

# Minutes - Local Strategic Partnership - Executive Board

(Not a public meeting)

Wednesday 23<sup>RD</sup> February 2011

<b>Present</b>	
<b>Chair</b>	Cllr Jeff Green (Leader, Conservative Group, Wirral Council)
<b>Public Sector</b>	Cllr Simon Holbrook (Leader, Liberal Democrat Group, Wirral Council), Jim Wilkie (Chief Executive, Wirral Council), Mike Hagen (Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service), John Martin (Merseyside Police), Chris Allen (Wirral's Strategic Housing Partnership)
<b>Voluntary, Community &amp; Faith Sector</b>	Karen Denman (Voluntary and Community Action Wirral) and Roy Sheriff (Third Sector Assembly)
<b>Private Sector</b>	Neil Dutton (Federation of Small Businesses), Alberto Bertali
<b>Secretariat</b>	Emma Degg (Wirral Council), Lucy Beed (Wirral Council) Howard Cooper (Wirral Council), Kevin Adderley (Wirral Council) Fiona Johnstone (NHS Wirral & Wirral Council), Peter Molyneux (Wirral Council)
<b>In Attendance</b>	Richard Perry (GONW)
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr Steve Foulkes (Leader, Labour Group), Wirral Council, Kathy Doran (Chief Executive, NHS Wirral), Len Richards (Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust), Sheena Cumiskey (Wirral and Cheshire Partnership Trust), Ken Davies (Wirral Chamber of Commerce), Brian Simpson (Wirral Partnership Homes), The Rt Rev Keith Sinclair (Bishop of Birkenhead), Annette Roberts (VCAW), David Armstrong (Director of Children's Services)

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**Minute 244** - WELCOME, APOLOGIES, INTRODUCTIONS

Apologies received as stated above.

The Chair welcomed Karen Denman, Roy Sheriff and Chris Allen to the meeting.

**Minute 245** - ACTIONS AND AGREEMENTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Actions and agreements from meeting held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**Minute 236** - Volunteering

To note the progress to date of the volunteering project and partners would consider how they could support the project

That the project should seek representation at the LSP Recession Monitoring Group meeting and consider its exit strategy

To continue to receive further progress reports in due course

### **Minute 237 – Local Transport Plan – LTP 3 – Update on draft preferred strategy consultation**

To note the progress and consultation work to date for the LTP3

Partners would respond individually through their own internal processes to the consultation questions as available online at [www.transportmerseyside.org](http://www.transportmerseyside.org).

To circulate today's presentation to partners for reference

To continue to receive further progress reports in due course

### **Minute 238 – 'Wirral's Future' Be a Part of it**

To note the progress and work to date for the 'Wirral's Future' Be a Part of it' consultation

That partners could consider their wider involvement in future consultation processes

To continue to receive further progress reports in due course and share information relevant to the work of partner organisations

To circulate today's presentation to partners for reference

### **Minute 239 – 2010 Governance review and future partnership challenges**

Provide the LSP Executive Board with a further report to the next meeting on the potential for change for the LSP, what that process might look like and what further steps should be taken to ensure the LSP is 'fit for future purpose'

### **Minute 240 – Local Enterprise Partnerships – Regional Growth Fund**

Note the details of the report on LEPs and agreed to receive future updates as and when the bid was successful.

### **Minute 241 – Child and Family Poverty Strategy for Wirral**

Note the approach and progress to date in developing a Child and Family Poverty Strategy for Wirral.

Support the proposal that Wirral LSP Management Group act as the Child Poverty Management Board, subject to consideration by Wirral Council's Cabinet as the statutory lead organisation for the Child Poverty Act.

To continue to receive updates on progress in developing the Child and Family Poverty Strategy prior to its adoption in April 2011.

### **Minute 242 – Any Other Business**

Workshop date for the Adaptation to Climate Change is set for the afternoon of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at Wallasey Town Hall and requested that partners please submit their organisational / sector nominations to Hazel Edwards, 0151 606 2423 at Wirral Council's Sustainability Team

### **Minute Decision :**

#### **Resolved that -**

1) The minutes and actions of the 29<sup>th</sup> September meeting were accepted as a true record.

## **Minute 246 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by board members.

## **Minute 247 – QUARTER THREE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT PERFORMANCE AND RISK REPORT**

Lucy Beed presented the LSP Executive Board with an overview of performance against the 2008-2011 local area agreement (LAA) at the third quarter. The report provided a summary of performance against the LAA improvement targets and a summary of risks and performance for each of the six LAA themes.

In response to a discussion regarding young people not in education, employment and training, Chris Allen queried whether funding was available for the apprenticeship programme which Kevin Adderley confirmed that funding and places are available.

Kevin Adderley advised that he will liaise with David Armstrong, Interim Director of Children's Services regarding the work of the 14-19 Strategic Partnership to reduce the numbers of young people not in education, employment and training.

Howard Cooper responded to questions raised regarding numbers of looked after children. Howard advised that the number included 100 children and young people who are in the care of their parents and a further 100 who are cared for by other members of their family. These cases continue to require active management. Howard also advised that the recent Ofsted assessment concluded that it was confident that the current number was a safe number for those children and young people who are looked after.

In response to a performance issue relating to street cleanliness, the Chair requested further information to be provided regarding the calculation of this indicator.

### **Resolved**

Executive Board members noted the third quarter performance and risk information contained within the report and requested that updates for the identified actions be provided at the next meeting.

## **Minute 248 – LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP REVIEW**

Richard Perry presented the LSP Executive Board with an overview of the findings from the recent review of Wirral Local Strategic Partnership. All members of the Executive Board and Assembly members have been approached and have had the opportunity to express their thoughts and views with regards to the future role of the LSP.

The Chair concluded following the presentation that there were three options available for the board; abolish, reform or replace and requested the views of the board regarding the future of the local strategic partnership.

The board concluded that the LSP Executive would be reformed with new terms of reference and clarity with regards to the accountability of the board. There was a consensus among all board members that the board needed to focus on a few key priorities that does not duplicate the work of other partnership groups.

The Chair requested that Emma Degg undertake a review of the partnership structures which currently are within the Local Strategic Partnership and report back to the next meeting. The role of the LSP Assembly will be discussed at the next Assemble meeting

The Chair also requested that the new terms of reference included expectations of board for board members to sign up to and requested a review of the board's membership. It was also requested that the frequency of the meetings be reviewed

The board thanked Richard Perry and John Highton for their work on the review.

### **Resolved**

Executive Board members requested a new terms of reference and work programme which includes a review of membership will be reported to the next meeting, along with a review of other partnership structures.

### **Minute 243 – DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

#### **Venue Mersey Maritime**

Wednesday 14 September 2011, 5.00 – 7.00pm