

**LSP Advisory Group**  
**Notes of meeting held Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010**  
**Progress House**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
Steve Peddie – Chief Executives (Chair)	Robert Lomas - GMP
Peter Layland – EECH – Housing Partnership	Trish Anderson – CYPF Partnership
Susan Gambles – EECH – Economic Partnership	Stuart Cowley - Health & Wellbeing Partnership
Tony Dann – CYPF Partnership (officer replacement for Trish Anderson)	Steve Normington – EECH – Environment Partnership
Alan Waterworth - WALH (officer replacement for Janice Barton)	
Peter Burt – WLCT – Cultural Partnership	
Mike Worden – EECH – Environment Partnership	
Steve Sheridan – GM Fire & Rescue – BSC Partnership/LSMG	
<b>Officers in attendance</b>	
Sian Jay – Chief Executives	
Lynn Kay – Chief Executives	

**Notes of meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> September: All agreed.**

**Update from the LSP Board/LSMG meetings November 2010.**

**LSMG:** Further updates on the impacts of CSR.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Assembly Development – Draft model developed and will be shared with partners in January 11.  
Council – Update on Senior Management Review

**LSP Board:** Update on Economic Framework Development (EECH Partnership)  
LSP Refresh – Board to review current working mechanisms at January 11 meeting to ensure partnerships continue to be fit for purpose.

**Reforming Wigan's LSP:**

SP outlined the purpose of this session was to begin to prepare for the LSP Board meeting in January (as noted above) and informed Advisory group members that the tabled report had been prepared as a prompt to begin these discussions at today's meeting. The report outlined the changing landscapes for LSP's as a result of the new coalition govt. and CSR and included 3 options for partners to consider around Wigan's current LSP.

All partners present acknowledged there was a need to be mindful of the impacts of Govt changes and it was timely to begin to reflect on these for the partnerships but, need to be wary of not making any sudden changes.

**During discussions the following comments/concerns were noted:**

- Need to be mindful of partners 'needed' and the depth of partners, i.e. volunteer partners and partners further afield – GM Strategy level.
- Partnerships valuable for addressing 'cross cutting' themes such as Child Poverty – the Alcohol Strategy and its development and support was used as a good example of this.
- What are the political implications for changes at a Board level and how would these affect agenda items.
- What should be the main agenda items for the Board? Do they currently have powers to agree like Council's Cabinet and do we want just another Council machine. We need to be mindful of creating an environment where other partners and organisations would feel 'vulnerable'
- Partnerships feel different here in Wigan – there is a good feeling of inclusiveness that is valuable for partners – there is a different outlook in Manchester – e.g. they are more focused on their own organisations finding the outcomes.
- Agree there is a need to be bold and perhaps radical but the main thing is 'adding value'
- It is very effective in knowing that there is 'back up' from LSP to ensure partnership/service outcomes are delivered and supported.
- We need to think do we need an LSP structure to carry on?
- Does the LSP need to reflect the Council's re-structure changes around People, Place, Prosperity?
- All organisations have critical economic drivers and need to be mindful that any changes do not look like the Council is monopolising. Any changes need to highlight inclusiveness.
- The Cultural Partnership is a good example of highlighting inclusiveness across the sectors.
- We need to ensure any changes continue to highlight and provide clear channels of engagement across the sectors.
- Is there 'buy in' with the locality and area management bottom up – top down approach?
- Need to have an understanding of the risks that may come with any changes

Concluding the discussion, partners were in agreement to support the next steps of developing this work which will include:

- Comments received from this meeting will be acknowledged within the tabled paper and shared with LSP Advisory Group members for any further comments/recommendations.
- Acknowledgement that there

#### **PRG Revenue funded projects:**

- H & WB - AWARM – achieving initial targets. High rate of WarmFront grant allocations in 2010 – approx £1,500,000 of funding has been brought into borough this year. Request for further support for this project if any funding available. Project officer has been informed that initial funding of £50k was allocated by advisory group on condition match funding was confirmed. If further funding was to become available, criteria would remain the same.
- BSC – Domestic Violence |& Alcohol Related projects – All projects on track – Vast reduction in violent crime and accidental cuts particularly within Wigan town Centre during last 12 months due to introduction of polycarbonate glasses and plastic bottles. Positive impact on A & E late night visits.
- CYPF – Think Family Project– Confirmation received that this project is not going ahead and there are no other initiatives ongoing to allocate funding to.

**Any Other Business:** None recorded.

**Date and time of next meeting:** tbc