

23 December 2010

Dear Board Member,

Happy New Year! I am writing to invite you to join us at the Sandwell Partnership Stakeholders Board which is scheduled to meet at:

9.00 am Thursday, 7 January 2010
at the Hawthorns, West Bromwich

An agenda is attached to this letter. The Stakeholders Board now meets twice per year to hold the Sandwell Partnership Executive Board to account on behalf of a wide range of stakeholders in Sandwell. This meeting will report on the work of the Partnership over the last 6 months and as you can see from the agenda, there is a good deal to report to you about.

We particularly welcome to this meeting the newly appointed community representatives elected through the recently remodelled and re-launched Partnership Forum. They will be reporting back on the work they have started to help make the Partnership and our partners more accountable to local communities across our six towns.

I believe the meeting will set out very clearly the challenges we face in 2010, and the enthusiasm of all our partners to face them with enthusiasm and determination to succeed.

Yours sincerely



Gary Bowman
Sandwell Partnership Director

Sandwell Partnership Stakeholder's Board Meeting

9.00 am for refreshments
Thursday, 7 January 2010
at the Hawthorns, West Bromwich

Draft Agenda

1.	9.30	9.35	To register attendance	Chair
2	9.35	9.35	To receive apologies for absence	Chair
3.	9.35	9.45	Action Log & Forward Plan	Gary Bowman
4.	9.45	10.15	<i>(No papers- presentation)</i>	
		(a)	New Partnership Forum	Ally Allerson
		(b)	Appointment of Community Representatives to the Stakeholders Board	
		(c)	Feedback from Partnership Forum	Group work with Community Representatives (20 mins)
		(d)	Shared Priorities and Actions and Business Planning	Gary Bowman
5.	10.15	10.45	To consider the Report of the Executive Board:	
		(a)	Update on Performance	Joy Massey
		(b)	One place – Sandwell's Comprehensive Area Assessment	Gary Bowman
		(c)	The State of Sandwell 2009	Gary Bowman
	10.45	11.00	BREAK	

6.	11.00	11.40	<p><i>(No papers- presentation)</i> To consider the Report of the Executive Board:</p>	
			(a) BE PROUD campaign	John Garrett
			(b) Backing Young Sandwell	Gary Bowman
			(c) Connecting Communities	Gary Bowman
			(d) Achieving More with Less Effective and Efficient Partnership Working	Short group exercise (10 mins)
			(e) Update on 3 rd sector funding strategy	John Garrett
			(f) Additional Development Item Black Country Joint Core Strategy	to be confirmed
7.	11.40	11.45		
			(a) Bulletin	Surrinder Bains
			(b) Forthcoming Events	
8.				
			Please notify items for AOB in advance of the meeting	
				Meeting to end 11.45

Date of next meeting
Thursday, 1 July 2010 at
The Hawthorns, West Bromwich