

**Third Sector Leeds Leadership Group**

**20 February 2023**

**1.30pm – 3.00pm**

**Online via Zoom**

Present:

Chris Hollins CH TSL Independent Chair

Helen Hart HHa Locality Rep West (Barca)

Jo Volpe JV Older People Rep (Leeds OP Forum)

Jeannette Morris-Boam JMB Women and Girls (Leeds Women’s Aid obo NP)

Hannah Bailey HB Voluntary Action Leeds

Steph Taylor ST Economy and Enterprise (LCF)

Julia Preston JuP Locality Rep East (Gipsil)

Adrian Curtis AC Locality Rep South (Groundwork)

Nick Morgan NM Advice and Financial Inclusion Rep (Chapeltown CAB)

Pip Goff PG Health Rep (Forum Central)

David Paterson DP Housing Rep (Unity in Poverty Action)

Alison Barrie AB Crime Reduction Rep (Change Grow Live)

In attendance:

Meg Russell MR TSL Support - VAL

Alex Cant CR TSL Support – VAL

Sasha Walton SW Social Value & Early Careers Network Lead (LCC)

Sarah Erskine SE Public Health (LCC)

Tim Fielding TF Public Health (LCC)

Ayeesha Lewis SL Public Health (LCC)

Helen Hoyle HHo SEE Ahead/Yorkshire Social Value Action Learning Set

Liz Riley LR Yorkshire Social Value Group

Apologies:

Nik Peasgood NP Women and Girls Rep (Leeds Women’s Aid) – JMB deputising

Simon Phillips SP Faith Groups Rep (Leeds Faith Forum)

John Preston JoP Environment Rep (TCV)

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| **Item** |  | **Action**  |
| **1** | **Welcome and Introductions** |  |
|  | There was a round of introductions, welcome to the new Leadership Group members:* Dave Paterson - Unity in Poverty Action and Leeds Food Aid Network, representative for Housing
* Alison Barrie - Change Grow Live, representative for Crime Reduction Network
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| **2** | **Marmot City and Third Sector** |  |
|  | Sarah Erskine gave a presentation on the opportunities for third sector involvement and engagement in plans for Leeds to become a Marmot city. The presentation overall was positive with a focus on supporting the social determinants of good health, building on good work already happening in Leeds, and showing the schedule of phases for implementation:The Marmot City work programme involves:* Phase 1 April 2023: Assessments and developing approach.
* Phase 2 June: Workshops, partnership events

There is a Marmot City working group where representatives (including HB and PG for the third sector) develop the program and operations including counsellors, elected members and health champions. SE noted that there is a concern the plans are ‘top down’ and they are keen to consider community voices, co design and peoples stories and it is open to discussion and debate. PG notes that it is positive how it’s developing change. It has been discussed multiple times and how to link in with various things that are happening across the city and more opportunity for city wide strategies. NM agreed that the wider determinants of health are key, and that the wider sector has a good deal of insight around this – e.g. GPs charge people for a medical report, which is needed to apply for PIP.TM explained they are keen to work in partnership with the third sector and include community voice. It is not about bringing in new money with unrealistic expectations and more focussed on changeable things that can be impacted by policies and new partnerships.Next steps: to consider a workshop with key third sector representatives e.g. across Housing, Children and Young People’s services etc.**ACTION:** MR to share details for DP, HH and JP with Public Health for Marmot City work. | **MR** |
| **3.**  | **Previous Notes, Matters Arising and Report on TSL Activity**  |  |
|  | **Chair Recruitment**There has been one application for the chair recruitment and CH has met with the candidate to discuss the role. The recruitment schedule below:* The advert is still open and will close on **Friday 24 March**
* The interviews will take place w/c **6 March.**

If anyone is interested in being on the recruitment panel, please let MR know. PG asked if CH would consider being on the panel and CH noted that they have already spoken to the candidate and will speak to other candidates but if the recruitment panel believe it would be helpful then CH would join the panel. SW mentioned that they have 7 years of recruitment experience if the panel needs assistance.**ACTION:** All members are encouraged to promote the vacancy with their networks and anyone that they believe would be beneficial to the role.  **Membership of Leadership Group**We are welcoming three new members of the Leadership Group, where positions have been delegated by relevant forums:* Housing: Dave Paterson (Unity in Poverty Action and Leeds Food Aid Network) – delegated by Grassroots Housing Forum
* Crime Reduction: Alison Barrie (Change Grow Live) and Caroline Rountree (Restorative Justice) – delegated by Leeds Crime Reduction Network

Recruitment for Leadership Group members has been active but had now closed. We have had expressions of interest for the following positions:* Small groups
* LGBT+
* Localities – East Leeds

There were no applications for arts and culture, or locality rep for West Leeds. HH would be happy to continue representing West Leeds alongside her current Leadership Group position.Hannah Bailey currently attends the TSL Leadership Group on behalf of VAL but isn’t formally a part of the group. The group decided that they are happy for a separate position of infrastructure to continue and HB continue on behalf of VAL. Leeds Community Anchor Network have requested position on the TSL Leadership Group as a new network. They may take the East Leeds position as a dual position with the wider Anchor network. The Leadership Group agreed that would work best. **UK Shared Prosperity Fund**A very high-level overview of priority areas for investment have been shared with TSL by the local authority. There were a series of TSL Goes Local events that had a representative from the local authority, to do a presentation on UKSPF. Plans are in progress and there will shortly be a public announcement about where the funding will be invested in Leeds.Engagement and information sharing with the third sector on UKSPF has been limited, and the Leadership Group hope to see this improve in the second and third years of funding. VAL has produced some communications to share with the sector and is awaiting approval from the local authority on this. VAL is also drafting a paper reviewing this process in line with the Compact. There will be a proposed structure for West Yorkshire Assembly that will be circulated when it is available. MR confirms that it will likely be for next meeting. **ACTION:** MR to add West Yorkshire Assembly proposed structure to the next meeting. **Third sector Strategy**Volunteers from across the local authority and city anchors will meet for a off workshop to co-design the strategy content, based on what we know from previous engagement with the third sector/TSL.The workshop will be on **6 March** at Stringer House. After the event the first draft should be ready. JV suggested inviting a representative from the ICB.ACTION: MR to invite Gaynor Connor (ICB) to Third Sector Strategy workshopACTION: All to contact MR if interested in attending 6 March Third Sector Strategy workshop. | **All****MR****MR****All** |
| **4.** | **Strategic Updates from Leadership Group members** |  |
|  | The group needed to give enough time for the the Social Value tools presentation so there were no updates from the Leadership Group. PG raises that the Charity Commission is doing an open consultation on ‘Charities Use of Social Media’ and PG will send a link through to the group to look over [Draft guidance: charities use of social media - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-guidance-charities-use-of-social-media)**ACTION:** PG to share details of Charity Commission consultation on new social media guidance. | **PG** |
| **5.** | **Social Value Tools** |  |
|  | Sasha Walton gave a presentation on Social Value tools within Council. They have moved to a new portal that allows a more improved way of reporting and an overview of social value within the city. The Leadership Group agreed that although this tool is not perfect, it is the best available tool to measure social value.SW gave a demonstration of the Social Value Engine dashboard, which can start to show the impact of social value activities on different parts of the city. The LG asked whether there is an existing platform where developers keen to invest in social value can meet with communities to understand local priorities in the early planning stages. SW confirmed that there wasn’t but will explore this idea.Also noted that everything that happens in the city creates social value and not just contracts. HH asked whether the dashboard can filter to show social value created by each sector.**ACTION:** SW to request filter on social value dashboard to show social value created by each sector. | **SW** |
| **6.** | **TSL Response to Tim Ryley Letter** |  |
|  | The TSL group were sent a response from Tim Ryley to the TSL request of statement of support from commissioners. There was not sufficient time in the meeting to gather views from the Leadership Group for a formal response – CH asked all to feed back via email.**ACTION** – Leadership Group to feed in views for TSL’s response to Tim Ryley’s letter.PG shared thoughts about a session to support organisations to have conversations with commissioners.LG members noted that although limited resources are an ongoing concern, commissioners are listening and showing flexibility in recent conversations around contract negotiations. | **All** |
| **7.**  | **AOB** |  |
|  | Today is potentially Chris’s last meeting as Chair although he will attend the next one to hand over with the new Chair. Thank you to CH for being a great chair and thank you for all your contribution.  |  |
| **7.** | **Date and Time of Next meeting** |  |
|  | Monday 3 April 1:30 – 3:00pm – The Old Fire Station  |  |