



## Be Birmingham Executive Board Brief

The meeting of the executive board on 20th July considered the following:

### Shaping our future – principles, purpose and priorities

Jackie Mould led a discussion about the future principles, purpose and priorities for partnership and collaborative working in Birmingham. Partners reaffirmed their commitment to achieve Vision 2026 for Birmingham and a better quality of life for our citizens but highlighted the need to do things differently through greater collaboration and citizen-focused action.

The first step is to reach agreement on our top priorities for the next five years. This will enable others to get behind the priorities and find creative ways to deliver.

Our focus will be on where we can do more and better for less, by redesigning services and agreeing areas for co-investment and joint commissioning.

Our approach will be to put the individual, family/ community at the centre of service redesign and to encourage greater citizen involvement.

More collaboration will be needed between organisations, fostering cross-agency working and greater integration of services around citizens.

We will aim to develop a joint strategic assessment to guide and inform decision making and greater alignment of our resources around our priorities, rebalancing our investment towards prevention.

This approach will be underpinned by an agreed set of values and principles that partners will be asked to adopt.

Work has already begun to identify the top priorities for the next five years. Partners received a report assessing progress towards Vision 2026 and agreed an overall framework. Dialogue is ongoing over the summer to clarify the specific priorities ahead of the Be Birmingham Summit on 6th October.

### Governance arrangements

The annual update of governance arrangements was presented to the board. It was agreed to continue with existing arrangements for a further 12 months or until revised activities were agreed as appropriate.

### Working Neighbourhoods Fund

It was reported that on 10th June 2010 the Government announced reductions in the Area Based Grant of which Birmingham's share was £12.627 million. In response the city council's corporate director of resources, Paul Dransfield, proposed reducing Working Neighbourhoods Fund by £7 million and Area Based Grant by £7 million.

He informed the board of the process that has been undertaken to arrive at this position, including individual interviews with each partnership lead.

The £7 million reduction has been shared between all of the thematic partnerships.

Partners are continuing to work on their exit strategies. Paul stressed the importance of these and that they should be implemented as soon as possible.

A report was sent to cabinet on 26th July outlining the proposed budget reductions. A further report will be given to the board at the next meeting updating progress.





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### Birmingham outcomes model

The board received presentations from David Pritchard of Matrix and Bridget Rosewell of Volterra who are designing an assessment model to measure the impact that different public interventions have on outcomes.

The proposed model sets out to create a living model of the costs and outcomes of public services which can be used to inform partners and stakeholders about the efforts of different services and the impacts of changes.

It was agreed that the project will be overseen by the Shared Intelligence steering group, led by Jason Lowther.

A further progress and budget report will be presented at the next board meeting.

### TP learning from the pilot

Martin Willis from INLOGOV presented an evaluation of the Total Place pilots. The report highlighted there is a lot of commitment for Total Place from partners and stakeholders especially with emphasis on doing more for less and working with local people.

Board members will be asked to consider its findings as part of their response to the shaping of the partnership and the 2026 priorities.

### Migration Impacts Fund progress

The Migration Impacts Fund was launched in April 2009 to support projects that help to minimise the impact of migrants on public services. Birmingham was allocated £626,050 in the first year and £438,550 in the second year.

Government Office West Midlands has confirmed that the fund will be suspended from September 2010.

Projects are currently working towards bringing their programmes to an end by September.

### Future Jobs Fund update

Since the announcement from Government that FJF funding will cease, Be Birmingham has been working with employers to ensure the remainder of the programme is delivered effectively.

Birmingham's FJF programme has proved to be a great success with the phase one target of 750 job starts by

March 2010 achieved and phase two is also forecast to reach its target.

An enhanced job search project is underway supporting employers and employees to maximise the chances of employees progressing into permanent employment.

### Shared intelligence function progress

One of the key priorities to emerge from the Total Place pilot was the need to develop a partnership-wide intelligence and analysis function.

In response to this a multi-agency steering group has been formed to develop a strategy and how to implement it.

Work will be progressed in the following months to take the work forward.

### Next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 16th September 2010 at 08.30am at BVSC.

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