

NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES

The Bridge Neighbourhood

Partnership Board – Ordinary Meeting

19th September 2007

7.00pm

The Triangle Children's Centre



Minutes

Board Members Present:	Lorne Horsford (Chair), Rachel Hughes, Tanjou Mehmedova, Ulrika Longinotto, Yvonne Denny, Diane Paice, Yasmine Boudiaf, Ruby Brown, Andrea Holden, Pearl Amoateng, Deborah Cohen, Niall Bolger, Yolande Burgess, Bernice Ashton
Staff present:	Symon Sentain, Geoffrey Ocen, Nadiyah Dadwal, Olga Kupcova, Tim Clark, David Folorunso, Shelly Choudhury, Richard Coe
Advisers	
Resident/ others present:	
Apologies for absence:	Rahim Ullah, Wilf Sullivan, Christina Gradowski, Barry O'Callaghan, Michael Chambi, Cllr Bob Harris

Item	Description	Action
1.	<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <p>The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and formal introductions were made.</p> <p>It was announced that Deborah Cohen will be leaving the Mental Health Trust and as a result would no longer be a member of the Partnership Board. The Chair thanked Deborah for her contributions.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Apologies were noted (see above)</p>	
3.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Andrea Holden – declared an interest in regard to Item 6 Capital Programme Report. The report includes suggestions for capital projects on the Frederick Messer Estate of which she is a resident.</p>	
4.	<p>Minutes & Matters Arising from 18/7/07</p> <p>Item 6 – The Board were reminded that as an unincorporated association, the NDC is legally unable to own assets. However, a list of potential assets that could possibly be held by a successor vehicle will be prepared in advance of the Board Weekend event on 5th and 6th October 2007.</p> <p>Item 6 – The Quirk Report on asset transfer to communities will form part</p>	GO

of the discussions to take place at the Board Weekend event.

Item 8 – The Youth Bus has experienced problems both in terms of damage to equipment and sub standard levels of service. LBH Youth Service are unable to provide the funding to support the contractual service levels and as a result, consideration is being given to outsourcing the management of the bus and its services to an external agency, on a social enterprise model.

Item 8 – All Board Members are welcome to attend Youth Forum Meetings. Expressions of interest should be made to Pearl Amoateng, in her capacity as Chair.

Item 8 – Young people will be represented on the governing Board of the Children's Centre. The officer responsible for Youth Services at the Centre is in the process of arranging for 2 local young people who use the Centre to join the Board.

Item 8 – It was clarified that LBH do not have plans to tender out the running of the Children's Centre. Instead, a search is ongoing for a partner organisation to work at the Centre under the auspices of the governing Board.

Item 8 – It was confirmed Sharon Shoesmith (LBH Director of Children and Young People's Services) had accepted the invitation to attend the next Board Meeting on 21st November 2007 to present on LBH strategy and partnership working

5. Governance Working Group Report

The key points of the report were highlighted with attention drawn to the decisions required from the Board as detailed in the recommendations section.

It was confirmed that the NDC constitution provides for the Board to make changes to the Resident Board Member elections process. Legal soundings have also been taken which have supported the legitimacy of the recommendations.

Briefings to be arranged to update The Leader of the Council and locally elected councillors on the proposals. SS, NB

Meeting of Partner Organisation Board Members to be arranged to focus on issues of communications around the proposals. SS, RC

It was suggested that Haringey Area Assembly representatives are briefed.

It was moved that amendments be made to the wording of recommendations 2.2. and 2.3 so that they read:

2.2 Approve the delay of the Resident Board member elections currently scheduled for December 2007 to allow for time to work through the succession and legacy plans.

- 2.3 Agree to look at the issue of resident board member elections and overall governance matters (in consultation with the Accountable Body) in the context of the succession and legacy plans in April 2008.

The Board unanimously agreed to the revised recommendations and the results of the voting was as follows:

- 2.2 11 votes for the recommendation. 1 abstention. 0 against.
2.3 12 votes for the recommendation. 0 abstentions. 0 against.

Therefore, the revised recommendations of the report were carried.

6. Capital Programme Report – Contingency Plans

The key points of the report were highlighted with attention drawn to the decisions required from the Board as detailed in the recommendations section.

The following points were made in the subsequent debate:

- It was confirmed that the proper process was followed in developing the project ideas including referral to and approval from Theme Group Chairs.
- Capital underspend cannot be assigned to revenue projects.
- It was suggested that representatives of the Youth Forum should be consulted when consideration is given to the development of new projects.
- Concern was expressed that the main reason for underspend was the failure of The Railway Bridge project which is considered to be one of the most iconic and high profile elements of the programme.
- Concern was raised at the absence of any of the Councillor Board Members at the Board Meeting and the assistance they could provide in moving The Bridge project forward.
- Work continues on The Bridge project with communications ongoing with the Mayor of London. Meeting between Niall Bolger and Network Rail scheduled for 3/10/07.
- Pages 9, 11, 13 and 15 need amendment to show that approval was received from the Vice-Chair and not the Chair.
- Projects across the NDC area had been considered for inclusion in the contingency report but only those which were deliverable in the short timescale were suitable for inclusion.

TC, RA

The result of the vote on the recommendations was as follows:

For – 7
Against – 0
Abstentions – 5

Therefore the contingency options detailed in the report were approved.

It was requested that contingency options be included in the Delivery Plan for 2008/09.

7. Theme Programme Delivery Report

a) Highlight Report

A verbal report was given by the Theme Manager for Education, Employment and Enterprise, highlighting the key points in the report. The Board were informed that in the lead up to the EEE Theme Event on 11th September 2007, publicity material including leaflets and banners had been stolen or removed from public places.

Details of the differential status of individuals on the Haringey Guarantee Scheme and Haringey employees in the redeployment pool to be emailed to Nadiyah Dadwal. AH

It was confirmed that the redevelopment schemes at Wards Corner and Apex House are not inextricably linked. The affordable housing element associated with the Wards Corner project could be developed on other sites. Update to Board Members to be provided. SS, NB

Responding to a question about the Percentage For Arts Scheme, assurances were given that LBH supports the concepts of conservation, strong design integrity and provision of public arts in regard to the Wards Corner development.

Apologies were expressed for the lack of information provided to Board Members regarding the consultation event in Manchester Gardens on 19/9/07.

b) Finance

The Board noted the financial performance of the 2007/08 programme to date.

The revised capital forecast will be incorporated in to future reports.

It was confirmed that the Partnership Programme PAF funds activities such as events, Theme Groups, PMF etc.

8. Any Other Business

- It was suggested that The Word should publish details of both the Bridge and Manchester Gardens projects.
- Invitation to LBH Regeneration Conference taking place on 29/10/07 was extended to the Board.
- It was suggested that the format of The Word should be changed to a newspaper style on recycled paper. It is anticipated that the Resident Survey arranged for October 2007 will gather perceptions of The Word which will be used to make improvements.
- It was reported that the Manchester Gardens consultation event prior to the Board Meeting had attracted a good number of local people including mothers and children.
- A floral tribute was presented to Deborah Cohen in thanks for her work as a Board Member.

Minutes signed as an accurate record:

Chairs' signature:	
Date:	