

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL LSP EXECUTIVE MEETING
12.30pm 23rd September 2010, West Lancashire Investment Centre**

Present:

Cllr Ian Grant Ian Cropper	Chairman Parish Councils' representative	Cllr Blake Greg Mitten	Vice Chair Chair of People and Communities Thematic Group
Bill Taylor	Chair of Community Safety Partnership	Dean Holden	Lancashire Constabulary
Stuart Williams	Lancashire Constabulary	Jane Cass	NHS Central Lancashire
Cllr William Cropper	LCC	Steve Igoe	Edge Hill University
Louise Dawson	Skelmersdale and Ormskirk College	Cllr Westley	Chair of Funding Management Group
Shaun Walsh	Performance Management Network Chair	John Buck	Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

In attendance: Cath McNamara (LSP Secretariat); Dave Tilleray (WLBC).

1 Apologies

Dr Richard Small	Better Environment Thematic Group	Tracey Jardine	District Partnership Officer (LCC)
Stephen Costello	LCC	Cllr Ashcroft	Chair of Community Cohesion Thematic Group
Cllr Forshaw	Chair of Integrated Transport Group	Cllr Fowler	Chair of Health and Well- Being Thematic group
Dr Zakyeya Atcha	CLPCT	Alex McMinn	Older Peoples' Partnership Board

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and reinforced his view that governance would be key.

Comments received from the Forum were noted.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Grant, Blake, Westley and Cropper declared an interest in Item 5.

For approval

3 Minutes of the Executive meeting, 16.07.10

AGREED as an accurate record

4 Matters arising

N/a

5 Performance Reward Grant

The Chairman outlined the purpose of the meeting, the process that had been undertaken to develop proposals for allocation of PRG and the current position in terms of the proposals received.

The point that effective partnership working had been the reason for attracting this funding was highlighted.

Authors of the PIDs were thanked for their hard work.

Louise Dawson advised the meeting that the contribution of others who had also contributed significantly to drawing up the West Lancashire Challenge proposal should be recognised.

The reduction in funding had presented an opportunity for collaborative working. Louise felt that this could grow as more partners become involved.

Greg Mitten felt that it was imperative to be proactive in coming up with models that attracted funding and that sustainability would be achieved.

The Chairman said that the sustainability of the proposals demonstrated the commitment of partners.

Jane Cass said that there was a shift in emphasis from reducing duplication to being cleverer together.

Cllr Cropper felt that by working in partnership, a stronger joint proposal had been developed, rather than competing smaller ones.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the commitment of the Borough Council was evidenced through absorbing project management costs. He stressed the importance of strong governance arrangements that would stand up to scrutiny and accordingly that the Secretariat would be in touch with partners following the meeting to identify leads for both projects and to draw up appropriate SLAs.

AGREED: That the West Lancashire Challenge Project should be recommended to the Borough Council for ratification.

Greg Mitten felt that the West Lancashire Challenge Project and Strengthening and Supporting CCTV Project were complementary.

Dave Tilleray said that in looking at cutting edge technology, the CCTV Project was by definition a bit nebulous. A national expert was being used to assist with this.

The project would align with another project being undertaken to relocate the CCTV suite. The costs of moving the CCTV suite would be met by the Borough Council.

Bill Taylor advised the meeting that the proposal had been strongly scrutinised to ensure that its purpose wasn't to backfill a budget.

Cllr Grant further reinforced the importance of strong governance arrangements to evidence this. He also believed that there was strong public support for the project.

Stuart Williams reiterated the importance that removing CCTV, once it had been put in

place, would have a significant effect on public reassurance. There had been a wealth of research undertaken regarding the effectiveness of CCTV in reducing crime, from which a definitive conclusion could not be reached. There was no doubt however that CCTV was very definitely effective in detecting crime.

AGREED: That the Strengthening and Supporting CCTV Project should be recommended to the Borough Council for ratification.

6 Forward Plan 2010

Noted.

7 Any Other Business

Greg Mitten presented the Executive with copies of the end of project report for the Phoenix Project. LCC were looking into trying to set up a pilot project in Skelmersdale. c.£3k would be returned to the Second Homes Fund.

8 Future Meetings