### Minutes of TSL Members Meeting
#### August 14th 2014

**Present:** Helen Minett (Fusion Housing); Geoff Durrans (L.C.S.C); Bridget Hughes (Lifeline); Jim Barwick /Louise Thornton (Locala); Paul Burr (Can Do Project); Simon Ashbee (Paddock Community Trust); Jill Robson (MENCAP); Mary White (Kirklees Childrens Services); Pam King (Hollybank Trust); Louise Warner (WomenCentre); Alan Williams (United Response); Denzil Nurse (Eagle Eye); Noreen Edery (Denby Dale Centre); Christine Fox (Connect Housing); Helen Orlic/Carolyn Barlow (YCC); Hilary Thompson (Age UK); Richard Palmer (KOP); Alasdair Brown (KAL); Val Johnson (VK)

**Apologies:** Tom Taylor; Simon Cale; Paul Lewis

**In Attendance:** Sarah Carlile - Kirklees Council; Linda Wilkinson – Kirklees Council; Rachael Loftus – Cities of Service/Kirklees Council

**Minutes of June 12th Meeting:** not available at meeting. Tom B has sent to Tom Taylor

**Item 1:** Helen Minett as chair welcomed people to the meeting.

**Item 5: Updates: AGM Feedback**
Concern was expressed about the choice of room which was felt to be ‘very unkind’ to the hard of hearing.

**Fulfilling Lives Bid**
The TSL led bid was not successful. 32 areas had requested a total of £166.5 million with an allocated budget of £70 million. The specific feedback was:

*The Committee recognised that the need for the project was well evidenced through the use of good consultation and the creation of an isolation index. Your vision and strategy application would have been strengthened by placing greater emphasis on embedding evaluation methods within the project to support the tracking of impact from delivery and enable a greater opportunity to share findings and support changes at a strategic level.*

A meeting is planned with Julie Orlinski in September to see if elements of the bid can be taken forward in other ways. The full final bid and supporting members are available on Groupspace.

Richard Palmer asked that the work that Hilary and Val had put in on the bid be acknowledged and minuted.

**Children, Young People & Families/ Learning & Skills feedback**
- **Matthew Holland** had attended to discuss the local offer for SEN children and their families following the Children and Families Act. He was keen to see how the VCS could contribute to the range of the programmes including leisure and transport.
- **Skills Enhancement Fund.** Sue Weston from Funding and Investment Unit is leading on a bid that includes capacity building.
for individuals and VCS organisations

- **European Social Fund.** This programme will now not start until 2016
- **Youth Engagement Fund.** Mary White reported that a bid to this fund for innovative approaches to working with 14+ NEET young people is being worked up. It is a partnership bid from Kirklees, Calderdale and Barnsley led at this stage by Careers. If successful the next stage would be a VCS lead.

Health & Wellbeing Subgroup Feedback

- **Dewsbury Health Campus initiative.** The plans include space for the third sector to use which could be activities/showcasing VCS projects etc. Volunteers have been invited to be involved in the next planning stage.
- **Re-commissioning of Community Services in Kirklees.** Jim B reported on the process to re-commission community services including a market event where TSL partners were supporting Locala in lobbying for local provision. Jim is keen for TSL to consider how it can work with Locala in a partnership and how the VCS can help improve health and social care outcomes. PQQ by October and full bid to be submitted by February 2015.

VCS Strategy

Hilary reported back on progress. The strategy is a 10 year vision with 3 year goals and is at the consultation stage. There will be 6 focus groups and the intention is that the invitations will come from the council (Dorothea Annison) on behalf of the council and TSL and that the sessions will be jointly facilitated.

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<th>Item 2- Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board – Sarah Carlile/Linda Wilkinson</th>
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<td>Linda and Sarah led a discussion on how the VCS and the council can work together on adult safeguarding. Sarah took the meeting through the presentation that had been sent to all TSL members stressing that the aim was how to move from process driven work to something more empowering and inclusive, recognising that there is a difference between safeguarding children and adults.</td>
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<td>By April 2015 the Adult Safeguarding Board will be statutory and must include the police; CCGs and the council. The board must also ‘consult’ with Healthwatch.</td>
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<td>The meeting considered future VCS involvement. Bridget Hughes reported on the Children’s Safeguarding Board. There is a separate VCS workstream that Bridget chairs and she is then an automatic member of the board as chair.</td>
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One option would be for the children’s workstream to become children and adults safeguarding workstream. Another option would be to create a separate adults workstream. Several people felt that carers and older people should be included in any workstream. It was agreed that people would think about the different options and that a future meeting would take a decision as to the preferred way forward.

Sarah informed the meeting about the network events that are held twice a year and are open to all partners. The next meeting will be January with a theme of ‘Making Safeguarding Personal’.

**Item 3- Cities of Service- Rachael Loftus**

Rachael introduced the Cities of Service project. It is an imported model from the USA where 190 cities now have a ‘Chief Service Officer’ working closely with their local administration to promote community action and volunteering.

Rachael has been working on the service plan. There are two key initiatives – ‘Out and About’ – that aims to improve the lives of isolated, older people by involving them in community activity and ‘Mentoring’ – a project that aims to improve the lives of young men by offering them an older mentor.

TSL was invited to nominate to the Programme Board. Richard Palmer from KOP will attend and Carolyn Barlow and Helen Orlic from YCC will share a board place.

Rachael gave a brief report on some of the options outlined in the budget that is dealing with a 40% cut over 3 years and urged people to get involved in consultation - bleak times but also possibilities for new ideas and doing things differently.

**Item 4- TSL development worker & incorporation process updates**

Tom has drawn up a brief for the TSL development worker and people are asked to circulate the details to any interested people. The closing date is September 15th.

Incorporation process:- the meeting was informed that the TSL exec had been reconsidering the proposal to register as a CIC in the light of advice concerning tax and charitable status.

Following a discussion the meeting asked that an email be circulated to all members with information about the different options. Members would be asked to make any comments/ express a preference for an option before the next TSL exec meeting on the 2nd September.

**A.O.B.** Hilary asked if people would be interested in getting someone to come and answer questions about changes to pensions and auto-enrolment.