

Notes from the meeting of the Third Sector Network Hub Wednesday 20th February2019 Room 1, the Gateway

Present:

Derek Jones (DJ) Disability

Jo Taylor (JT)

Alison Cullen (AC)

Lynne Bennett (LB)

Third Sector Partnerships
Infrastructure and Volunteering
Town Centre Management

Steve Cullen (SC) Information, Advice and Social Policy

Hasan Kazi (HK) Ethnic Communities

James Howes (JHo) Sports

Dida Goode (DG)

Mandy Taviner (MT)

Substance Misuse
Learning Disability

Matt Parker (MP) Parks and Green Spaces

Janice Hayes (JHa) Culture Wynn Higham (WH) Carers

Stef Griffiths (SG) Infrastructure

Dave Thompson WDP

Chair of meeting:

Steve Cullen

Minutes:

Alison Cullen

Apologies:

Dave McNichol (DM) Children and Families

Michael Sheppard (MS) Mental Health

Lydia Thompson (LT) Health

Matt Davenport (MD) Homelessness
Paul Storey (PS) Young People

Item		Action
1.	Apologies	
	Apologies received as detailed above.	
2.	Conflicts of Interest	
	None declared	
3.	Council Budget	
	Lynton Green, Cllr Russ Bowden, Cllr Cathy Mitchell and Steve Peddie	
	WBC's annual budget consultation	
	Presentation attached	
	The budget is going to Exec Board Full Council on Monday 25 th February.	



Lynton asked Hub members to share message e.g. green bins, 41p in £ spent on older people, challenges public sector faces and difficult decisions. This coming financial year has been the most challenging in a long time.

Discussion around impact on third sector and contracts, Steve Peddie stated biggest area to cut is supporting people budget. WBC have looked at what are statutory requirements and non-statutory. Question asked if public are aware what is statutory and non-statutory. Information Advice & Guidance is a statutory right and is provided via a mixture of public and third sector provision. These organisations will already be in discussion with WBC regarding cuts to service. Steve Peddie clarified that culture change means an asset based approach is required e.g. carers and community services supporting individual needs. Russ suggested a number of cuts had been considered and then disregarded, with a need to focus on outcomes and value. There is also recognition to value partners and generate income from various sources e.g. solar farms.

Andy Burnham made statement to invest in the 3rd sector in Manchester, could Warrington look at developments and share any learning. Lynton suggested WBC has less capacity to interact with partners due to limited resources making this difficult but not impossible.

Hub suggested many public sector services could be better delivered by 3rd sector to help with funding pressures, 3rd sector can also get up and running quicker. Steve Peddie suggested private sector can sometimes move more quickly and we need to be clear what services the sector would want to take on, as 3rd sector can't always compete with low margin work. Steve Peddie is prepared to have a coffee and chat with anyone who wants to discuss ideas and alternative options to address challenges.

All agreed on benefits of decent housing and should be included in the local plan. Also, limited infrastructure regarding highways acknowledging there is the centre park link and local transport plan but more needs to be done.

New Homes Bonus - Lynton confirmed this fund has been absorbed by council spending, WBC had looked at Cheshire East Council, as they have allocated 2 million to voluntary sector, but this wasn't seen as a sustainable model.

Hub asked about domiciliary care cost and making better use of direct payments to help people stay at home. Steve Peddie stated the number of people on DPs is increasing and there is no proof that DPs save councils money and better costs can be through volume. People have a statutory right to access DPs over domiciliary care and if WBC are not offering this then there is a gap in the system. It was suggested this needs to be looked at.



	Hub stated that Health &Social Care is mainly funded through WBC. The NHS and CCG need to contribute. Green Paper on Adult Social Care is due, but is unlikely to give any reassurance of allocation of funds.	
4.	Notes of the Last Meeting/Matters Arising Following the discussion at the previous Hub regarding the Wellbeing Service, it was agreed that hub members would feedback to AC before the	AC
	next hub meeting and then agree a response to Katie Donnelly. Minutes agreed as a true record.	
5.	Action Points Carried Forward	
	All completed	
6.	Central Neighbourhood Renewal Area Board JT- reported back on key messages amounting to 10 key themes and proposed solutions from the community. Phase 2 is due to start March 5 th with expected increase repose rate, including social media.	
7.	News Round-Up	
	DJ – Disability Confident Event 27 th March, bringing together level 1 and 2 organisations. Autism Strategy and Learning Disability Strategy are being developed/reviewed. WDP are building up momentum for the first disability Museum. AC to share presentation delivered by Dave Thompson at recent Culture Board.	AC
	AC – updated on the Volunteer Conference and the Volunteering Strategy work over the past 12 months.	
	HK – concerns raised about primary school asking Muslim pupil to draw image of god. Mosque open day is 3 rd March and Kurdish New Year 24 th March.	
	JHa – Darren Henley, CEO Arts Council England gave favourable feedback on Warrington's cultural framework and development following a recent visit but need to involve more young people and state Warrington's USP. The Spring Heritage Network is 21 st March. AC to send details to sector. Art exhibition working with James Lee House has been a success.	AC
	WH- WIRED are coordinating a schizophrenia group at Allan St.	
	LB- BID exec board elections held last week. LB is now the town centre rep, first meeting is next week.	
	MT- LD Partnership Board is progressing with positive engagement. Speak Up have been asked to inform safe places organisations that the initiative	



	has ended. LB suggested speaking to BID board or applying to CIF to continue scheme. SG – Cultural Consortium have agreed to pool resources to deliver 2 projects following the commission's recommendations one will be the contemporary arts festival. WVA has secured funding to deliver WAYV – a youth voice project focusing on culture, health and youth correspondents. JT – updated on WBC consultations currently the playing pitch strategy and library strategy. Warrington was successful with the partnership bid to the Rugby League World Cup 2021. MP- Bewsey and Dallam Hub has been approved, this will be a small scale hub with added value and not commercially driven, opening May 2020. SC – review of homelessness, Neil Moreland delivered workshop at the recent homelessness providers event, it's expected the workshop will inform specification for new contracts with a consortia approach to look at wider issues of homelessness. Families on UC being forced to work and disability premium finding people fit for work are worse off. SC has meeting with WBC due to increase in misadvised appointeeships and late appeals.	
11.	AOB – HK has contact for Faith Rep and will forward details to AC	НК
12.	Dates of Next Hub Meeting	
	Wednesday 20 th March 2019 – Room 1	