

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

of a virtual meeting of the **Local Strategic Partnership Board** held on Tuesday 20 October 2020 from 10am to 11.48am

Participants:	Sara Bedford	Member, Three Rivers District Council
	Rebecca Young	Acting Head of Community Partnerships
	Paul Richmond	Watford Community Housing
	Shivani Davé	Three Rivers District Council
	Chris Luff	Watford & West Herts Chamber of Commerce
	Elsbeth Mackenzie	Chief Executive, Thrive Homes
	Sara Miles	Office of the PCC
	Roger Seabourne	Member, Three Rivers District Council
	Adam Such	Hertfordshire Constabulary
	Christine Wyard	Ascend
	Nicole Smith	South west Herts SOS Project
	Nicky Fawcett	Watford & Three Rivers Trust
	Peta Mettam	CASTR
	Paula Hiscocks	Member, Three Rivers District Council
	Freddy Chester	Three Rivers District Council
	Jim Moran	Hertfordshire Fire and rescue Service
	Louse Halfpenny	West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust.
	Mike Simpson	Three Rivers District Council

LSP 11/20 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sarah Nelmes (Cllr Sara Bedford substituted), Tim Anfilogoff, Tina Barnard (Paul Richmond substituted) Trevor Brown (Jim Moran substituted), Terry Douris and Mark Mills-Bishop.

The Chair paid tribute to the former Head of Community Partnerships Andy Stovold, and thanked him for all he did to establish the Local Strategic Partnership Board amongst his many other achievements.

LSP 12/20 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2020 were agreed to be an accurate record.

CW referred to page 2 regarding the bulk buying of IT equipment and asked if there was any further news on that. RY said the CSP still aimed to do something of that nature but there was no further development yet. CW said in her experience of giving mobile phones and tablets to people who could not use them was problematic, even after training had been given. Unfortunately such well-intentioned acts brought their own problems if people were not motivated to use IT equipment they were given.

LSP 13/20 TERMS OF REFERENCE - AMENDMENT

An amendment to the new LSP Terms of Reference was proposed to include the Chair of the Community Safety Board as board member of the LSP and included in the Structure Chart and Membership list in the Terms of Reference.

RESOLVED:

The Board unanimously agreed to the revised terms of reference for the LSP Board.

LSP 14/20 SOS PROJECT

SD provided an overview of the Serious Youth Violence project, which was a triple District scheme supported by nine of the ten local authorities within the county.

Funding had been provided for four St. Giles Trust SOS workers, but the delivery of the project was now being revisited beyond April 2021.

The Three Rivers support worker talked through one of her cases who, with intervention, was transformed from troubled youth to potentially presentable young man. NS said the family was more inclined to engage with SOS due to it not being affiliated to the police or social services, and the intervention left the family with the skills and confidence to address future issues.

Action Point Include link to Youth Action Panel referrals

RESOLVED:

That the Board noted the presentation.

LSP 15/20 WATFORD AND THREE RIVERS TRUST

The Board received an update on the work undertaken by the voluntary sector throughout the pandemic from Nicky Fawcett, Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

CW thanked NF for the support provided to Ascend during Covid, and RY said W3RT was the Council's main delivery partner during the pandemic and thanked her for the agency's support, particularly with the food hub, and help in developing a business relationship with funding from Council.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

LSP 16/20 HOSPITAL REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Board received an update on progression with Watford General Hospital redevelopment from Louise Halfpenny, Director of Communications West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust.

The redevelopment programme had undergone numerous changes since its inception, and the initial hope of building a new hospital at a new site in Watford was no longer feasible. The preferred option now was to transform the current site at Watford General Hospital, with some funding directed to St Albans and Hemel Hempstead. The priority for the redevelopment had become delivery date, and 2025 was the target. The redevelopment would result in new buildings within the Watford River project, and architects had been engaged. A tender process had begun to secure a construction partner.

On being asked how the building work would impact existing patients at Watford General, LH said construction work was constantly in progress so little would change. She said a lot of the work would be on land to which

services would be moved, and building will not take place around patients in beds.

In response to a question about the planned new car park at Watford General, which would free up much land for hospital buildings, LH said it was planned to open in 2022.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.



LSP 17/20 COMMUNITY STRATEGY RECOVERY PLAN

The Acting Head of Community Partnerships provided a report on the key needs identified, and actions planned and undertaken through the Community Strategy Recovery Plan. The plan identified new and emerging needs, of which the voluntary sector was an integral part.

The project to create a CIC was delayed due to Covid and the demands on resources, but this would be revisited as soon as possible.

The CSP was working with partners to draw in funding, and key areas were identified for which services would be delivered in conjunction with selected partners.

The CSP produced weekly partnership bulletins to facilitate communication between all agencies, and it was asked that any relevant information be forwarded for inclusion.

RESOLVED:

That the SOS Project interim evaluation be noted.

LSP 18/20 POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER UPDATE

SM presented an update from the office of the PCC which focused on information about funding. She said an Action fund of up to £5k was still open for those agencies wishing to bid, and the Covid emergency fund of up to £2k was still open. The larger Community Safety fund was now closed, and money had been awarded to, amongst others Mind, SOS, and YC Herts for early intervention work around Watford General Hospital.

Fly-tipping had increased due to Covid and funding was still available for schemes to address the problem. The OPCC was successful in securing funding from central government tackling sexual exploitation crimes that linked with trafficking and modern slavery, and funding was available for victim support through the court system, including remote evidence-giving.

SD asked whether there were plans in place for funding next year, to which SM said it was possible that a commissioning-based approach would be looked at but for now she had no information. Everything was delayed due to Covid but she would find out and let SD know.

RESOLVED:

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

LSP 19/20 CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

A presentation on the Climate Change Strategy developed by Three Rivers District Council was made by Joanna Hewitson, Climate Change Officer, which began with the Council's stated commitment to aim of achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2030. Some companies were making a contribution to the environmental cause, and the presentation highlighted the positive achievements by Three Rivers District Council to date but emphasised there was a great deal more to do.

The presentation stated that Hertfordshire was one of the driest counties with $\frac{2}{3}$ of national rainfall but, but water use was 8% more than the national average.



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CW asked why was use of water so high in Hertfordshire, to which JH replied St. Albans consumed more water than Three Rivers, and though the reasons were not known for certain, it was believed to be correlated to wealth in that detached houses with large gardens used more. A scheme was launched in St Albans to try to reduce water consumption by 5% and progress would be monitored.

RS asked for clarification of the statistic in which TRDC ranks 40th out of 54 authorities in East of England for CO2 emissions, and asked that it be made clear whether 14 councils were better or worse than Three Rivers. His fear was that the latter applied, and JH confirmed that to be the case, and future presentations would make it clearer.

LSP 20/20 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CW said there were over 50 visits to the food hub in a week recently, and the situation was scary given winter was not yet upon us.

CASTR was now open in three locations for face to face visits by appointment, and this information was posted on the website.

AS and EM thanked those who presented at the meeting and said they were really interesting. The Chair said it was clear there was a lot of good work going on within Three Rivers

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

17 March 2021

CHAIRMAN