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

**Wednesday 20th 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

Lydia Thompson (LT) Health and Social Care

Mandy Taviner (MT) Learning Disability

Janice Hayes (JHa) Culture

Jo Taylor (JT) Third Sector Partnerships

Paul Storey (PS) Young People

Lynne Bennett (LB) Area Management/Town Centre

Michael Sheppard (MS) Mental Health

Matt Parker Parks and Green Spaces

Dida Goode (DG) Substance Misuse

**Chair of meeting:**

Steve Cullen (SC)

**Apologies:**

James Howes (JHo) Sports

Matt Davenport (MD) Homelessness

Derek Jones (DJ) Disability

Eileen Fitzgerald Older People

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| **Item** |  | **Action** |
| **1.** | **Apologies**  Apologies were received as detailed above. |  |
| **2.** | **Declaration of Interest**  None declared. |  |
| **3.** | **Guest Speakers**  Katie Lightfoot, Warrington CCG – Katie advised the hub of changes the stroke services for Warrington, a cancer health and wellbeing event, and appropriate third sector representation on the Health Forum, including communications. It was decided that an appropriate member of the Network Hub would act as an engagement rep.  Emma Goldsmith, Rugby League Cares – Emma gave an in-depth presentation on the ‘Off Load’ pilot project, and the positive outcomes on men’s health. |  |
| **4.** | **Notes of the Last Meeting –**  Notes here accepted as a true and accurate record by the Network Hub. |  |
| **5.** | **Action Points/Follow Up**   1. None at present due to meeting being cancelled. 2. Have not yet met 3. Done 4. Meeting on the 11th August to discuss. |  |
| **6.** | **Health & Wellbeing Board**  Update from SC. There was a presentation from Steve Peddy about partnership working around discharges to address ‘bed blocking’.  There is still money available from the Better Care Fund. SC reiterated that this was not just about organisations in the ACP, and there should be a consultation to gather new ideas from the wider sector. Muna \_\_\_ updated on JSNA 16-17, which is currently available on the council website.  The next meeting is 14th September. |  |
| **7.** | **Warrington Partnership**  New configuration not met. |  |
| **8.** | **Neighbourhoods:**  Central area cancelled. |  |
| **9.** | **News Round-Up**  JHo – Working with WBC partnerships team and a range of partners to further develop the sports grants, which enable sports clubs and groups to access infrastructure support. With this is the potential to develop sports awards, either as part of the volunteer star awards, or as a separate event.  EH – Held a pharmaceutical needs assessment event, invited public to share their views with Public Health reps. Training took place in July with AQuA delivering 1 hour training sessions with patients and local people to support them to have better conversations with professionals.  SC – Age UK has closed their premises in Warrington. The welfare reform partnership met to discuss putting a hold on the national roll-out of universal credit. Partners were all in agreement to support this campaign. New service being developed by Northwest Boroughs around perinatal services. A representative will be coming to speak to Healthwatch, SC suggested that Speak Up should be contacted also. PH commented that there is rarely perinatal support for men and this should be part of development talks.  AC – The Community Initiatives Fund is replacing the Local Fund. The panel was initially going to be just executive members, AC challenged this and secured a place for WVA on the panel. First round closing mid September. There is £90k left in the Youth Social Action fund (Cheshire Community Foundation). This could be due to the application form being difficult and off-putting. A new fund to support the mental health of young people will be launched on Mental Health Awareness Day. Paul Storey will be on the panel.  HK – A date for the Mela has been finalised, need to confirm the date.  PH – Had the ‘Living Well’ event in July, the theme was ‘towards independence’, delivered for individuals, families and professionals.  The Allan St. Day Centre remains open for a 12 week consultation period following complaints. An independent chair has been appointed, and Speak Up will also be involved.  There are significant issues with the handover of the Supported Living contract due to use of bank staff not reflecting actual support hours. Measures have been put in place to mitigate.  Transfers to ‘Mosaic’ are causing significant issues with social work staff, including stress and sickness.  JHa – Warrington were unsuccessful with the City of Culture bid, but a lot of work has been achieved which has put Warrington on the culture and heritage map. Both Arts Council and Heritage Lottery are interested in partnership work to develop activity.  A project called ‘New Town New City’ funded by Heritage Lottery marks 50 years since Warrington’s status as a New Town, and will focus on community cohesion and public memory. |  |
| **10.** | **Policy Group**  Not met. However, AC will be bringing up Torus’s decision to commission a national company from London to carry out a local project with the third sector in Warrington and Cheshire. |  |
| **11.** | **Any Other Business**  AC – A Culture Commission is being developed.  SC – Libraries review: 2 meetings are set to take place. There is no appetite to close the libraries; however the final decision will be made by the Executive Board. |  |
|  | **Dates of Next Hub Meetings**  Wednesday 20th September  Wednesday 25th October |  |