

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE PARTNERSHIP
MINUTE OF THE BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, 10th February 2010

Present:	Jim McCabe, Leader	NLC
	Gavin Whitefield	NLC
	Maureen McConachie	NLC
	Ken Corsar	NHS Lanarkshire
	Robert Scott	Strathclyde Fire & Rescue
	Graham Cairns	Strathclyde Police
	Mick McHugh	Scottish Enterprise
	Hugh Logan	Motherwell College
	Stephen McConnachie	Jobcentre Plus
	Francis Fallan	NL Voluntary Sector
Attending:	Sandie Mackay	NLC Regeneration Services
	Sharon Smith (Minute)	NLC Regeneration Services
	Stephen Kerr	NHS Lanarkshire
	John Binning	SPT
	Jonathan Pryce	Scottish Government
	Kenny Moffat	NL Voluntary Sector
	Craig Burn	NLC Learning & Leisure
Apologies:	Jim Smith, Depute Leader	NLC
	John Young	NLC/Strathclyde Police
	Gerry MacMillan	NLC/Strathclyde Fire & Rescue
	Bruce Kiloh	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
	June Vallance	Voluntary Sector
	Alistair Mitchell	Scottish Government
	Colin Sloey	NHS Lanarkshire
	Tim Davison	NHS Lanarkshire

Welcome

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, particularly to –

Craig Burn, Learning & Leisure Services, who was in attendance to speak to Item 3 of the Agenda; to John Binning, SPT, in attendance on behalf of Bruce Kiloh; to Stephen Kerr, NHS, on behalf of Colin Sloey, and Kenny Moffat, Voluntary Sector, on behalf of June Vallance.

The Chair informed the meeting of the recent death of James Hunt, who had extensive involvement in the Voluntary Sector and expressed his appreciation for the contribution made by James over the years.

Item 1 Apologies

Apologies were noted from Jim Smith, Depute Leader, June Vallance, Voluntary Sector, Colin Sloey, NHS Lanarkshire, Tim Davison, NHS Lanarkshire, John Young, Strathclyde Police/NLC; Bruce Kiloh, SPT, and Gerry MacMillan, Strathclyde Fire & Rescue/NLC.

Item 2 Minute of the previous meeting (18th November 2009)

Agreed as an accurate record.

Matters Arising

- *Community Engagement Action Plans (Community Engagement Strategy)*
Sandie advised that the Community Engagement Action Plans continue to be finalised - these will include information relating to the recent Young Scot event which she attended. An update report will be brought to the next meeting of the NLP Board.

**Item 3 North Lanarkshire Sport and Physical Activity Framework
Position Statement**

Craig Burn from the Council's Learning & Leisure Services, updated the Board on the progress of the North Lanarkshire Sport and Physical Activity Framework. The purpose of the Framework is to enable the Council and partners to develop a long term approach to the delivery of sport to ensure that strategic objectives are identified against a structure for delivery. The aims of the Framework include - increasing participation in sport and physical activity; improving levels of health and wellbeing and, developing partnership delivery to the North Lanarkshire Partnership and the Single Outcome Agreement. The North Lanarkshire Partnership was requested to adopt the Framework. The Board recognised that the Sport and Physical Activity Framework, although positioned within the Health and Wellbeing Group, will contribute across all four community plan themes.

The report advised that SportsScotland, the national agency for sport in Scotland, advocates best practice as being where sport and physical activity strategies are clearly integrated with the local Community Plan and the Single Outcome Agreement.

A management group, consisting of representatives from NLC, NL Leisure, NHS and SportsScotland has been established to take forward and deliver the Framework, the timescale for its launch is scheduled for July 2010.

The Board noted the progress being made on the development of a North Lanarkshire Sport and Physical Activity Framework, and agreed to adopt the Framework as a North Lanarkshire Partnership strategy

**Item 4 Visit to Community Planning Partnerships 2009-2010: Equality and
Human Rights Commission**

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) undertook a series of visits to a number of local authorities during 2008-2009, the purpose of which was to establish contacts across Scotland and to see, at first hand, equality work which is being carried out in Community Planning Partnerships across the country. The EHRC intends to expand the programme and visit each CPP by March 2010.

The NLP Officers Group will meet with the EHRC representatives in the first instance to ascertain what will be involved and a report will be brought back to the Board.

Both Stephen McConnachie, Jobcentre Plus and John Binning, SPT, will raise this within their respective organisations with a view to becoming involved in discussions/visits with the EHRC.

The Board noted the content of the EHRC correspondence.

Action: NLP Officers Group

Item 5 Scotland Together

Robert Scott, Strathclyde Fire & Rescue, summarised the detailed “Scotland Together” report and its recommendations.

The meeting heard that in November 2008, at the request of the Minister for Community Safety, a short-term working group was formed by Strathclyde Fire & Rescue’s Chief Officer to address efforts to reduce fire fatalities and injuries. The stakeholders who were consulted on this included Scottish Resilience, Scottish Fire & Rescue Advisory Unit, all Strathclyde Fire & Rescue Services, CoSLA, and partners within local authority Community Planning Partnerships. The main focus of discussions were –

- The key reasons why Scotland faces proportionately a higher number of primary fires, fire deaths and fire casualties compared to other parts of the UK and Europe. (primary fires = house fires, property/vehicle damage)
- The key reasons why Scotland suffers an increasing number of secondary fires. (secondary fires include wheelie bins/rubbish/derelict buildings)
- The initiatives in place to combat these issues and what impact they are having locally and nationally to reduce fire-related deaths, injuries and damage
- How the Scottish Government and local Government work collaboratively to develop and implement good practice to improve community safety in Scotland

Robert summarised information on Scotland’s fire statistics and compared those across the UK. It was noted that the most prominent causes of fire were attributed to cooking appliances and smoking materials and that alcohol was a direct contributory factor in over 50% of domestic dwelling fire fatalities in Scotland.

The report, published in November 2009, makes 37 recommendations and was subject to parliamentary debate. Robert detailed some of the key recommendations and highlighted that he was encouraged by the work already underway within North Lanarkshire which showed a real commitment to reducing fire fatalities and injuries within our communities.

The full “Scotland Together” report can be accessed at - [www.strathclydefire.org/pdfs/Scotland Together 07 09 09.pdf](http://www.strathclydefire.org/pdfs/Scotland%20Together%2007%2009.pdf) a hard copy of which can be obtained from Robert at robert.scott@strathclydefire.org

The Board noted the content of the report.

Item 6 Financial Outlook 2010-2011

The meeting was reminded that public sector budgets across Scotland over the next 3 years would be extensively reduced, although the actual figure had yet to be announced. Key partners were previously asked to provide information on their proposed savings for 2010-2011 and detail the process to make additional savings in 2011 and beyond. The NLP Officers group would take forward any further work needed in this area.

The Board report summarised savings for North Lanarkshire Council, Strathclyde Police, Strathclyde Fire & Rescue and NHS and it was acknowledged that the savings required across partner agencies would be significant over the next three years.

Following discussion, the meeting agreed that this information was useful and that similar information should be made available at each Board meeting.

The Board noted the content of the report; agreed any further actions required of the Offices Group and; that this would be a standing item at future Board meetings

Item 7 H1N1 update

A verbal update was given to the meeting by Stephen Kerr, NHS.

- Phase 2 of the vaccination programme is progressing well with the "At Risk" category now complete.
- The second wave of the pandemic is now over with the third wave of the immunisation programme proving not to be a 'significant risk'.
- NHS will now move to routine planning arrangements.

Following discussion, it was agreed that this topic would *not* be a standing item at the Board – the Chair agreed to receive updates, when appropriate, and expressed thanks to all agencies involved in the H1N1 arrangements.

Item 8 Third Sector update

Kenny Moffat updated the meeting to report progress in relation to key areas of Third Sector activity –

Development of North Lanarkshire Third Sector Interface – The Board was reminded of the lengthy discussions and consultation which had recently been undertaken to develop a Third Sector Interface which would join services currently provided by the Volunteer Centre and CVS North Lanarkshire.

The new organisation, effective from 1 April 2010, will be known as Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire (VANL). Kenny Moffat will be the Chief Executive of the new organisation and will, for the period January – March 2010, jointly manage the Volunteer Centre and NL CVS to ensure effective closure of both. A Business Plan for VANL is

being developed and will be complete by March 2010. The NLP Board will be kept updated on the progress of VANL.

North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector Conference 2010 – This will be held on Thursday, 11th March (9.30am – 3.30pm) in Colville Park Country Club, Motherwell. The theme of the conference will be “Supporting Voluntary Action” and voluntary and community organisations have been encouraged to attend.

Lottery Board – CVS NL have received notification from the Lottery Board that they have not been successful in the PQQ stage of the procurement process for the “Our Place” programme. No information has been received from the Lottery Board to date. After discussion, it was agreed that a letter from the NLP Board would be sent to the Lottery Board requesting an explanation.

The Board noted the content of the report, agreed to accept future reports on behalf of the Third Sector and, agreed to formally submit concerns to the Lottery Board regarding the PQQ process

Action: Chair of the NLP Board to submit a letter to the Lottery Board

Item 9 Youth Unemployment in North Lanarkshire

Maureen McConachie summarised the detailed Board report, the purpose of which was to give an update on recent changes in youth unemployment levels and the measures taken to address this subject.

Youth unemployment falls into two age groups: 16-19 years and 18-24 years.

The meeting heard that a number of new national and local initiatives have been introduced to support young people towards employment, education and training e.g. Backing Youth Britain, Young Person’s Guarantee (for 18-24 age group); and, within North Lanarkshire, Extra Hands (a six month work experience programme).

In relation to 16-19 year olds claiming Job Seekers Allowance, it was noted that the figures in this category for North Lanarkshire were significantly higher than those in areas such as Dundee and Fife which are approximately the same size geographically/demographically as North Lanarkshire.

The report also highlights the increased numbers of S5 and S6 pupils who returned to school in August 2009 due mainly to the difficult conditions in the current labour market. Those returning will impact on the “in-school” choices.

In summary, the current economic situation is having a significant impact on youth unemployment across Scotland with more significant increases seen in areas such as North Lanarkshire. There is an urgent need for local authorities and partnerships to address youth unemployment as far as resources will allow and recognise that it is a critical issue capable of creating a generation of people who have never worked

The Board noted the content of the report and agreed that “Economic Activity” will be a standing item for future meetings.

Item 10 Local Community Planning update

The purpose of the report was to provide members with an overview of the issues which have been discussed in local areas and also the progress in relation to community engagement.

The meeting heard that the community engagement events which had been scheduled for December 2009 had been postponed. Sandie will meet with the Chief Executive, the Leader and Local Area Partnership Conveners on 22 February to discuss the content of the events which will be re-arranged to this Spring. All Partners will be invited to the events and it is intended that they will be asked to contribute to the content on the day.

A mapping exercise is currently being developed relating to community engagement mechanisms and processes across NLC and its partners. A final report will be presented to the Board in April which will include details of community engagement across North Lanarkshire; identify existing gaps and, highlight areas for improvement.

The report also summarised the items discussed at the January cycle of the Local Area Partnerships (LAPs), as well as highlighting issues which are being addressed across the 8 Community Forums, i.e. town centre development and environmental initiatives.

The Board noted the content of the report.

Item 11 Review of Partnership Structures

The Board was updated on the proposed review of partnership structures and groups and the actions required to progress this. The review will –

- Assess roles and remits
- Determine if current structures are fit for purpose
- Identify opportunities to streamline structures to support delivery of the SOA
- Make recommendations for a revised structure

The Appendix to the report highlighted current partnership structures and the NLP Officers Group has been asked to identify and categorise these to ascertain those which are considered necessary to support the strategic outcomes of the partnership and whether they should continue. The Council's Executive Directors have been requested to submit details of their Partnership structures. The Board was asked to consider their own structures and to

- identify gaps
- map what they have
- consider if they are needed
- consider whether they are efficient and active.

A detailed report of findings/recommendations will be considered by the NLP Board at its meeting in April.

Written recommendations will be submitted to the Community Planning and Partnership Team by 5 March 2010.

The Board agreed the process for the review of partnership structures and, noted the content of the report.

Item 12 Public Performance Reporting

The purpose of the report was to update the Board on the work being progressed to ensure the Public Performance Reporting processes are fit for purpose in light of Best Value 2 (BV2). The North Lanarkshire Citizens' Panel and the Community Forums will be asked to assist in the process. They will be involved in discussions to -

- determine what is understood by performance reporting
- ascertain how individuals/organisations currently access information
- explore the information sought
- how to improve the content, format and method of performance reporting

A number of focus group sessions involving members of the Citizens' Panel will take place in March / April 2010 and these will consider public performance monitoring. Discussion sessions relating to this will also be carried out within each of the Community Forums during April / May 2010.

The Chief Executive's office of NLC will progress the work over the coming months although prior to that, it will be necessary for those involved in the process to be informed on the current Public Performance Reporting process within key partner agencies. For this reason, partners have been requested to identify key contact(s) within their organisation who could undertake their public reporting - details should be forwarded to Sandie Mackay at mackays@northlan.gov.uk

It was noted that the Scottish Government will become involved in this (contact - Jonathan Pryce)

The Board agreed the process outlined in the report; agreed to provide information on Public Performance Reporting/key contacts within their organisation and, noted the content of the report.

Item 13 Citizen Consultation Programme

The meeting was updated on progress to date regarding delivery of the Partnership's Citizen Consultation programme across North Lanarkshire.

To date, Panel consultation has covered areas including health, lifestyle, environment, sustainability and the 'credit crunch'. The consultation work has identified the need to tie in more closely with the SOA and Action Plans from each of the Themed Working Groups.

The next Citizen Panel questionnaire is due to be distributed in March/April 2010 and will focus on Health and Wellbeing, Environment and, Sustainability. Theme leaders will be requested to submit their questions for inclusion, in due course.

A summary report will be provided to the Board on completion of analysis of the next consultation questionnaire. The process will be extended to the Themed Working Groups of Lifelong Learning, Community Safety and Regeneration.

The Board noted progress to date.

Item 14 Budget Statement

The budget statement as at 29th January 2010 (Period 11) was noted.

Item 15 AOCB

The meeting heard that a Civil Contingencies Management Team had been set up to monitor, cope and deal with the recent difficult weather conditions. It was recognised that this was a valuable exercise and that the experience will assist in future should there be a recurrence of inclement weather. Gavin Whitefield thanked everyone involved for their contribution.

**Date of next meeting –
Wednesday, 21 April 2010, 9.30am,
Civic Centre, Motherwell**

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	Mark Milligan	NLC/Strathclyde Police
	Jonathan Pryce	Scottish Government
	Stephen Kerr	NHS Lanarkshire
	Tim Davison	NHS Lanarkshire

Welcome

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. It was noted that Mick McHugh, Scottish Enterprise, has been appointed to a new post and has tendered his resignation from the Board. His replacement will be confirmed in due course. Brian McLeish attended on behalf of Scottish Enterprise.

Item 1 Apologies

Apologies were noted from Stephen Kerr and Tim Davison, NHS; Jonathan Pryce, Scottish Government; Mark Milligan and Gerry MacMillan, Regeneration Services.

Item 2 Minute of the previous meeting (10th February 2010)

Agreed.

Item 3 Matters Arising

- *Community Engagement Action Plan* – the Action Plan will be finalised at the next meeting of the Community Engagement Sub Group (18 May) and will be brought to the next meeting of the Board.

- *Equalities visit* – The visit to North Lanarkshire took place on 6 April 2010 by the Equalities and Human Rights Commission (EHRC). Further information/details, if received, from EHRC will be brought to the NLP Board, for information.
- *Voluntary Sector – BIG Lottery Board* – The meeting was reminded that the VANL (Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire) funding bid to the BIG Lottery for the Newmains project had been rejected at the first stage. The contract has been awarded to Coalfields Regeneration Trust. The BIG Lottery has expressed a willingness to have further discussions with Partners and a meeting is to be arranged in due course. **Action – North Lanarkshire Council**

Item 4 Citizens' Panel

The report updates the Board on the headline findings from the latest quarterly Citizens' Panel consultation which reflected on Community Safety and Quality of Life. It covers a number of related themes including community safety issues and priorities, town centre regeneration and awareness of adult and child protection campaigns.

69% of panel members responded to the current survey.

The results of the survey will be distributed to Partners through their working groups, as well as the Local Area Teams for use by the Community Safety Sub Groups.

The Board noted the content of the report and the supporting Citizens' Panel Newsletter.

Item 5 Third Sector report

North Lanarkshire Third Sector Interface: The new organisation – Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire (VANL) commenced operation on 1 April 2010 replacing the former Volunteer Centre and Council for Voluntary Service. An independent Scrutiny Panel will oversee the selection of a new Board of Trustees/Directors, the timescale for which is Autumn 2010. An interim board is currently in place.

Voluntary Sector representation – NLP Board: Arrangements for representation from the voluntary sector will be revisited during this year as part of the review of NLP structures. Until then, Francis Fallan has been re-appointed as the voluntary sector representative and June Vallance will remain as the static rep.

2010 North Lanarkshire Voluntary Sector conference: The 2010 voluntary sector conference has taken place which, again, proved successful with over 100 delegates participating on the day. Guest Speakers came from North Lanarkshire Council, SCVO, Volunteer Development Scotland and Paul Zealey Associates.

June thanked Gavin Whitefield, Chief Executive, for taking the time to speak at the conference.

The Board noted the content of the report and agreed to accept future reports from third sector representatives

Item 6 Economic Activity report

This report focused on Job Seekers Allowance (JSA). It was noted that although there was a small reduction in the number claiming JSA during September – October 2009, there has been an upward trend since January 2008, i.e. a three-fold increase in the numbers claiming (from 4,900 to over 12,000 as at February 2010). North Lanarkshire has been significantly affected by the economic downturn, as detailed in the Appendix to the report. The number of young people not in work has doubled and it was recognised that this, in part, is due to the significant reduction in the number of available vacancies advertised at Jobcentre Plus.

The Board noted the content of the report.

Item 7 Local Community Planning update

The meeting was updated to reflect the key projects undertaken during the last year by the Local Regeneration Managers and Community Engagement Officers. The meeting also heard of the proposed key joint pieces of work which would be required in 2010-2011 to progress the Community Planning agenda.

Key projects developed /delivered in 2009-2010 include -

- Developing the model for Community Safety Sub Groups across the six areas which has resulted in improved communication between partners
- Tasking and Coordinating is progressing well
- A refresh of the Community Engagement Strategy and Action Plan
- Developing Action Plans for local Health Improvement
- Asset Transfer pilot for the Bargeddie and Holytown areas is being developed during 2010-2011. This will scope out whether community centres, for example, can be transferred to community groups who will assume responsibility for rental/maintenance/management.

Key joint pieces of work 2010-2011 include –

- Progressing the Local Development Programme projects for 2011-2012
- Develop measurable Local Area Team Action Plans which link to the Single Outcome Agreement
- Raise awareness of the training available through the VANL (Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire) training calendar
- Strategic issues from the Matching Services to People agenda are progressed by Local Area Teams

The Board noted the content of the report.

Item 8 Review of Partnership Structures/Community Engagement mapping exercise

The meeting was updated on progress in relation to the Community Engagement Mapping exercise and the review of Partnership processes and structures. Both pieces of work continue.

Partnership review update: The review, undertaken by the NLP Officers Group, considered whether the Partnership Groups should –

- continue
- merge with others, or
- be removed from the Partnership structure completely

The first phase of the process is now complete although additional information is required to allow recommendations to be made, i.e. Terms of Reference, membership, frequency of meetings, and copies of relevant documentation (e.g. Action Plans and Minutes). The meeting was advised that a full report would be brought to the NLP Board in August 2010.

Community Engagement mapping update: A panel made up of staff from Regeneration Services and VANL (Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire) recently met to discuss the Community Engagement mapping exercise. This provided a “snapshot” of the mechanisms and processes used to engage across the partnership. Additional information however, is needed and a further meeting will focus on gathering and reviewing information, reporting the overall impact on the engagement mechanism and identifying a number of improvement actions for the NLP. A final report will be brought to the next Board meeting in June 2010.

The Board noted the content of the report and agreed to final reports being brought to future meetings.

Action: Regeneration Services

Item 9 Single Outcome Agreement (SOA)

The North Lanarkshire Single Outcome Agreement is in place until March 2011. A review of performance was carried out at the year end and indications suggest that performance linked to the SOA in the first year is on track. A full performance report will be brought to the next meeting of the Board with the annual report being submitted to the Scottish Government by September 2010. The themed working groups are finalising Action Plans for this year with any remedial actions being identified.

Next stage

- Development of 2014 SOA. All of the themed Working Groups will be asked to confirm that the indicators and targets within the document are fit for purpose. By the Autumn 2010, the new SOA 2011-2014 will be complete.

- The Council's Corporate Plan and the Community Plan will be extended by one year to 2014 to allow alignment with the SOA.

The Board noted the content of the report and the process for year-end reporting of the SOA and approved extension of the Community Plan to 2014

Item 10 Sustainability Reviews

Fairer Scotland Fund – review: The meeting was reminded that the Fairer Scotland Fund (FSF) had now ceased with the budget transferring to the Council's mainstream budgets. Existing funding arrangements with Partner agencies will cease in March 2011.

A review of FSF activities (Appendix 1 of the report) will require to be undertaken in Summer 2010, carried out by Regeneration Services staff. Findings from each of the services will be considered and recommendations will be included at a future Council Committee. The Board will be updated thereafter.

Employability Service Phase 2 (CPP) – review: This review will be based on performance figures received from the Partnership's client tracking system and the financial figures submitted as part of the claims process. As with the FSF review, this review will also be conducted by Regeneration Services staff, the outcome of which will be reported to Committee and thereafter to the NLP Board.

Partners should ensure that services are aware of the reviews and the requirement to provide relevant information.

The Board approved the review processes for the Fairer Scotland Fund and the Employability Service Phase 2 and, noted the content of the report.

Item 11 Ravenscraig - verbal update

- Sports Centre – Summer 2010 opening on track
- Housing – First phase under construction (x50 properties)
- Tax Increment Fund (TIF) is currently being researched for consideration
- Phase 2 – There is still a funding gap required to complete Phase 2
- Scottish Futures Trust – A planned meeting with Gavin Whitefield, Jim McCabe, and John Swinney, MP was recently postponed. The purpose of the meeting was to evaluate Scottish Futures Trust's Business Plan. Cooperation and support on this will be required from the Scottish Government. The meeting will be re-arranged and an update will be notified to the Board at a future meeting.

Item 12 Financial Outlook 2010-2011 - Verbal update.

NLC – An estimated target saving of £60-£70m is required between 2011/12 and 2013/14. A number of areas for potential savings have been highlighted including -

- Workforce deployment – £23million
- Service prioritisation - £16million
- Asset management - £5million
- Shared services - £16million

NHS - Their Local Delivery Plan has been signed off and submitted to the Scottish Government.

Item 13 Glasgow & the Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan / Wind Energy and Surface Coal Spatial Framework - Proposed Methodologies

North Lanarkshire Council's Planning and Development Services has been involved in the preparation of the proposed methodologies and the consultation process has been approved by the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan Authority (GCVSDPA) Joint Committee on which the Council is represented.

The proposed methodologies follow on from those used in relation to the topics in the current approved Structure Plan in that they are in line with appropriate Planning Advice Note guidance. They also take account of the more recent Scottish Planning Policy and studies undertaken in the area which includes work carried out on behalf of North Lanarkshire Council in preparing the North Lanarkshire Local Plan and its associated Supplementary Guidance.

The proposed methodologies do not raise any significant new issues that have not been considered in the current Structure Plan and Local Plan and as such, there are no substantial issues of concern.

Item 14 Gateway Protection Programme

At the Board meeting on 15 July 2009, a report was considered on the implications of a future Gateway Protection Programme in North Lanarkshire and it was agreed at that point to carry this forward for 6 months for further consideration.

Due to the current economic climate uncertainty, it was agreed that this subject will again be carried forward for one year for further consideration by the Board.

Action: Regeneration Services

Item 15 Budget Statement

The budget statement as at 31 March 2010 (Period 13) was noted.

Item 16 AOCB

Best Value 2 (BV2) - The annual Risk Assessment from Audit Scotland is awaited. Verbal feedback meantime suggests that North Lanarkshire is considered "low risk".

Ministerial Visit – Mike Russell, Education Minister, will visit North Lanarkshire on 7 July 2010. Partners were requested to submit Agenda items prior to the next Board meeting (to Sandie Mackay).

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING –
16 June 2010 – 9.30am
Civic Centre, Motherwell**