

**MINUTES OF  
ALT AND SHOLVER PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING  
13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2006 LEES SUITE CIVIC CENTRE**

**PRESENT:**

Lila Wilson Alt Tenants and Residents' Association  
Val Smith Sholver Tenant Management Organisation  
Cllr Dave Hibbert, Cabinet Member for Regeneration  
Cllr Hugh McDonald, Cllr Glynnis Shaw (Alexandra Ward Councillors)  
Cllr Jackie Stanton, Cllr Roger Hindle and Cllr Jim McArdle (St James Ward Councillors)  
Ken Ivatt, OMBC Housing Strategy Unit  
Nick Cumberland Regeneration Unit, OMBC  
Jackie Greenhalgh, Headteacher, Alt Primary School  
Joanne Bentley, FCHO  
Kevin Clarke, Alt / Sholver Project Officer

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr Peter Dean,  
Adam Laskey, Headteacher, St Thomas' Primary, Sholver  
Hazel Shaw Oldham Primary Care Trust  
Mark Glynn Housing Market Renewal Team

**1. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

KC to amend Councillor's title from Executive Member to Cabinet Member.

Minutes otherwise agreed.

**2. MATTERS ARISING**

Members agreed that voluntary sector representation should only be proposed for individuals or agencies who are currently working with the communities in Alt and / or Sholver.

**3. FEEDBACK REPORT ON APPOINTMENT OF DELOITTE**

KC outlined the process, which had involved residents from each area; the appointment followed after two interviews, the second of which was conducted at the base for Alt Tenants and Residents' Association.

HMcD and JS commented that the appointment process had enabled some useful discussion to take place between residents, ward councillors and officers from each of the Partnership's agencies. The process had been a positive effort to reflect the intention for local communities to be seen as equal partners as plans develop.

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#### **4. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING PRESENTATION**

Colin Hill (CH) from Compact Solutions was introduced to the board ; CH is working as part of the team of consultants which is led by Deloitte and also includes Planning Consultants, NLP.

CH outlined the framework for consultation which will inform the Neighbourhood Plan. This involves four main stages which will all entail public meetings and aims to build resident involvement throughout.

Members welcomed the principle of engaging each community and made several points :

DH stressed the need to avoid raising expectations unduly ; any literature and dialogue with local communities must be consistent and clarify that no decisions will be made without full consultation with residents and stakeholders.

This point was reinforced by other members. All possible measures should be taken to avoid the negative reception of projects in other areas of Oldham. All publicity should stress that the Partnership is broad-based and will take decisions by consultation and consensus. Thorough consultation needs to take place to connect with local communities ; Deloitte's work needs to reflect this.

KI commented that the Alt and Sholver Partnership has the potential to develop as a template for regeneration projects in Oldham. All the key agencies are committed to working with residents and other stakeholders the consultation events can form the first step in showing the benefits of this approach.

The board approved the framework and requested feedback on Stage 1 before plans for Stage 2 are finalised.

#### **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

KC raised the issue of resources for the project ; given members' concerns that consultation needs to be comprehensive, this will inevitably demand staffing and other resources as the project develops.

HMcD commented that the board needs a team approach to ensuring that the consultation is adequately resourced. A report on this issue will be presented to a future meeting.

#### **6. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July, 6.00pm, Crompton Suite.

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