

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

Of a virtual meeting of the **Local Strategic Partnership Board** held on Tuesday 23 June 2020 from 12.35pm to 2.14pm

Participants:	CLlr Sara Bedford (SB)	Leader of Three Rivers District Council
	Tina Barnard (TB)	Watford Community Housing
	Shivani Davé (SD)	Three Rivers District Council
	Beverley Dover (BD)	Teen and Parent Solutions Ltd.
	Marion Ingram (MI)	Hertfordshire County Council
	Bob Jones (RJ)	Watford & Three Rivers Trust
	Chris Luff (CL)	Watford & West Herts Chamber of Commerce
	Elsbeth Mackenzie (EM)	Chief Executive, Thrive Homes
	Sara Miles (SM)	Office of the PCC
	Roger Seabourne (RS)	Member, Three Rivers District Council
	Andy Stovold (AST)	Head of Community Partnerships, TRDC
	Adam Such (ASU)	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Christine Wyard (CW)	Ascend
	Rebecca Young (RY)	Strategic Policy & Partnerships Manager, TRDC
	Mike Simpson	Three Rivers District Council

LSP 01/20 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mark Mills-Bishop, Tim Anfilogoff, Esther Moors, Louise Halfpenny and Concetta Kyriacou

LSP 02/20 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR 2020-22

Councillor Sara Bedford was nominated to be Chairman of the Local Strategic Partnership Board for 2020-2022, duly seconded. Christine Wyard was nominated to be Vice-Chairman, duly seconded.

LSP 03/20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING held on 12 November 2019

The Minutes of the meeting were agreed to be an accurate record.

LSP 04/20 REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

RY said that following an internal audit it was recommended to update the Partnership's Terms of Reference every two years. The membership had been refreshed to include more key partners, and more information about the Community Interest Company (CIC). The review also included updated financial procedures and the structure of the Partnership.

RESOLVED:

That the Board noted the revised Terms of Reference.

LSP 05/20 COVID-19 ACTION PLAN AND IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Head of Community Partnerships introduced the Covid-19 Action Plan and Impact Assessment and highlighted several of the points therein.

He said the report identified a spike in Universal Credit claims among the 18-25 age group, and UC claims were now three times their previous level, although below those in the East of England. There was evidence of increased anxiety amongst young people with regard to employment opportunities.

A positive sign was that more agencies had adapted to delivering services online and virtually, enabling them to reach more young people, although a major challenge was 'digital exclusion' whereby people did not have access to online services.

It was intended to make help available for home schooling, along with the provision of technical support in the form of tablets

RY said funding was possibly available from Herts Valley Clinical Commissioning Group (HVCCG) and it was an opportunity to fund the CSP's post-Covid recovery work through some local organisations who could apply.

The Chairman asked if Members of the Board had any questions, and said she was very impressed with the volume of work and progress achieved in a short time, and that she felt for young people during the current situation who were missing out on what should be the best time of their lives. She added that she was trying to obtain a supply of laptops for Francis Coombe School in Garston.

CW said she was worried about the lack of IT equipment available for vulnerable adults, and asked whether the Head of Community Partnerships had any ideas. AST said there was a procurement project in place with IT by which products were bought in bulk and accounts set up at no cost to the individual. This would facilitate online education opportunities for adults and children, and local tech companies have been/would be approached for help.

The Chairman moved that the recommendations in the report be put to the Board, and were agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED:

- That the LSP Board notes the impact assessment work of the four sub-partnerships and emerging trends.
- That the LSP Board delegates to the chairs of the four sub-partnerships responsibility to develop action plans in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the LSP Board.
- That the LSP Board asks the shadow board of the Three Rivers District Community Interest Company to develop funding proposals with the assistance of the chairs of the 4 sub-partnerships.
- That progress is reported via email on the action plans and where consensus cannot be reached regarding priorities that further emergency meetings of the LSP Board are called.
- That the Board agrees to delegate to Andy/Rebecca (TRDC), Tim Anifilogoff (HVCCG), Bob Jones (W3RT), Amy Wilcox-Smith (WCH), Darryl Pereira (Thrive Homes), Kristy Thacker (HCC ACS), Karl Stonebank (OPCC) and

Simon Gentry & Jackie Clementson (HCC Children's Services) to co-ordinate investment of funds in VCS services in the local area.

LSP 06/20 COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY (CIC)

The Head of Community Partnerships provided an overview of progress in the development of a Community Interest Company, the purpose of which was to raise funds for Community Partnership projects by way of non-statutory funding streams.

Staffing support would be provided by commercial partners, and the Council would donate officer time to the CIC. A Shadow Board would be set up, comprising key partners, the TRDC appointee to be selected by the Policy and Resources Committee. Draft articles would be drawn up, and each Director would have limited liability of £1.

The financial value of the proposed CIC for 2020-21 was currently £951,059 which the Head of Community Partnerships said was very impressive for a CIC.

The presentation featured several means by which income could be generated, both from individuals and businesses, and the Head of Community Partnerships said as Three Rivers was a relatively affluent area, support was potentially available both financially and in kind.

The next steps were to agree a set of objectives, appoint directors and agree an Asset Lock company, likely to be Watford and Three Rivers Trust. Details of the CIC would then be sent to Companies House for registration.

A visual presentation was then made which highlighted the achievements of Spectra, a CIC in Hounslow, which exemplified opportunities for non-statutory funding.

CW said a European Social fund might be extended, and that the National Lottery was providing smaller grants in the short term. AST said each week different amounts were being allocated to worthy causes, and that the local voluntary sector was struggling. He will propose that a shadow meeting of the board is organised with the attendance of the Chair of the LSP to progress the action plan and report back to the next LSP Board.

The Chairman thanked the Head of Community Partnerships for his presentation. She said it was a very good idea to help the vulnerable, and invited questions from Board members, of which there was none.

The CEO of Watford and Three Rivers Trust, RJ, was introduced to the Board, and said the CIC was a very exciting project. He said that some funding was available only to registered charities, and that voluntary sector partners might be able to help with bids on an ad hoc basis. A report to this effect would be made available to the next meeting of the Local Strategic Partnership Board.

RESOLVED:
That the CIC presentation be noted.

LSP 07/20 SOS PROJECT - INTERIM EVALUATION

BD presented the Youth Action Panel's interim report, which focused on young people at serious risk of violence and exploitation. The presentation detailed the panel's structure, which incorporated a multi-agency approach, referral processes and the means by which it measured its results. St Giles SOS care workers were highlighted as being key to the project, and in particular their ability to engage with those who had been referred.

BD said the agency needed to consider whether the present model delivered the best value or were other methods worth considering.



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The Chairman thanked the external evaluators and project managers for their support and noted that the final evaluation will come back to a future meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the SOS Project interim evaluation be noted.

LSP 08/20 YOUTH SERIOUS VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN VIDEO

This item was deferred due to lack of time, but the video is available to see via the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ozq9o6HouYI>

LSP 09/20 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER UPDATE

SM said it was a particularly busy time for the Police and Crime Commissioner who was having fortnightly meetings with the Community Safety portfolio holders and the Hertfordshire Criminal Justice board.

Bids for funding were currently being worked through.

The coronavirus pandemic had resulted in a big backlog in the criminal courts, which had a significant impact on young people waiting for a court date. St Albans had discontinued jury trials due to social distancing rules, and other larger venues were under consideration. Of particular concerns were young people whose lives were on hold whilst waiting for their trials and victims and witnesses who may lose confidence may feel they are unable to support a prosecution if wait times are excessively long.

SM said that fly tipping was up 10% in the county, and in Three Rivers was up 4%, which equated to three cases, and was mainly been due to construction/demolition and excavation.

There has been a lot of press coverage on the Black Lives Matter demonstrations across the county over the last couple of weeks and lots of communication into the office on the subject, which has brought up questions regarding any ethnic disproportionality in stop and search or fixed penalty notices given during the Covid pandemic. The Constabulary and the independent Stop & Search scrutiny panel is completing a thorough investigation into this data to understand what the picture is in Hertfordshire.

CW asked to what extent the level of stop and searches was disproportionate. SM said no exact figures were available, largely because of inconsistencies in

the filling in of forms relating to ethnicity, but every force in the country showed an increase in the stop and search of young black men.

SB asked SM to share the stop and search figures with the LSP Board at a future meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation by the Office of the PCC be noted.

LSP 10/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business. The Chairman encouraged members of the Board to read the two items published on the website under AOB, Labour Market profile and Universal Credit timeline.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

October 2020

March 2021

CHAIRMAN