to gain clarity on the Development Framework's redevelopment sites at Orchard St and Bazaar St.

Brian informed the Board about the implications of the current draft Core Strategy on the NDC area and in particular the reduction in housing allocation for the Charlestown and Lower Kersal area from 2500 as per the Development Framework to 1950 units.

After a query from the Board regarding the Core Strategy and the provision of a new flood basin at the northern end of the Castle Irwell site Brian explained that any development would be subject to a planning application and consultation.

Bernadette Elder provided an update on the Climate Change Action Plan Pilot which will be funded by the Environment Agency. She agreed to provide a further update in the New Year.

The Partnership Board

- **Delegated approval of the Development Framework Review brief to the P&E/ Community Safety Task Group.**
- **Noted ongoing consultation arrangements for current drafts of the Council's Core Strategy and Established Employment Areas SPD.**
- **Requested NDC staff meets with Council Planners, Miller Homes and Inspired Developments to provide clarity on the proposed housing allocation number for the NDC area and the status of Orchard St and Bazaar St Redevelopment sites.**
- **Requested that staff make appropriate representations to the Council following the above meeting.**

7. Marketing and Communications

Bernadette Elder presented a report to update Board on progress made towards the current Marketing and Communications Strategy. She explained that this report would focus on the NDC newsletter and website, and that a further report would be presented to the Board in the New Year with regard to other elements of marketing and communications in the final phase of the programme.

Bernadette went on to outline the original objectives of the marketing and communications strategy and proposed revised objectives for the final 12 months including explaining what had been achieved, the changes taking place and how the community can get involved.

Bernadette outlined a series of options for the NDC newsletter and recommended approval of option 3 which would see organisations such as Salix Homes and Sure Start buying a page in the NDC newsletter. This option

was approved and it was agreed that the newsletter would be overseen by the social media centre, with representatives from the LNAP sitting on the editorial board.

The Partnership Board

- **Agreed the revised objectives**
- **Considered the options for the continuation of the newsletter and website and agreed to the recommendation of option 3.**
- **Requested a further report to be presented at the March Board meeting to consider options for remaining tools.**

9. A.O.B

Lee Craven proposed that board members get together for a Christmas lunch. Tim Field suggested that it may be preferable to hold a celebration event nearer to the end of the NDC programme involving an open day for all involved. The Board agreed to meet up at the Racecourse at 12 noon on Friday 11th December.

Brian Enright reported that the owner of Cromwell Court was looking for a change of covenant to accommodate undergraduate as well as postgraduate students. The Board agreed to oppose the change, and that this issue should be raised at Community Committee.

Brian reported that a planning application had been submitted for a waste transport site on land adjacent to the former Hercules site. The Board raised objections to the application, and recommended that representations about the concentration of recycling sites in the NDC area. Following a recommendation from Board, Brian Enright also agreed to pass information on regarding the planning application to councillors in Pendlebury ward.

Date and Time of Next Meeting

**25th January 2010
(5.30 pm for) 6pm
St Sebastian's Community Centre**