

**Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Manchester Partnership (LSP) Board  
Held on 4 October 2005**

**Present:** Councillor Richard Leese    MCC (in the Chair)  
Councillor Simon Wheale    MCC  
Michael Eakin    North West Arts Council  
Khan Moghal    MCCR  
David Iredale    CN4M  
Adrian Mercer    South Manchester PCT  
Jean Laurie    GMPTE  
Sue Jarvis    Manchester Enterprises  
Phil Royle    Jobcentre Plus  
Steve Mycio    Deputy Chief Executive  
Performance, MCC

**Also**

**Present:**    Jacquie O'Neill    GONW  
              Geoff Little    Head of Performance  
              Kath Smythe    Manchester Partnership Manager  
              Maria Price    Area Co-ordination Team  
              Peter Jones    MPSL

**Apologies:** Justine Curran (GMP), Councillor Imran Rizvi (MCC), Ed Cox (CN4M), John Korzeniewski (GM LSC), Briony Simister (GM Chamber of Commerce), Keith Howcroft (GMPTE) Bill Marks (Jobcentre Plus), Richard Guy (Manchester Enterprises) and Brian Holmes (GONW)

**1. Meeting with Ministers on 3 October 2005**

The Chair gave a debrief on a meeting with Government Ministers that had taken place on 3 October 2005. A senior MCC delegation had met senior ministers and civil servants, including the Right Honourable David Miliband, Minister of Communities and Local Government, the Right Honourable Beverley Hughes, Minister of State (Children), and the Right Honourable Hazel Blears, Minister of State (Policing, Security and Community Safety). The meeting had covered a number of issues, including the forthcoming LAA negotiations. Ministers appeared impressed with a number of achievements, such as the work done at AGMA and Greater Manchester Forum level, but seemed less clear on what the next steps for Manchester would be. Another meeting was scheduled in two weeks time to discuss an Action Plan. There needed to be cross-agency thinking on future work.

**Resolved/-**

That the report be noted.

## **2. Minutes of the Meeting of the Manchester Partnership Board held on 6 September 2005 and Action Note**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 6 September 2005 and Action Note were presented for consideration.

### **Resolved/-**

That the Minutes and Action Note be received.

## **3. Local Area Agreement and Community Strategy Review**

Kath Smythe introduced a report setting out recent progress concerning the initial LAA submission to Government Office, a revised Vision Statement, potential freedoms and flexibilities and local issues for partners that needed to change if an impact on performance was to be delivered. She emphasised that an LAA could help to provide a single system of Performance Management that would question existing activities and help to deliver the Vision for the Manchester. Steve Mycio added that the LAA was an opportunity to make new links between partners as well as with government. The Partnership needed to consider how that would be done, what was currently preventing Partnership from achieving its aims and what measurable differences would follow from greater freedoms and flexibilities in the LAA.

A number of points arose in discussion, including

(a) the overall framework and the proposals for a single Performance Management system were broadly supported; it was felt that Board members should be invited to the seminar on performance management but should feel able to send representatives to limit the time demands on Board members.

(b) a number of comments and suggestions were made on the draft Vision Statement; a greater focus on Manchester and where the city would be in 2015 was needed; a suitable starting point would be establishing the likely demography of the City in 2015 and linking that to the Vision Statement through the key issues of Education, Employment, Self Confidence, Community Engagement and Community Cohesion.

(c) LAA freedoms and flexibilities should be used to increase partnership working and to deliver on a number of activities, particularly those that did not require changes in primary legislation; if primary legislation was required for some issues, such as Incapacity Benefit, the LAA could provide an opportunity for the Partnership to be part of any pilots.

(d) Community Engagement and involvement with schools were important issues; a mechanism for negotiations on these could be through the Priority Places task groups.

(e) the Greater Manchester dimension to the work of the Partnership should be further developed through AGMA, the AGMA Executive and the Greater Manchester Forum, with the aim of encouraging action by all ten authorities across Greater Manchester where appropriate.

#### **Resolved/-**

(i) that the report be noted.

(ii) that a further report, amended in the light of the discussion, be submitted to the November meeting of the Board.

#### **4. Neighbourhood Focus**

Maria Price introduced a progress report on Neighbourhood Focus and a number of current related initiatives. The four key areas of work were to develop Tracking Neighbourhood Change (TNC) and its integration with the MPact project, the development of performance indicators for sustainable neighbourhoods, the development of area-focused workforce training across agencies and further development and resourcing of ward co-ordination. Phase 1 of the development of TNC, which included creating links to the corporate GIS project, had started in July 2005 and a specification for Phase 2 was due by December 2005. A list of indicators at neighbourhood level that were currently collected and a list that was aspirational had been drawn up. Work was now proceeding on setting up systems that collect and use the indicators, linked to the LAA targets. Neighbourhood training and development was continuing in Wythenshawe and north and east Manchester and would link to the Manchester Improvement Programme. Developing ward co-ordination included working more closely with CN4M.

A number of issues arose in discussion, including

(a) there were some data on how people felt about their communities; this could be further developed through the issue of questionnaires and linked, if possible, to related issues such as what were successful sustainable communities and patients' experiences of the NHS.

(b) the current and aspirational indicators needed to be linked to the performance management framework to be established for the LAA; these should be streamlined and focused on a number of primary indicators agreed with government and a second set of indicators more area-focused to enable the measurement of activities at City and ward level.

(c) data for Employment and Economic Activity would be difficult to collect at neighbourhood level; another possible gap in data collection was health; both of these could be looked at again over the next few months.

(d) the workforce development programme whilst welcome needed to get to the heart of service delivery issues in order to have a real impact, for example, the development of shared customer care standards.

(e) it was intended in the longer term to allow access by all partners to TNC-GIS Information, with flexible input of data if possible.

**Resolved/-**

(i) that progress to date be noted.

(ii) that a further report be made to a future meeting of the Board that would include staff training and evaluation.

**5. Focus on Housing Market Renewal**

The Chair suggested that, as the meeting had run ahead of schedule and that the presenter of the report was not in attendance, the report be deferred to the November meeting of the Board.

**Resolved/-**

That the report be deferred to the November meeting of the Board.

**6. Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

**7. Next meeting**

The following was noted as the date for next meeting: 15 November 2005, 8.00am to 10.00am.

**MEETING OF MANCHESTER PARTNERSHIP BOARD HELD ON 4  
OCTOBER 2005**

**ACTION NOTE**

**1. Meeting with Ministers**

**Noted.**

**2. Minutes of meeting held on 6 September 2005 and Action Note**

**Noted.**

**3. LAA and CSR**

**Action**

A. Revised report to be submitted to November meeting of Board. (**Kath Smythe**)

**4. Neighbourhood Focus**

**Action**

A. Further report to be submitted to future meeting of Board, with information on staff training and evaluation (**Maria Price**)

**5. Housing Market Renewal**

**Action**

A. Report be considered at the November meeting of the Board. (**Clerk to Board**)

**6. Next meeting**

15 November 2005, 8.00am to 10.00am.