

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES

of a meeting of the **Local Strategic Partnership Board** held on Wednesday 23 March 2022 from 10am to 11.40am at Three Rivers House, Northway, Rickmansworth, WD3 1RL.

Participants:

Stuart Saunders (Acting Chair)	Watford and Three Rivers Fire Service
Clare Baars-Gordon (CBG)	Watford & Three Rivers Trust (Sub for Bob Jones)
Shivani Davé (SD)	Three Rivers District Council
Dami Fashakin (DF)	Three Rivers District Council
Louise Halfpenny (LH)	West Herts Hospital Trust
Fiona Hill	Hertfordshire County Council (Sub for Terry Douris)
Amarpreet Hullait	DWP
Marion Ingram	Hertfordshire County Council Children's Service
Elspeth Mackenzie	Thrive Homes
Peta Mettam	CASTR
Sara Miles (SM)	Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Cllr Sarah Nelmes	Leader of Three Rivers District Council
Emma Power	Home-Start, Watford and Three Rivers
Tiffany Richards	Ascend
Cllr Roger Seabourne	Member, Three Rivers District Council
Nicole Theron	Stevenage Borough Council
CI Alex Warwick	Hertfordshire Police
Rebecca Young	Three Rivers District Council
Amy Parmar	Three Rivers District Council

In attendance: Paula Hiscocks, Member, Three Rivers District Council

LSP 20/21 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Joanne Wagstaffe, Terry Douris (Sub Fiona Hill), Tina Barnard, Joanna Marovitch, Tina Barnard and Councillor Sara Bedford. Board noted that Councillor Bedford had stepped down as Chair and Stuart Saunders was retiring from service and was also stepping down as vice chair. Voting for a new chair and vice chair would be done at the next meeting.

LSP 21/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2021 were agreed to be an accurate account.

LSP 22/21 VOLUNTARY SECTOR

The Board received a presentation by Clare Baars-Gordon, Head of Community Development at W3RT.



Item 3 W3RT

The Head of Community Development said there had been a restructure in Senior Management last year as the workload had been increasing and more team members were needed. CBG summarised the key community development projects and provided a brief outline of Three Rivers Community

Voluntary Service supported by Alex Murray, Neighbourhood Together Project, which included the involvement of Alison May and her team helping to reduce social isolation. This had been extremely challenging during the pandemic. The team was also supporting Council Community Development initiatives and an update on CVS Community Funds was provided to the Board. Since the lockdown was lifted there was a renewed sense of confidence.

It was noted that 270 Community Champion Volunteers from across the local area had contributed to their communities. Over 20 different languages were identified which allowed the services to reach different community groups.

In response to a question regarding the number of surveys sent out, the Board was advised that over 100 organisations had received them. A four week timespan had been given for the responses with the possibility of an extension if necessary. CBG said organisations would be chased for a response as it formed an important part of information gathering in determining strategy and approach for the next 12 months.

In response to a question relating to the increase in the need for services, and whether it was one service area or a general increase, CBG advised that other charity groups which had a range of activities, had reported increases but more specific data wasn't yet available. CBG advised that when full analysis was undertaken the data could be shared. It was said that during the pandemic there was a rise in the calls made to reach out to people as the isolation period was very difficult for many. As the lockdown ended the requirement for support reduced as people were able to get out and about. The numbers had risen at pharmacies where prescriptions were dropped for the more clinically vulnerable who struggled to engage with others and get out. The aim was to remain proactive in supporting food banks, as reliance had increased, with toiletries and hygiene products being high on the list.

During the pandemic funding for community groups had been available.

It was asked whether any voluntary sector funding would be available from other agencies other than Three Rivers given that fuel and other costs were increasing and Food bank services were on the rise. It was noted that support from the Council had been amazing in terms of providing a funding lifeline within the community. CBG said there would be some funding received over the next few months. CBG highlighted the Community Renewal Building Fund, Corporate Sponsorship and other funding programmes, and larger funding opportunities such as the National Lottery. CBG said W3RT ran the Herts Funding Database, and Alex Murray's role was to meet with groups, assess their needs and advise on options with the use of the live database. A tailored approach would be taken which would help to identify requirements and provide recommendations. In some instances fees could be funded and a consultant could be hired to write a bid to gain larger funds. CBG said W3RT had launched its Fund Raising Network which met on a quarterly basis. A three day fund raising drive had recently been completed, with a range of regional and national funds available. Further details would be available once the links were updated.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation and update be noted.

LSP 23/21

UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

The Head of Community Partnerships presented details on the Levelling Up fund and UK Shared Prosperity fund, and how the LSP Board can be can be involved.



Item 4 Levelling
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The Head of Community Partnerships, RY, confirmed the details within the Government's Levelling Up White Paper, which was published in February. The key parts of the Levelling Up scheme were provided to the Board. The five pillars were discussed and it was stated there may need to be changes to performance indicators and how they were being delivered locally. The 12 missions were aimed at inequalities. A summary of the shared Prosperity Fund was provided with details on how a formula would be used to work it out. To date there was no confirmation regarding the amount of funding available although it would be allocated to Local Authorities. The Head of Community Partnerships said it was key that local partners be involved in the process and should sign up local partners. The Leader of the Council confirmed that Herts County Council, Districts and Boroughs were in agreement that the money would be distributed across the County.

The investment priorities at Three Rivers were discussed which included ideas on community, place and pride. Considerations were discussed on linking to anti-social behaviour and projects to consult with communities through the Council. Meeting the Government target of net zero by 2050 also had to be incorporated. The aim was to consider this in all the projects with a target of reaching that point by 2045. Examples of open spaces with cycling routes and linking these places together was given.. The next steps were to prepare a paper in the summer on which the Council would look to engage with groups.

RESOLVED:

That the UK Shared Prosperity Fund presentation be noted.

LSP 24/21 HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP

Dami Fashakin, Health Inequalities Officer at Three Rivers District Council, presented details on the proposal to create a Health and Wellbeing sub-group, after which the Board was asked to agree the Terms of Reference.



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Inequalities Present

The Three Rivers Health and Wellbeing Partnership had been set up to promote access to ongoing engagement to services and to target support and tackle ongoing issues of health inequalities in Three Rivers. The aim was to identify issues and seek funding where necessary which will form part of the meeting in April with partnership organisations and would help to identify what was deemed as the required needs. A workshop would be arranged to engage with key groups and an action plan would be created on agreed priorities.

In response to a question about the aims of partnership, the Health Inequalities Officer gave an overview of the Terms of Reference which outlined the Group's purpose, objectives and membership



Item 5 Three Rivers
Health and Wellbeing

It was noted that the Terms of Reference would be similar to others as they were based on other sub groups of the LSP Board. Although there was a list of members and partners, other groups were welcome to be involved as it would be beneficial to work with any many people as possible.

Action: Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) to be listed in the Terms of Reference

RESOLVED:

That the Health and Wellbeing Partnership presentation update be noted, and that the Terms of Reference of the Health and Wellbeing sub-group be agreed.

LSP 25/21 WEST HERTS HOSPITAL TRUST

Louise Halfpenny presented on the development of West Herts Hospital Trust.



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The development currently covered three sites, and although others were considered they were not suitable for the timescales that was being worked towards. The Board had made the decision in October 2020 to rule out any new sites. Hemel Hempstead and St Albans City were ruled out due to volume and complexity of the projects outlined. Watford General Hospital would have a range of specialist, emergency, urgent and routine care across all three sites. The rebuilding at Watford General Hospital and the proposal for the new buildings were outlined. Details on the rebuild were shown to the Board. The rebuild would put the services where they needed to be with the services closer together.

The next information update session was scheduled for 10 May 2022 from 11.30-1.30pm, and was an open invitation. Other information sessions were:

Same day emergency care – 6 April 6-7.30pm
Virtual healthcare – 8 April 12-1.30pm
Design principles – April date to be confirmed
Travel and access – 26 May 12-1.30pm

Blue print was a monthly update where latest updates were provided on the plans via email and through the website.

In response to a question regarding the patient having care at home, it was explained that it began as a pilot, with Watford being the first hospital in the country to run a virtual hospital for Covid. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and heart failure were now being treated at home as they are conditions that can be managed with a degree of monitoring and apps. Positive feedback from patients and clinical outcomes had been good which meant that the scheme was working successfully. As a result of this the hospital took a decision to roll out the service into other treatment pathways. Since the pandemic they had already treated 7,000 patients virtually. There is now a regional plan in plan for virtual hospital care.

A member of the Board asked how it would be ensured that a diverse range of people was represented on the consultation process. An example was put forward of the local deaf club in Watford which experienced significant barriers to accessing services, and this remained a concern, as was the matter of engagement with local people.

It was said in response that details had been presented to the deaf club and the Head of Patient Experience was in liaison with them. Efforts were being made to keep them involved. They West Herts Hospital Trust would welcome further links through local authorities, events and local newsletters. A point was made that as the services were not changing significantly a form of consultation was not necessary although engagement should be undertaken.

RESOLVED:

That the presentation by West Herts Hospital Trust be noted.

LSP 26/21 PCC UPDATE

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



Item 7 PCC
commissioning-base

The update provided details on the Police and Crime Plan and Criminal Justice Plan for which a public consultation process had been undertaken, resulting in 4,500 survey responses. The consultation sought views from residents, stakeholders and businesses. The priorities that emerged from the survey were cybercrime and burglary. The PCC was looking at identifying the root causes as opposed to identifying issues further down the process. The plan had been agreed and signed off by the Crime Panel last week, and published on the PCC website by the end of the month. Details would be sent to partners as there would be actions arising that need to be implemented. Some of the actions would be more relevant to the LSP Board and Community Safety Partnership.

A question was asked if a summary of the other organisations that were submitting bids to the OPCC could be provided.

Action: A summary of organisations submitting bids to OPCC would be confirmed and reported back.

RESOLVED:

That the PCC update be noted.

LSP 27/21 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SD said the team were in the process of developing the work plan for the meetings and welcomed any input.

The Head of Community Partnerships thanked Councillor Bedford for all her work during her time as Chair of the LSP Board.

The Vice-Chair was also thanked for the work undertaken during the past year time on the Board.

The Vice-Chair provided details of this year's fire activity in Three Rivers from January 2021-January 2022. Deliberate fires had gone down 57%, from 72 to 31 and primary fires in a house dwelling had reduced by 35.5%, from 81 to 53. Fire injuries had increased, but there were no fire deaths in the District.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

Tuesday 21 June 2022

Wednesday 19 October 2022

CHAIR