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

**Wednesday 25th October 2017, 09.30am**

**Room 1, the Gateway**

**Present:**

Stef Woof (SW) Infrastructure

Alison Cullen (AC) Infrastructure

Steve Cullen (SC) Information, Advice and Area Management

Hasan Kazi (HK) Ethnic Communities

Esstta Hayes (EH) Health and Social Care

Janice Hayes (JHa) Culture

Lynne Bennett (LB) Area Management/Town Centre

Michael Sheppard (MS) Mental Health

Matt Parker Parks and Green Spaces

Derek Jones (DJ) Disability

Matt Davenport (MD) Homelessness

James Howes (JHo) Sports

**Chair of meeting:**

Steve Cullen (SC)

**Apologies:**

Eileen Fitzgerald Older People

Dida Goode (DG) Substance Misuse

Jo Taylor (JT) Third Sector Partnerships

Paul Storey (PS) Young People

Mandy Taviner (MT) Learning Disability

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| **Item** |  | **Action** |
| **1.** | **Apologies**Apologies were received as detailed above. |  |
| **2.** | **Declaration of Interest**None declared. |  |
| **3.** | **Guest Speakers** Katie Horan (KH) – Warrington Clinical Commissioning Group. KH gave an update on the second phase of the self-care consultation, including which current prescriptions are being reviewed.She also updated on the CCG’s internal turnaround position, including the financial position. AC stated that one charity had received a letter indicating their funding would be cut. KH confirmed that existing services would not be decommissioned, and this would be clarified to affected charities. SC commented that the sector understands budget cuts, but any cuts made to services should be proportionate. KH stated she would provide a further update in the New Year.  |  |
| **4.** | **Notes of the Last Meeting/Matters Arising –** Notes here accepted as a true and accurate record by the Network Hub. There were no matters arising. |   |
| **5.** | **Action Points/Follow Up** SC – The Warrington Partnership Board has been disbanded. It is thought work will continue through the Health and Wellbeing Board, and the new Central Neighbourhood Area Renewal Board.AC – Emailed Annie Haughton but she has not responded. Still to contact Dave McNicholl. However, have successfully approached Wyn Higham to act as new Carers representative. She sits on the Carer’s Partnership Board, and is a Carers UK Champion. SW + JHa – Met and discussed future consultation opportunities to get more local groups involved in heritage. JHa reported that WBC’s Cultural Officer has now been appointed, partnership work is likely to continue.SW + MP – Parks Action Group report circulated. | **AC** |
| **6.** | **Health & Wellbeing Board**Not met. MS gave details the first meeting of the Accountable Care Partnership. Integrating health and social care is the main focus, the aim to be fully integrated by 2020. Collaboration projects will start in 2018. SC reported that Steve Peddy is the new Head of Families and Wellbeing. |  |
| **7.** | **Central Neighbourhood Renewal Area Board** The meeting scheduled for November 7th has been cancelled and will be rescheduled. The first meeting will focus on setting the ToR. Many groups and individuals have been involved in setting the plans going forward. There needs to be more third sector representation to reflect the size and breadth of the sector. AC and SC will attend the first meeting. Local infrastructure org’ should have a place. Traditionally, other nominations have been made through the hub. Anyone interested in being a rep contact AC. |  |
| **9.** | **News Round-Up**HK – Sounds of Faith music concert 15th November. AC to distribute flyer. Warrington Islamic Association have raised £40,000 for Myanmar refugees. EH – The Healthwatch AGM was very well attended, the topic was values, and how they influence delivery of services. A new Volunteer Manager will start next week supporting ‘enter and view’ visits particularly during antisocial hours.DJ – The next Stay Connected meeting will cover personal health. Will distribute details ahead of each meeting as a reminder. There will be a Disability Conference event on December 4th, aimed at organisations and businesses. There is an open-day event planned for December 7th to support the Falls and Trips Strategy. The event will focus on prevention, and is aimed at the public. Details of all meetings and events to be circulated, all welcome.JHo – 4 Active Warrington subgroups have been established, JHo Chairs the Children Families and Young People subgroup. Fed back the first year priorities for the group including an opportunities audit, integrating local strategies, and exploring the potential of Sugar Tax funds. Fed back on the priorities of the Sport Leisure and Facilities subgroup. Garry D’arcy from the Strategic Partnerships team has formulated a needs analysis survey for sports groups, which needs to be circulated to relevant groups.MD – Fed back on the Homelessness Forum, which focused on the Reduction Act which comes in April 2018, including impact and implementation implications for services in Warrington. This was discussed alongside the impact of UC. All agencies present demonstrated willingness to work in partnership to support implementation. LB – Town Centre Board feedback; currently 6 rough sleepers, some of whom have no local connection and are refusing reconnection. There followed a discussion around homelessness and rough sleeping, and the distinction between the two in terms of local statistics. This led to a discussion around misleading messages to the public about homelessness, and how this can be combatted. The LA have no clear policy for removing sleeping bags etc. Going to approach other LAs to consult.Introduction of protocol enforcing all street traders at any one time. Youth Zone meeting – pleased with initial design, just a few suggestions made. JHa – 2018 is the anniversary of the New Town, which affords opportunities to revisit and reinvigorate projects, engage new audiences and lever in external funds. Already met with Steve Phillips from Warrington Wolves to discuss working with the volunteers and groups already engaged in the heritage project. JHa to contact SW about engaging community groups.MS – Update on the Warrington Day Centre; a strong case has been put forward, now looking at redesign rather than close. The Mental Health Awareness Day event in the Gateway was well attended and well received, however the main footfall was people who are already engaged in services, which prompts questions about how well awareness was raised. AC + SW – no updatesNB – SC and MP left the meeting early to attend the final Libraries Review meeting. SC sent the following update in his absence: ‘Partners continue to meet under the Welfare Reform Action Group, working together to alleviate some of the challenges facing our residents. I also recently did a presentation to the Homelessness Forum highlighting the issues of personal debt and problems with rising rent arrears associated with Universal Credit. We are part of a national social policy campaign calling for 1) a halt to the roll out of Universal Credit pending point 2) for the implementation of changes to improve the UC system. Our national campaign to revoke the 55p per minute UC telephone help line has been successful.’MP had no update. | ACDJJHa |
| **10.** | **Third Sector Policy Group** Minutes have been circulated to Hub members, please forward any questions to AC. |  |
| **11.** | **Any Other Business*** Third Sector presentation on Libraries Partnership Board.

Libraries Review – the purpose of the final meeting is to put forward recommendations to the Executive Board following the huge response from the public and local groups. The Exec’ Board will meet in December.There is a space on the Libraries Partnership Board for a 3rd Sector rep’. If no one comes forward, SC happy to continue to attend. MP commented that SC has been involved from the beginning and supported his place. It was agreed that SC would continue to represent the sector. * Transport Summit Meetings, 15th and 29th November 2017.

The first meeting will focus on alternative methods of transport, and will tie in with the Active Warrington Strategy. |  |
|  | **Dates of Next Hub Meetings**Wednesday 22nd November |  |