

**ALT & SHOLVER PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2008  
AT OLDHAM BUSINESS CENTRE  
ROOM 'C'**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Dave Hibbert, (Chair) Cllr H Macdonald; Cllr J McArdle; Cllr R Hindle; Val Smith; Rose Johnstone, Sholver TMO; Sheila Fletcher, Alt TRA; Mark Glynn, HMR; Joanne Bentley, FCHO; Julie Thompson, Regeneration; Nick Cumberland, Regeneration – ASP; Kevin Clarke, ASP Project Officer; John Rooney, OMBC Housing Strategy.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Jackie Stanton; Cllr Shaw; Cllr Ali, Amit Patel; Cliff Leach (Alt TRA)

**Item No**

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Noted as above.
2. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2007**  
Minutes were accepted as a true record.
3. **MATTERS ARISING**  
None
4. **Consultation Report**  
Nick Cumberland outlined approach to consultation in November and December through discussion groups etc. Report covers residents' views in detail, with concern on financial issues and re-housing a major feature. Overall, Sholver residents were concerned about the scale of proposed change, although some re development was welcomed. In Alt, there was more general acceptance but some opposition, e.g. from Thorn Road.  
  
Rose Johnstone commented that the loss of homes is a major concern; the project had originally come about as a result of concern with the number of flats on Sholver.  
  
Val Smith also commented that while residents may welcome removal of some flats and provision of new homes, the loss of other flats was less popular.  
  
Kevin Clarke referred to discussions in both areas around 2003 when local dissatisfaction led to a view that a comprehensive plan is needed. In Sholver's case, this would benefit Sholver as a whole through, rather than the limited improvements which have been possible to date. To do this, we would have to generate capital through the use of land and that progress had

to be made in terms of moving on from original discussions ; this would involve some difficult decisions, but also promises a level of investment in response to local residents' concerns.

However it was accepted that residents would need to provide adequate levels of support for a final master plan to be adopted.

#### **DRAFT NEWSLETTER**

5. Circulated to members; key messages taken from Nick Cumberland's Consultation Analysis Report.

Cllr David Hibbert asked members to return comments to Kevin Clarke by close 8 February 2008.

#### **ALT BUNGALOWS**

6. Sheila Fletcher supported the proposal for removal of bungalows. Cllr McDonald suggested that the empty flats nearby at 122-28 Cherry Avenue should also be removed; apart from removing a problem for residents, this would provide an opportunity to build first.

Members approved proposal to seek Cabinet support for rehousing and demolition. Approval and subsequent action was suggested as quickly as possible.

#### **PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF 237-59 LONGFELLOW CRESCENT, SHOLVER**

7. There was discussion around the idea of disposing of the block to the private sector. Cllr Hindle asked if the value to the area would be greater by demolition and subsequent re-development. Members agreed that the approval for demolition should be sought from Cabinet given the potential of the site value and the benefits to Sholver.

John Rooney explained that a report about the future of Swift Court is likely to be received in April.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF PROCUREMENT ADVISORS**

8. Mark Glynn explained the need to begin technical work before procuring developers; this would need external support. Progress needed promptly to avoid delays. Report accepted.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

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

Thursday 10 April 2008 at 5.45 pm

Kevin Clarke to circulate dates for 2008-9. (Members confirmed that although some other boards eg FCHO had yet to be arranged for 2008-9, the list of dates should be circulated).