**Notes from the meeting of the Third Sector Network Hub**

**Wednesday 18th April 2018, 09.30am**

**Room 1, the Gateway**

**Present:**

Alison Cullen (AC) Infrastructure and Volunteering

Derek Jones (DJ) Disability

Wynn Higham (WH) Carers

Hasan Kazi (HK) Ethnic Communities

Stef Woof (SW) Infrastructure

Jo Taylor (JT) Third Sector Partnerships

Michael Sheppard (MS) Mental Health

James Howes (JHo) Sports

Esstta Hayes (EH) Health

Matt Davenport (MD) Homelessness

Lynne Bennett (LB) Town Centre Management

Janice Hayes (JHa) Culture

**Chair of meeting:**

Alison Cullen (AC)

**Apologies:**

Matt Parker (MP) Parks and Green Spaces

Paul Storey (PS) Young People

Steve Cullen (SC) Information, Advice and Social Policy

Dave McNichol (DM) Children & Families

Lydia Thompson Health

Dida Goode (DG) Substance Misuse

Mandy Taviner (MT) Learning Disability

Eileen Fitzgerald (EF) Older People

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| **Item** |  | **Action** |
| **1.** | **Apologies**  Apologies received as detailed above. |  |
| **2.** | **Declaration of Interest**  None declared. |  |
| **3.** | **Guest Speakers**  Katie Donnelly, Health Improvement Specialist, Warrington Public Health Improvement Team – attended to deliver updates on social prescribing & ‘Make Every Contact Count’, particularly how third sector organisations can incorporate these initiatives into existing work. Comments from Hub members included ensuring strategic ‘buy in’ and alignment, consistent marketing, translating messages for different audiences, and wider knowledge of courses available. |  |
| **4.** | **Notes of the Last Meeting/Matters Arising –**  The minutes were agreed as accurate and will be uploaded to the Network Hub section on the WVA website. |  |
| **5.** | **Action Points/Follow Up**  All action points from previous meeting followed up. |  |
| **6.** | **Health & Wellbeing Board**  MS fed back on the March meeting. There was a progress update from Warrington Together.  There is new money available from central govt. for pharmacy support in care homes.  A shared digital system is in development for use across multiple healthcare organisations. The first phase of the project has been funded, but there are no guarantees for the next 3 stages.  A new hospital for Warrington was discussed, as the current building is ageing and not fit for purpose. Discussed the challenges the current hospital faces and asked some key questions. Partners are working closely together to analyse these issues and decide where resources should be directed.  The Living Well report has been produced, MS to circulate.  The Health & Wellbeing Strategy is due a refresh, which the JSNA feeds into. Invitation from the local authority and public health for third sector to be involved with the JSNA. MS and SC to coordinate and feed back. | MS |
| **7.** | **Central Neighbourhood Renewal Area Board**  JT gave an update regarding the development of the master plan (MP). The MP project delivery group met separately to discuss the tender process, and the importance of investing the money correctly. The aim is to get the invite to tender out next month. There was an update from Cllr Jean Flaherty re: the community forum, which needs work to become broader and more inclusive. A colleague from Warrington Youth Club delivered an update about the development of the new Youth Zone, which was well received. Any questions or enquiries should be forwarded to JT. |  |
| **8.** | **News Round-up**  MD – Homelessness reduction bill. The local authority is now bound to support people at risk of homelessness for 56 days instead of 28. There has been little discernible change to services in Warrington in light of these changes, which is a concern.  The govt. has announced that it is rethinking changes to benefits for 18-21 year olds.  WH – There is a meeting scheduled to come up for a plan for carers week in terms of activities, conferences etc. WIRED already have some respite activities planned.  EH – There are ongoing problems with the referral systems gateway. The CCG are sending out letters to inform people it is a call centre based in Manchester to prevent people coming to the Gateway building in Warrington. This is an ongoing issue, raised with commissioners at the CCG.  Medicines management event, 24th April, 6-8pm at the Gateway, presentation from CCG re: changes to prescriptions.  Quality Account Report engagement day, 6 organisations confirmed to go through the highlights of their report and gain public feedback. Thursday 17th May at the Gateway.  HK – the local police continue to be very supportive regarding burglaries. The Warrington Market Mela took place last weekend and was well attended.  LB – The result of the Warrington BID vote was ‘yes’. The Town Centre Partnership Board will cease, as it was deemed a duplication of the BID work, all subgroups will also cease. This will likely result in gaps, and a letter from the Hub expressing disappointment may be necessary. Will await feedback from partners.  SW – The draft of the Cultural Commission recommendations is almost ready. The WVA governance survey has been filled out by 15% of the charities based in Warrington, and has revealed some interesting recommendations for further work, including policies and adult safeguarding. The information will directly inform the 3rd Sector Assembly due to take place in November to announce National Trustees Week.  AC – The volunteer recruitment festival ‘Vol Fest’ will take place on Saturday 2nd June on the Town Hall front lawn and surrounding areas. It will be an interactive event, with games, activities and guided tours around the Town Hall. AC to send out invitation to stall holders via WVA’s mailing list.  JHa – The Health Revolution exhibition is now open, there has been lots of interest and good feedback. May sees the 170th anniversary of the museum, this will be marked by celebrating some of the artists to come out of Warrington from that time. MD complimented the museum on their excellent exhibitions, particularly the NHS and women’s suffrage displays.  JHo – The English Half Marathon networking event is taking place tomorrow evening at the Gateway. This year is the 10th anniversary of the EHM, and the networking event will inform people how they can become more involved.  DJ – “Walk in the Park” this Sunday. Starts and ends at the Centre for Independent Living. The DAD schedule has been confirmed, will circulate to colleagues.  Making Space have joined New Leaf as delivery partners. A tender is currently out for organisations to fill any gaps in delivery.  WDP will start delivery on the Personal Health Budgets this month after a short delay in the contract.  WDP’s Avatar programme has found match funding, and will continue in the Summer.  Marks & Spencer have closed their distribution centre in Warrington, which was a good employer of disabled people. Colin Billingsley – a strong supporter of the sector – now with Job Centre Plus. Might be good to invite him to a Hub meeting to start a dialogue.  MS – Mental health issues are not getting the attention they deserve on local health partnerships, and this reflects the national picture too.  There is a ‘crisis house’ available through Warrington Community Living for those experiencing intense mental health issues. There have been 20 guests so far. Speak Up are running the evaluation on the 2 year pilot. It is clearly a service that is needed and is making a difference to people’s lives.  The lack of sufficient and appropriate housing schemes is preventing people from leaving Hollins Park, urging the council and the CCG to address this strategically.  Continuing to use the feedback that Speak Up are gathering to challenge services. There appears to be a reluctance to action complaints, particularly around phone systems. In some cases, complaints and feedback have been undermined. It is important to act on feedback so engagement doesn’t begin to wane. |  |
| **10.** | **Third Sector Policy Group**  AC – the news round up has covered everything that was discussed at the TSPG meeting. |  |
| **10.** | **Any Other Business**  There was no other business |  |
| **11.** | **Dates of Next Hub Meetings**    Wednesday 23rd May 2018 (inc. Hub AGM) Large conference  Wednesday 20th June 2018 Room 1 |  |