

## **Neighbourhood Management Governance Arrangements**

### **1. Purpose of the Report**

To update the Partnership Board on the statutory city-region Better Life Chances pilot and the development of Neighbourhood Management governance arrangements.

### **2. Introduction**

Improving outcomes in Priority Neighbourhoods is a cross-cutting priority for the Stockport Partnership. As identified in the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy, inequalities exist in relation to a number of key issues, particularly:

- Education attainment
- Adult skills levels
- Employment
- Health

Many of these issues are inter-related; improving outcomes in one will impact on another. Similarly, improving outcomes in our Priority Neighbourhoods will be fundamental to improving outcomes across the borough. To drive forward our approach to inequalities it is therefore proposed to establish a Neighbourhood Management Board (NMB) to develop and embed an effective and sustainable approach to addressing inequalities issues, whilst also benefiting from the opportunity to learn from elsewhere in fulfilling the requirements of the Better Life Chances statutory city-region pilot.

The Better Life Chances statutory city-region pilot, in which Stockport will participate, requires a Place Board chaired by the local authority Chief Executive to be established. Whilst this pilot will focus on Brinnington it is essential that locally arrangements put in place are able to focus on all Priority Neighbourhoods. The Stronger Community Partnership in its current form is unable to fulfil the requirements of a Place Board. This paper therefore sets out proposals to amend existing governance arrangements in the short term.

It is however essential that governance arrangements for Neighbourhood Management not only join up existing operational arrangements but also strategically lead within the partnership arrangements. The role of the Stockport Partnership Board as well as the 7 thematic partnership boards is integral to this.

Representatives from across partner organisations met on the 15<sup>th</sup> January to consider the roles and responsibilities of a Neighbourhood Management Board, as set out in the terms of reference, appendix 1. The group considered the relationships, accountability and reporting arrangements necessary to establish an effective NM Board, which are summarised below.

### **3. Relationships and Accountability**

The NMB will bring together the key public service delivery partners at a senior level to understand both the issues and resource implications of existing neighbourhood working arrangements in Priority Neighbourhoods, on behalf of the thematic partnerships. It will remain the responsibility of individual Board members to make decisions on behalf of their organisations on operational matters and implement these decisions within their organisations.

An effective Neighbourhood Management Board will need the opportunity to provide direction to each thematic partnership board dealing with issues of inequality in Priority Neighbourhoods. To achieve this the Neighbourhood Management Board should be positioned within the existing governance arrangements of the Stockport Partnership and holds a similar standing to the Public Services Resource Board. The NMB would therefore report directly to the Stockport Partnership Board.

The NMB will need to work closely with Central Area Committee to ensure account is taken of local perspective and members' role. The Neighbourhood Management Board will also be accountable to the Better Life Chances Steering Group in accordance with the requirements of the Better Life Chances statutory city-region pilot

#### **4. Reporting Arrangements**

Reporting to the Stockport Partnership Board will be achieved through current arrangements. Just as the chair of each thematic partnership reports to the Stockport Partnership Board, the new chair of the Neighbourhood Management Board will provide progress reporting and highlight risks and issues as they arise. The Chief Executive, Stockport Council will chair the Neighbourhood Management Board and currently sits on the Stockport Partnership Board so there would be no need for further representation.

Reporting to Area Committee to consult and inform members of developments should be included within existing reporting arrangements. That is, reports on the progress and performance of the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy should be undertaken by the Neighbourhood Renewal Team.

Reporting to scrutiny committee(s) can be achieved by extending existing arrangements between thematic partnerships and relevant committees to include detail of neighbourhood management activities. In addition, issues concerning resources would be reported to CRMG as appropriate.

#### **5. Membership**

The Membership for this Board will initially be:

- Stockport Council Chief Executive (Chair)
- Stockport Council – Corporate Director, Communities, Regeneration and Environment
- Stockport Council – Service Director, Adult Social Care
- Stockport Council – Service Director, Communities
- Stockport Council – Service Director, Children & Young People Services
- Stockport Council – Assistant Chief Executive, Strategy & Performance
- Stockport Homes
- NHS Stockport
- Stockport Foundation Trust
- Greater Manchester Police (J Division)
- Stockport College

#### **6. Intelligence Requirements**

Effective intelligence to challenge and inform the collective understanding of inequalities issues in Priority Neighbourhoods will be essential to developing the Neighbourhood Management model. The Neighbourhood Management Board will therefore need to be supported by an intelligence group.

#### **8. Recommendations**

That this board:

- Endorse the Neighbourhood Management Board as a sub-group of the Stockport Partnership, reporting to the Stockport Partnership Board
- Endorse Terms of Reference included at appendix 1 and the associated governance arrangements detailed in section 3 and 4, and summarised in appendix 2.

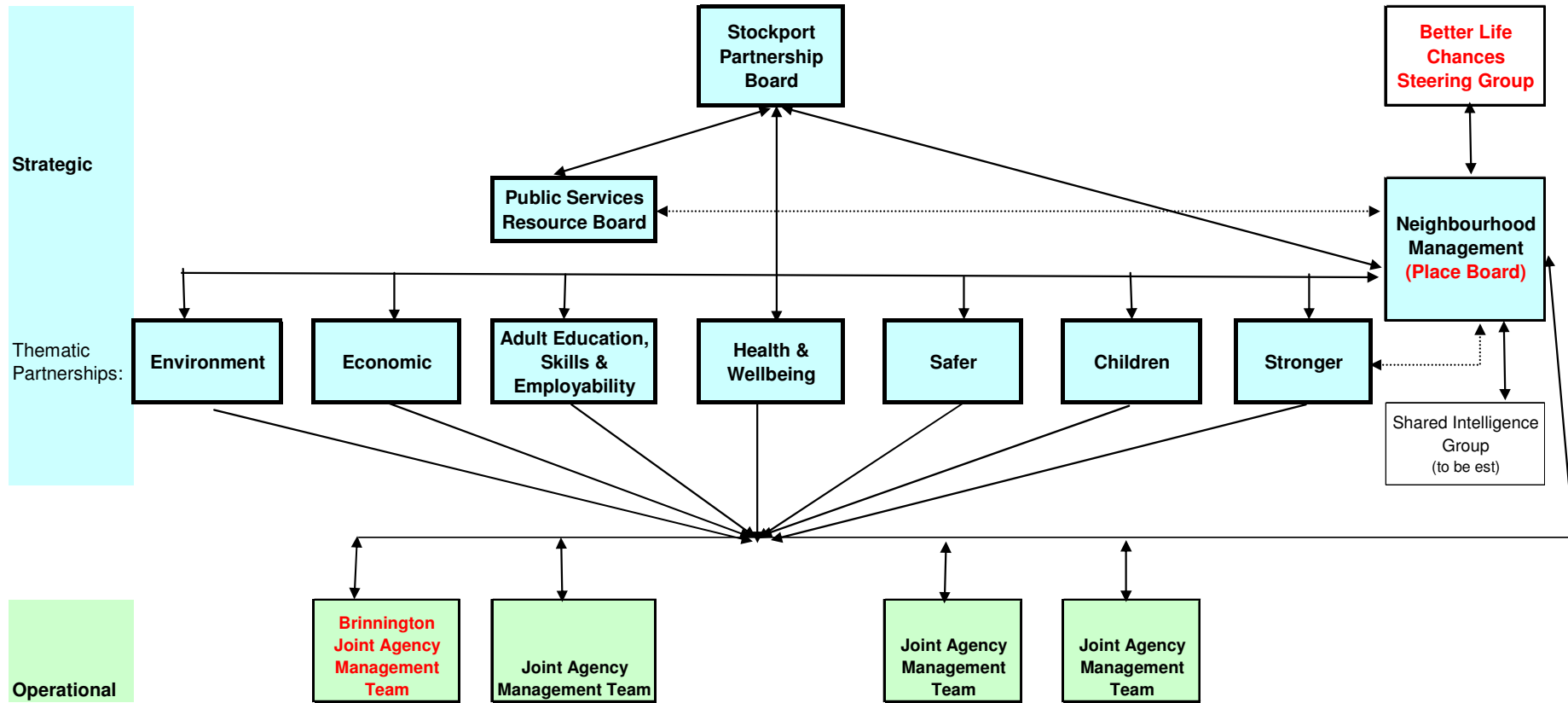
#### **Appendix 1**

The detailed functions and responsibilities of a Neighbourhood Management Board are detailed in the attached Terms of Reference:



Terms of  
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Appendix 2  
 Stockport Partnership and Neighbourhood Management Governance



AGMA Pilot Required arrangements  
 Local Arrangements