

## THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

### MINUTES

of a virtual meeting of the **Local Strategic Partnership Board** held on Wednesday 20 October 2021 from 10am to 12noon.

Participants: Sara Bedford (Chair)	Member, Three Rivers District Council
Clare Baars-Gordon	Watford & Three Rivers Trust (Sub for Bob Jones)
Tina Barnard	Watford Community Housing
Kelly Brown	Beacon (Sub for Rebecca Bayley)
Shivani Davé	Three Rivers District Council
Fiona Deans	Hertfordshire County Council
Terry Douris	Hertfordshire County Council (Sub for Fiona Hill)
Dami Fashakin	Three Rivers District Council
Paula Hiscocks	Member, Three Rivers District Council
Chris Luff	Watford Chamber of Commerce
Elspeth Mackenzie	Thrive Homes
Sara Miles	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Sarah Nelmes	Leader of Three Rivers District Council
Emma Power	Home-Start, Watford and Three Rivers
Roger Seabourne	Member, Three Rivers District Council
Cl Alex Warwick	Hertfordshire Police
Rebecca Young	Head of Community Partnerships
Mike Simpson	Three Rivers District Council

#### **LSP 11/21 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Marion Ingram, Stuart Saunders, Peta Mettam, Rebecca Bayley (Sub Kelly Brown) and Amarpreet Hullait (DWP)

#### **LSP 12/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2021 2021 were agreed to be an accurate account.

#### **LSP 13/21 HEALTH AND WELLBEING CONSULTATION**

The Board received a presentation from Fiona Deans, Health Improvement Lead - Integration at Hertfordshire County Council on the Health and Wellbeing consultation.



03 Survey headline findings - NWA Soc

Following the presentation, the Chair asked whether there was a correlation between loss of income and ill health. FD said no exact data was available that suggested a link, but a question was included in the consultation relating to which factors impact the individual's health.

The Head of Community Partnerships asked if it was expected that the Healthy Hub would feature within the consultation as it was well placed to support the service. FD said it was, and that the Healthy Hub was an integral part of the Health and Wellbeing service.

## **LSP 14/21 HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUB GROUP**

Dami Fashakin, Health Inequalities Officer at Three Rivers District Council, presented on the proposal to create a Health and Wellbeing sub-group for the LSP. She said the focus would be on Health Inequalities in general, and not just Covid related.



04 LSP\_Health and wellbeing\_ presenta

The presentation concluded with a list of organisations with which the LSP didn't currently engage but would potentially be of mutual benefit. The Head of Community Partnerships said the proposal was to set up a sub group as an officer-led strategy to address the issue of health inequalities which have increased considerably since Covid, and review it as part of the Community Strategy if the LSP Board agrees.

CL said the Chamber of Commerce works with the Watford FC Sports and Education Trust and offered to put DF in touch with them. He added that the Chamber was arranging Mental Health First Aid Awareness courses for a thousand people in Watford, working with Atria and Camelot and a youth version was available, and anyone wishing to attend and gain a level one qualification should contact him. A link to the WCC website would be circulated for the benefit of those wishing to take part in the Mental Health programme. SD asked if details could be disseminated amongst CSP partners, to which the reply was affirmative.

In response to a question about the source of the data, DF said it was 2020-21 data from Public Health England. The Chair asked whether it was impacted by the pandemic and that it would be interesting to compare the figures with pre lockdown stats. CBG said Watford & Three Rivers Trust would be very interested in the Mental Health First Aiders training but being a charity budgets were limited. In response to the question of cost, CL said training was free.

On being put to the Board, the setting up of a sub-group to address health inequalities was declared CARRIED by the Chair, the voting being unanimous.

**RESOLVED:**

That a sub-group be established to address the issue of health inequalities.

## **LSP 15/21 MENTAL HEALTH**

The Board received a presentation by Alex Warwick, Chief Inspector at Herts Police on the mental health issues being dealt with by the police.



05 Mental health presentation 20.10.2

The presentation included details of how the police respond to situations where mental health issues were a clear factor, the use of Section 136 powers and the utilisation of an approved mental health professional. (AMHP) Currently there were between 400-500 mental health tagged incidents per week in Hertfordshire which suggests a different approach is required as current methods are time-consuming and labour intensive and proposals are being

considered with various partners. AW said she was surprised by the high number of mental health related incidents in the District, and would look further into why it was the case. AW welcomed input from LSP partners. The Chair encouraged partners to put forward examples of mental health issues their agencies have experienced and ideas in which their agencies may be able to support the police.

RS expressed surprise that the statistics for mental health tagged incidents in Watford were much lower than for Three Rivers, and AW agreed that the figures required further investigation.

SD said the Council's intention was to base a Community Support Service worker from Herts Mind Network in the police station to encourage referrals and support officers with signposting for additional support. The CSS capacity had increased since the pandemic started and demand increased significantly, and asked whether was anyone aware of funding possibilities so the level of service could be maintained as they are currently struggling to source the amount needed. SM suggested meeting with the OPCC.

RS asked whether missing persons posters were taken down once cases were completed, because if not the impact was lost. AW said if posters were up the individuals were still missing, and they were taken down and removed from the person was no longer missing.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

## **LSP 16/21 PCC UPDATE**

Sara Miles provided a verbal update from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Board.



06 OPCC RAG  
Briefing October 20.

A big current project was the developing of a refreshed Police and Crime plan for Hertfordshire, and addressing key themes in his election manifesto. Priorities included evidence-based policing, early intervention and a more preventative approach. Consultation on the plan would go out to partners and the public for completion in 2022.

Funding would be more thematic, with mental health and drug and alcohol treatment amongst the priorities. The bidding process for funding of community safety projects had changed to a more commissioning-based approach which meant applications were scored and assessed, and the OPCC would work more with Districts to understand where funding was required.

Speeding was a big a community safety concern, and a one year pilot project had commenced involving the positioning of road safety vans in roads where a problem of speeding vehicles was perceived, and would be located in each of Hertfordshire's ten Boroughs and Districts for at least two days a week.

Recruitment to the Stop and Search panel was underway, with the aim to make it as representative as possible.

The Chair was aware of warnings posted on social media about road safety vans being parked in the locality which, it could be argued, merited a caution as doing so defeated the object of the exercise and speeding motorists would not

learn from it. AW said it can be a good thing, and it's publicity for the scheme. The Chair said employing dummy speed vans and cameras might slow people down but unfortunately it was not lawful to do so. TD said rather than receive a caution in the post, offending motorists may be more likely to consider their actions if a police officer or PCSO visited them in person, although he recognised that logistics and resources would be an issue.

RESOLVED:

That the PCC update be noted.

## **LSP 17/21 FAMILIES (HOME-START)**

Emma Power, CEO of Home-Start Watford & Three Rivers, presented on current services and the impact of COVID on the charity.



07 Home-Start  
Presentation.pptx

The service was formed in 1973 by a young mother who identified a need for support and friendship. The Watford and Three Rivers branch opened in 1993 and currently supports more than families per year including 300 children with 60 home-visiting volunteers. The branch covers the areas of Watford, Three Rivers and Hertsmere and accepts referrals from a number of sources.

EP said the number of families living in poverty has risen in recent years from one in six to one in three, and there are as many families with adults in employment living in poverty as there are with unemployed. Less than 50% of families supported have access to an outside space i.e. live in a flat, and demand for the service is currently outstripping capacity by a considerable extent.

PH asked whether Home-Start provided assistance with transport to South Oxhey for those wishing to visit the service from other areas of the District, to which it was replied that no funding is currently available for transport but Home-Start was looking to organise pop-up centres to bring the service to those in need. PH said Rickmansworth library would be perfect for such a purpose and she would be happy to put some of her locality budget towards it. CL said the Chamber was in negotiations with Atria shopping centre in Watford and would be a good option for a pop-up, and said Wood Oaks Farm in Maple Cross would also be a perfect site.

CL added that he had 1000 trees available to plant if anyone was interested. The Chair said it would be necessary to refer to the Council's tree plan as they have to be a certain type and size.

SD suggested EP makes contact with Roundabout Transport, with whom the CSP has a Service Level Agreement (SLA) and who may be able to assist in providing transport to South Oxhey for potential Home-Start customers.

SN would be happy to accept the offer of a thousand trees and there are plenty of places to plant them. SN to put CL in touch with the relevant person..

RESOLVED:

That the presentation be noted.

## **LSP 18/21 FAMILIES (FAMILIES FIRST)**

The Board received a presentation from Karen Dorney, Thriving Families Team Manager at Hertfordshire County Council on Families First, which featured a Performance Report from April 2020-March 2021



08 FFS report Apr  
2020 - Mar 2021 Her

Following the presentation KD said that the location of the service, the Otley Centre in South Oxhey, would be a perfect location for a pop-up facility and if CL was interested she would put him in touch with the relevant people. CL would be very interested – probably from next year.

**RESOLVED:**

That the presentation be noted.

**LSP 19/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business (had to join the CSB meeting)

**DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Wednesday 23 March 2022.

**CHAIR**