

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

of a virtual meeting of the **Local Strategic Partnership Board** held on Tuesday 22 June 2021 from 10am to 11.48am

Participants:	Sara Bedford (Chair)	Member, Three Rivers District Council
	Sarah Nelmes	Leader of Three Rivers District Council
	Rebecca Young	Acting Head of Community Partnerships
	Shivani Davé	Three Rivers District Council
	Roger Seabourne	Member, Three Rivers District Council
	Sara Miles	Office of the PCC
	Julie Nicholson	Herts MIND Network
	Marion Ingram	Thrive Homes
	Julie Wittich	Watford Community Housing
	Michael Eastwood	Probation Service
	Peta Mettam	CASTR
	Bob Jones	Watford and Three Rivers Trust
	Jane Bellard	Affinity Water
	Elspeth Mackenzie	Thrive Homes
	Cl Alex Warwick	Hertfordshire Police
	Saffron Johnson	Watford Chamber of Commerce
	Alison Mirpuri	Three Rivers District Council
	Freddy Chester	Three Rivers District Council
	Stuart Saunders	Hertfordshire Fire and rescue Service
	Jane Drury	Healthy Hub
	Lynn Talbot	Herts Valleys CCG
	Louise Savory	Herts Valleys CCG
	Jo Hewitson	TRDC Climate Change Strategy Officer
	Ellie Nathan	TRDC Climate Change Support Officer
	Jamie Russell	Three Rivers District Council
	Mike Simpson (from 10.30am)	Three Rivers District Council

LSP 01/21 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Amarpreet Hullait (DWP)

LSP 02/21 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Stuart Saunders was nominated by Councillor Roger Seabourne to be Vice-Chair of the LSP Board for 2021-22, seconded by Bob Jones. Duly elected.

LSP 03/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2021 were agreed to be an accurate account.

LSP 04/21 GREEN HOMES GRANT

The TRDC Climate Change Support Officer made a presentation on the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery (GHG LAD). The Council had received a grant of £1.3m to be used towards relieving fuel poverty and improving energy conservation, and more than 66% of homes in Three Rivers were energy inefficient.



Green Homes Grant
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The Climate Change Strategy Officer, said two grants had been received, one for a project in conjunction with Hertsmere Borough Council and the other with Watford, the primary focus being to make homes more energy-efficient. A third grant was to be directed towards social housing. The Climate Change Strategy Officer said the Council was very keen to use the entire grant, for which households with an annual income of less than £30k were eligible.

BJ asked what a park home was, as shown in the presentation, to which the response was that it's a basic, uninsulated structure where several are situated together.

PM asked if Thrive Homes had already identified properties for receiving energy-saving assistance. The Climate Change Strategy Officer said 24 properties had been selected, but referrals should continue to be made as more funding was being received.

Action: Promotional material to be shares with Board members.

Councillor Sara Bedford joined the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

LSP 05/21

AFFINITY WATER

Jane Bellard, SOS Campaign Lead at Affinity Water presented the Save our Streams campaign and activities. It was stated that chalk streams were ten times at risk as coral reefs and remedial action was essential to prevent catastrophic consequences. Celebrities had been recruited to promote education of the public in the need to use water more efficiently as consumption had increased substantially over the years. A campaign had been created to support the initiative, and awareness measures included a bath tub road show, a Stand Up comedy gig in May, print ads and radio advertising including national media coverage. JB asked the Board to consider how they could spread the word.

The Climate Change Strategy Officer asked if the 'big bath' would be available to feature at the Rickmansworth Festival next May. JH and JB agreed to discuss outside the meeting. SB said being a water-based festival the appearance of the promotional bath would be appropriate. The festival traditionally featured a sound stage which would offer more opportunities to promote the campaign. SD suggested featuring the 'big bath' at the Herts Pride event in August if available.

JB asked that Board members encourage as many people as possible to sign up to the campaign at [SaveOurStreams.co.uk](https://www.saveourstreams.co.uk)

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

LSP 06/21

TRDC CORPORATE FRAMEWORK

The Head of Community Partnerships presented the Council's Corporate Framework 2020-23 and talked through the Corporate Action Plan for 2021-23 and explained how the objectives would be met.



**Corporate action
plan 2021.pdf**

The Council was currently consulting on the local plan, and other key objectives included reducing inequalities and addressing climate change and sustainability. Members of the Board were invited to submit any ideas for inclusion in the plan as economic recovery from the pandemic was dependent on interaction with partners.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

LSP 07/21

HEALTHY HUB

The Board received a presentation from the TRDC Consultation & Partnerships Officer who provided an update on the progress of Healthy Hub. The Council's remit since 2019 was to manage the Healthy Hub, initially in partnership with Ascend, and there was now a Service Level Agreement in place with MIND, the latter delivering pop-up locations including the Rickmansworth Foodbank and the Three Rivers HIVE at Leavesden Country Park.



**Three Rivers District
Council Health Hub**

A third site was planned for the Hillside Hub at School Mead, for which a change of use application has been made, and it was hoped that it would go before the Planning Committee in July 2021.

The Healthy Hub works very closely with the Foodbank, which has seen 57 clients seen since October 2020. The Healthy Hub offers a wide range of help, advice and practical solutions to various health and wellbeing issues.

Jane Drury (Ascend) said it was great news that the Hillside Hub would be available to work with, and a big project for the agency was to educate people towards healthier eating. Sarah Scotland was presenting a cookery box project for which food was delivered in boxes accompanied by recipes.

A weight management group included personal trainers, Nordic walking and talks by a nutritionist and was supported by Everyone Active, Herts Health Walks and Weightwatchers.

Bob Jones said W3RT had a Neighbours Together programme that involved recruiting community champions, and would be happy to work with Ascend.

JN expressed thanks to the Council for its support on mental health issues

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

LSP 08/21

WHOLE SYSTEMS OBESITY

The TRDC Partnerships and Projects Officer presented plans to begin a new Whole Systems Obesity Pilot project focusing on South Oxhey to tackle obesity and health inequalities.



LSP - South Oxhey
Obesity Pilot.pptx

Although the CSP had not been successful in securing funding for the project, numerous issues had been identified that could be worked on. The project would focus on one part of the district rather than Three Rivers as a whole, and work to date had revealed some worrying statistics on obesity within young people, and the consequent effects on the local community.

A new project with Herts Sports Partnership was aimed at promoting exercise, and South Oxhey possessed a newly refurbished leisure centre and numerous play areas, tennis courts and MUGAs, but a challenge was the large number of junk food outlets in the area.

An aim was to form a task group with key partners to examine the causes of obesity and how best to address it, linking up with the Healthy Hub and referrals to Weightwatchers. A consultation process would take place involving focus groups before delivery of any solutions

One area identified was to engage with schools regarding healthier eating, and it was accepted that signposting and referrals were areas for improvement. Bob Jones suggested his colleagues at W3RT speak to Freddy to see what could be done by way of collaboration.

The Chair said if any other partners wished to become involved it would be good.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

LSP 09/21 VACCINATION PLAN

Lynn Talbot, NHS Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group, presented a County Wide update on vaccinations, and said one positive to emerge from the pandemic was the working together by partners. The vaccination project was the biggest ever undertaken by the NHS and its success was dependent on co-operation from other agencies.

The primary aim was to prevent death within all communities and provide access to vaccinations, and a particular focus was on the hard to reach groups, of which there were seven sub-groups; Mental Health, Homeless, Lonely Disabled, Vulnerable Women, Gypsy/Travellers, Ethnic Minorities and Drug/Alcohol. There was a distinct disparity of vaccine uptake between those identifying as white British and the minority groups, and it was clear that intervention work was required.

LT highlighted the work of the Behaviour Change Unit, and suggested it may be something that the obesity project might consider.

The myriad myths and disinformation surrounding Covid vaccines do not help, and the aim of the CCG was to make it as easy as possible to get vaccinated, and it would be interesting to see what the uptake by over 18s would be. Promotional pieces on social media resulted in increased numbers of people coming forward to be jabbed, and the current strategy was to take the vaccine to minority groups by way of pop-up clinics community venues e.g. churches,

mosques etc. To date the biggest challenge was the homeless, of which just 53% were vaccinated.



Vaccination Plan 3
Rivers LSP v1 Is final.

Louise Savory spoke of the next steps on the vaccination programme. There was an incredible response to date, with between 80-95% having received a jab, but actual figures revealed that 40,000 individuals in the 50+ age group across Hertfordshire were not vaccinated, and therefore continue to be potential spreaders of the virus and contribute to the next wave. One way to address this is a locality based approach, requiring even greater collaboration between local authorities and the NHS.

Greater analysis of demographic data would help identify where the vaccine was not taken up and how interventions could help. Floated suggestions were walk-in clinics, buses and other mobile centres, and workshops would take place next week within communities and workplaces, where it was established that manual workers were less likely to take up the jab.

Plans existed to recruit Covid Engagement Officers at GP surgeries and engage directly. LS said it was expected that vaccination work would continue for a further ten months, and it was essential to learn from the experience for future healthcare.

A walk-in event would take place at the Vicarage Road football stadium in Watford on Sunday 27 June, where it was hoped to vaccinate over 3000 over 18s, and volunteers were needed.

Shivani Davé said the TRDC Covid Engagement Officer was in post for two months now, and was working with Lynn and the team to try to gather information which would be helpful in addressing the concerns of vaccine sceptics and refusers.

Action: SD to send information to input Local Vaccination Plan.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

LSP 10/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Louise Halfpenny and Esther Moors asked to update the Board on the redevelopment plans for West Herts Hospitals NHS Trust. As the item was not on the agenda, and there was not time to receive a presentation, it was agreed that details would be disseminated via the minutes of the meeting.

The Trust was currently running the second phase of its public engagement **Your Care, Your Views**, which ends midday June 30. It was important that Three Rivers District Council was kept informed on the redevelopment plans for West Herts Hospitals NHS Trust.

Attached is the latest presentation for sharing with Members/colleagues and a link to one of its public meetings

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZfGu_Xg20L8.

Board members and the public can also [view what future plans](#) could look like at Watford General Hospital.

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.westhertshospitals.nhs.uk/about/redevelopment/yourcareyourviews.asp>

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

Wednesday 20 October 2021 Venue to be confirmed

Wednesday 23 March 2022 Venue to be confirmed

CHAIR