

Minutes of the North Yorkshire Liaison Group Meeting

16 June 2017 at Chain Lane Community Hub, Knaresborough

	<p>Present:</p> <p>Leah Swain Neil Irving David Sharp Ann Byrne Alex Bird Kashif Ahmed Laura Harris Louise Wallace Claire Finlay Paul Carswell Marie-Ann Jackson Cath Simms Kate Senior Linda White Deborah Hugill</p> <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Jo Ireland Joanne Crewe Hazel Kirby Karen Weaver</p> <p>Jan Garrill Emma Thomas Richard Webb</p>	<p>Community First Yorkshire (chair) NYCC North Yorkshire Youth Harrogate BC Age UK North Yorkshire NYCC Your Consortium NYCC North Yorkshire Police NYCC NYCC NYCC Craven DC NYCC NYCC</p> <p>Scarborough BC NHS Harrogate & Rural District CCG Hambleton Community Action Harrogate and Ripon Councils for Voluntary Service Two Ridings Community Foundation NYCC NYCC</p>	
1	Minutes of last meeting – 30 January 2017 – and matters arising	Action	
	<p>The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.</p> <p>There were no matters arising which were not on the agenda.</p>		
2	Community First Yorkshire	Action	
	<p>Leah explained the background to the new organisation and gave an update on progress. She reported that things are going well with staff in place and a shared diagnostic with Stronger Communities being developed. Strategic conversations are being initiated and a training programme put together. Consortia bidding is being looked at to bring more money into the county. Leah had now met with most of the District and Borough Councils.</p> <p>Marie-Ann passed on some very positive feedback about the new service which had been given to her by a community transport provider.</p>		
3	Social prescribing	Action	
	<p>Laura detailed some work carried out by the Leeds City Region Infrastructure Consortium to develop a social prescribing model which brought together best practice and aimed to produce a generic version which could be applied to a range of situations (hand-out attached). The</p>		

	<p>difficulties of reaching a shared understanding of what social prescribing means were discussed and Laura explained that this was why they had decided to use the term 'community solutions'.</p> <p>Marie-Ann had been to a national conference on the subject and reported back that the situation in North Yorkshire was reflected nationally and that she hadn't felt there were any beacons of best practice elsewhere that should be explored. One strong message coming from the conference had been that a single point of contact is very important, especially to health professionals. She felt there was a potential to get more benefit out of the social prescribing approach in North Yorkshire.</p> <p>There was a discussion about how this could be done and it was agreed that a mapping exercise of projects and systems which might fit the model would be carried out to see if there might be a potential to develop a more strategic solution. It was felt that this was more important and useful for the referral, single point of contact and funder elements of the model than the provider side. Leah will put together and circulate a template for completion.</p>	LS/All
4	Living Well	Action
	<p>Cath and Linda gave a presentation (attached) which updated the group on the Living Well programme. The approach and achievements of the team were discussed and a number of gaps were identified in terms of support services currently available in the county.</p> <p>Cath confirmed that referrals from the voluntary and community sector could be made through NYCC's customer service centre and agreed to provide some information about this for Community First Yorkshire's e-bulletin.</p> <p>There was a discussion about quantitative data and it was agreed that, where possible, this would be made available for an upcoming meeting with the Big Lottery. Given that this meeting was not open to all partners, Leah offered to suggest a North Yorkshire summit meeting to the Big Lottery to bring all the strands together. This was welcomed.</p> <p>Alex updated the meeting on some work on befriending in Craven. There will be a meeting in Skipton on 7 December to share outcomes and learning from this.</p>	LS
5	Stronger Communities	Action
	<p>Marie-Ann updated the meeting on a number of strands of Stronger Communities work:</p> <p>a) Prospectus</p> <p>As a result of a number of factors, including feedback from the LGA peer review and work carried out by Stronger Communities on the theory of change, the previous grant system has been suspended and a five year investment strategy developed. This is due to be signed off at the Stronger Communities board shortly. Partner input has been vital and very much appreciated. The intention is to launch the prospectus in July with a series of roadshows. The new prospectus will have three strands to replace the previous grant system. These are being branded Inspire, Achieve and Innovate.</p> <p>Inspire – these will be small grants of £1k or less and will be available to informal groups as well as constituted ones.</p> <p>Achieve – this is the main area of funding which will address identified need or a particular opportunity, such as a community asset transfer. The emphasis will be on sustainable delivery models and there will be independent evaluation.</p>	

	<p>Innovate – this will replace the current innovation fund, although with less money, and will be an annual competitive bidding process which will particularly welcome social enterprises.</p> <p>b) Local Insight NYCC has invested in this data tool which pulls together national data sets into a searchable, mappable tool. It is regularly updated by the not-for-profit organisation which has developed it. Marie-Ann demonstrated some of the features of the tool. There is a single licence fee which allows NYCC staff to access it but VCS organisations could obtain specific reports through Stronger Communities if that was of use. She asked that anyone who is interested in further information should contact Mark Taylor in Stronger Communities or their respective Stronger Communities Delivery Manager.</p> <p>c) NY Connect NY Connect is the new community directory which will also be launched at the Stronger Communities roadshows. It will be in a beta testing phase for two months with the existing data which has been migrated from the previous directory. This data was cleansed and out-dated or inaccurate information removed. In subsequent phases fresh data will be added and the intention is that organisations will be able to input their own information. It only contains data from North Yorkshire (and York in some cases) so places near to the boundaries with other counties may find this an issue. There is no technical problem with out of county information being included but the staff capacity is not there to support that at this time. There was a question about capacity within the County Council to assist with data migration from other organisations and Marie-Ann confirmed that, in due course, there will be some help available as long as the data is provided in an easily accessible format. She will also check whether the directory has the capacity to be used as a mail-out database and, if so, what protocols might be put in place around this.</p>	
6 Any other business		Action
	<p>Prevention strategy – Alex raised concerns about the length of time that some payments are taking. Kashif will raise the issue with the appropriate finance staff. He explained that the strategy is waiting for approval from the appropriate Executive Member and then there will be engagement sessions in September with organisations.</p> <p>County council elections – Neil explained the changes which there had been to elected members in general and the Executive in particular. A document detailing these changes is attached. The big challenges for the council remain. In terms of national priorities, the forthcoming Queen’s Speech should give greater clarity.</p> <p>Volunteer co-ordinators – David gave details of a new project which North Yorkshire Youth is carrying out in Hambleton and Harrogate which is a brokerage role to support young volunteers. This will be a pilot for possible extension after a year.</p> <p>Age UK merger – Alex told the meeting that Age UK Darlington and Age UK North Yorkshire are merging shortly and that she will be retiring. Gillian Peel, current CEO at Age UK Darlington, will lead the new organisation.</p>	KA
7 Future meetings		Action
	<p>Future agenda items were discussed and the following suggestions made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social inclusion partnership • Review of community learning partnership • Actions coming out of the Wider Partnership Conference 	

	<p>A general point was made that it would be good to have more items on the agenda which were VCS led and also more which were issues for debate and discussion so that some collective view could be explored.</p> <p>Deb will look for an appropriate date in approximately 6 months.</p>	DH
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