

## Third Sector Leaders Kirklees – Members Meeting 14/02/13

### Attendees

- Helen Minett (Fusion Housing) **CHAIR**
- Alasdair Brown (Kirklees Active Leisure)
- Amanda Taylor (Action For Children)
- Bridget Hughes (Lifeline)
- Denzil Nurse (Eagle Eye Enterprises)
- Emily Thompson (Groundwork)
- Geoff Durrans (Alliance For Healthy Living)
- Helen Lee (Pennine Domestic Violence Group)
- Jayne Heley (Locala)
- Jill Robson (Mencap In Kirklees)
- Mohammed Rawat (ZESS Social Enterprises)
- Simon Cale (Yorkshire Children's Centre)
- Tom Bailey (Voluntary Action Kirklees)
- Val Johnson (Voluntary Action Kirklees)

### Apologies

- Hilary Thompson (Age UK Calderdale & Kirklees)
- Jim Barwick (Locala)
- Jo Cameron Symes (Kirklees Independent M.E. Support Group)
- Jo Jones (Fit4Funding)
- Natalie Pinnock Hamilton (Education 2000 / Kirklees LINK)
- Paul Lewis (Communities United Project)
- Rebecca Hirst (Pennine Domestic Violence Group)
- Richard Palmer (Kirklees Older Peoples Network)
- Saied Laher (Indian Muslim Welfare Society)
- Shaukat Hafez (Zess UK)
- Tom Taylor (Northorpe Hall)

### Guests

- Anna Eagar (Community Energy Direct)
- Carole Pickburn (Kirklees Council)
- Warren Ellis (Kirklees Council)

**The meeting started at 14:10pm**

**Item 1: Welcome and Introductions**

**Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Minutes approved. Noted a question regarding whether the figure of £200 million sector income was just for all Kirklees or West Yorkshire wide. TSL will be circulating Mark Crowe's report in the near future which should clarify this.

**Item 3: Guest Speaker – Carole Pickburn – VCS Involvement / Children's Trust**

Carole spoke about how Kirklees Council are looking to improve joint working and communication between themselves & the VCS, and that they are keen to encourage multi agency working.

In relation to their work with the Children's Trust, they are keen to adopt a proactive response / early intervention: identifying problems before they become bigger issues. Data provided from 2011 – 2013 Common Assessment Framework (CAF) shows that Kirklees isn't developing as many CAF's cases as other regions – although the quality of the cases has proven to be very high and effective.

Noted there may be potential to help push the idea of CAF'S becoming the main referral route, especially in schools where there is current reluctance due to fear of the extra work it may generate. TSL is currently deciding how best to get involved. Noted potential difficulty due to TSL's structure – Tom B will circulate an email to members to gauge any concerns

Members are reminded that free CAF training is available and is useful for 'myth-busting'. Suggested TSL could help by promoting to sector. TSL will circulate next CAF training dates when available. More info & e-learning info can be accessed via the CAF helpdesk.

Information sharing – the Council's current protocol has been active since 2009, yet there is still a larger number of agencies yet to sign up. Tom B will re-circulate info to members.

Noted that a lot of CAF's in Kirklees may be missed when organisations pass on cases to others for referral. In addition to this, there is a growing issue with schools that have chosen to become independent academies & have therefore fallen off the radar. Currently out of the 192 schools in Kirklees, only around 70 use CAF.

#### **Item 4 – Guest Speaker – Warren Ellis – Council Update**

Noted that Merran McRae has now left her position, and will be replaced by Ruth Redfern from March. Warren will invite Ruth to a future TSL meeting.

From April, Kirklees Council will be implementing a new structure, which will focus on 5 main areas (Public Health / Children & Adults / Place / Resource / Communities, Transformation & Change). All normal services within these areas will continue as usual. There is a new focus on how services are delivered, and willingness to work more seamlessly with the VCS.

The revised Compact has now gone to Cabinet & has been approved. The Compact steering group is looking for a new representative from TSL. Noted a need to still work on promotion of the new Compact via the Council website, and how it will work in relation to Clinical Commissioning group.

VCS strategy document still needs to be reworked. The council is also looking to produce a VCS Engagement proposal, outlining how they plan to engage with VCS & timescales – in hope of involving sector more in the planning of future activities as early as possible. Noted Warren will ensure this is one of the first issues Ruth Redfern will look at this when she takes office.

Noted that the Council feels there are lots of opportunities for joint partnerships between themselves & organizations, including help with tender bids, which groups normally wouldn't have the resources to bid for. **Agreed** the TSL Procurement subgroup will continue to explore this area.

**Agreed** that Warren is happy to continue TSL meetings on a regular three meeting basis.

#### **Item 6 – Guest Speaker – Anna Eagar – Community Energy Direct**

Community Energy Direct are helping groups and individuals in Kirklees reduce their energy bills. To do this, they are setting up a number of energy clubs: which residents can attend to learn more about their energy bills & then pass this onto others. They are also working with Which? to launch a petition to the energy companies requesting a reverse auction on behalf of individuals who sign up to their scheme (particularly those pre payment meters). Particular focus on Dalton, Ashbrow, Newsome, Lower Houses & Ashenhurst areas.

The new energy club programme is due to launch in Leeds on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Agreed TSL will help promote energy club dates when they become available.

## **Item 5 – Project Updates**

### **Talent Match**

The submitted bid has reached the next round. If successful will become part of the Kirklees Job Fund. Tom B will circulate a reminder about the next meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> February 11am.

### **Children & Young People Subgroup**

The group met on the 6<sup>th</sup> February to discuss another lottery application. **Agreed** that Action For Children will lead on this and will focus on Dewsbury. Still early stages – expected that around 150 areas will apply, of which only 50 will be selected, before being cut down to 15, then a final 3 towards the end of the summer.

### **Big Lottery – Complex Needs**

Next due to meet on 25<sup>th</sup> February 1:30pm. Helen Minett will pass on full details for circulation.

### **Stronger Families**

TSL running a 'Listening to Families' programme involving YCC, WomenCentre, Lifeline & PDVG. Each partner will generate a number of stories from eligible families & identify potential actions. Currently working to have some sample stories ready for the Best Practice Conference at the end of March.

### **Integrated Youth Services Review**

A report is due in March, which will argue the case for one of three different models to be implemented in the future. Tom B will circulate this to the group when it becomes available.

### **Health & Wellbeing Subgroup**

The group has agreed their Terms of Reference. Have also booked all their meeting dates for 2013 – Tom B will circulate.

Currently looking at data sharing, and whether or not TSL would benefit from having an online resource that members could use to share data. Tom B will circulate a message to all members to help gauge opinion.

Noted that there are two strategic reviews due to be released in late February. The subgroup will monitor the outcomes of these & look at the potential impact on Kirklees. Locala are currently replacing their IT systems & there may be potential to re-home some of their old equipment.

### **Health Grants**

Thanks to TSL's efforts, the North Kirklees Clinical Commissioning Group will be handing out £350,000 worth of grants. **Agreed** Val Johnson will request the list of successful participants – may be useful for the Health & Wellbeing subgroup to look at.

### **Membership**

Nearing the end of another Financial Year. Tom B will chase up any outstanding payments.

### **Any Other Business**

- TSL Development is still being discussed. Tom Taylor will provide an update at a future meeting.
- There has been an offer of bid writing services to TSL from a former Action For Children employee. Item will be discussed by TSL Exec & how make the most of this generous offer.
- Lifeline at Kirklees are looking to gather positive news stories based around domestic violence & reducing re-offending.
- Honeyz have just completed their health champion programme, and have been granted an extension. They are now looking to train a further 20 individuals to help raise awareness for their cause.

**The meeting ended at 16:30pm**