

Local Strategic Partnership Advisory Group
Notes of meeting held Tuesday 8 September 2009
Training Room - Wigan Investment Centre

Present: Steve Peddie, Peter Burt, Stuart Cowley, Susan Gambles,
Trish Anderson, Neil Fearnley, Robert Lomas, Janice Barton
Paul Petrykowski

Apologies: Ian Harrison, Katherine Fairclough
In attendance: Lynn Kay, Simon Dale

Item 1 Welcome and introductions

Item 2 **Notes of the meeting held 14 July 09**

PRG Revenue

Simon apologised for his absence from the previous meeting. He noted some concern about how the Advisory group might need to adjust its approach to deployment of PRG funds. The original focus had been on LAA under performance and the need to use (One off) revenue funding in a creative way. Simon expressed concern about the risk that funds would simply be dissipated across partnerships – with little impact.

It was agreed that there was a need for dedicated workshop time within the next LSPAG meeting to agree approach and methods for PRG spend.

Item 3 **LSP Peer Review**

Simon introduced the outline programme and timetable for the Peer Review. In order to establish resolution around Day 2 of the Review (Delivery Partnerships) members will hold a separate session mid September to discuss the Self Assessment.

Item 4 **LAA Progress - Performance Update**

The Performance report gave members an overview of performance at quarter 1 period (2009/10) against key performance indicators. The report outlined a number of indicators that were projected to be underperforming. In response discussion considered some key questions:

- **WLCT** related performance agreed through Strategic Commissioning where the focus will be towards highly targeted improvements - working towards revised PMF with council - improve performance within 12 months.
- **HWB** - Development of Tactical Forum to provide responsible performance management/accountability - clearer reporting mechanisms - supporting **NI119/136**
- **NI 33** - Indicator managed through robust management process
- **NI 49** - highlighted need for clarity about shared responsibility on delivering some of these more complex and challenging targets.

All members agreed that the progress report highlighted the imminent challenges for the LSP. Improvements and agreements need to be made throughout the partnerships to start unpicking some of the issues around the underperforming targets - look at shared responsibility and supporting each other to address issues. Ensure priority underperforming indicators are placed on agenda to ensure in-depth discussions and proposals can be considered.

The following proposals were also agreed:-

- Each partnership to agree / implement performance reporting protocols
- Each partnership lead officer to allocate key responsibility of NI's and identify which group within partnerships structure is most appropriate to deal with underperforming targets.

Item 5 Electoral College

Lynn updated members on the Electoral College proposal for the recruitment and selection of community representatives onto the LSP. Members were supportive of this approach, but were keen to ensure the right balance of involvement at different levels of the partnership structure.

Action: Partnership lead officers to identify the number of community network representation needed and draft suitable Job Description and Person Specification explaining the tasks and interests required to enable individuals to carry out their roles and support the work of the partnership.

It was agreed there was a need to keep elected members updated on this development work in the LSP.

Item 6 Neighbourhood Management Pilot

Neil Fearnley outlined the key areas of the Neighbourhood Management Pilot and informed members that the proposal had been presented and endorsed at the LSMG meeting 4 September 09.

In discussion a number of areas were considered in detail:

- Relationship of Neighbourhood Manager to the existing Township Managers role and responsibilities
- Role of Service Directors in relation to the Democratic Services review
- Alignment of series of core strategies - Community Engagement, volunteering, community networking and neighbourhood management

Item 7 (See item 2)

Item 8 Any other business - None

Item 9 LSP meeting schedule - Members were asked to note the proposed Advisory Group meetings and confirm attendance/non-attendance with LK.

Date and time of next meeting

- **Tuesday 10th November 2009**
- **2.00 - 4.00pm**
- **Boardroom - Wigan Investment Centre**