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**Third Sector Leeds Leadership Group**

**03 April 2023**

**1.30pm – 3.00pm**

**The Old Fire Station**

Present:

Chris Hollins CH TSL Independent Chair

Kim Groves KG TSL Independent Chair (incoming)

Jo Volpe JV Older People Rep (Leeds OP Forum)

Hannah Bailey HB Voluntary Action Leeds

Julia Preston JuP Children and Young People’s Rep (Gipsil)

Adrian Curtis AC Locality Rep South (Groundwork)

David Paterson DP Housing Rep (Unity in Poverty Action)

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

John Preston JoP Environment Rep (TCV)

Maggie Dawkins MD LGBT+ Rep (Leeds LGBT+ Forum)

Rifhat Malik RM Locality Rep East (Give a Gift)

Helen Hoyle HHo Infrastructure Rep (SEE Ahead)

In attendance:

Meg Russell MR TSL Support - VAL

Alex Cant CR TSL Support – VAL

Fiona Bolam FB Leeds City Council

Meenakshi Parmar MP Leeds City Council

Wazim Faroze WF Leeds City Council

Anthony Cooke AC Leeds City Council

Apologies:

Pip Goff PG Health Rep (Forum Central)

Steph Taylor ST Economy and Enterprise (LCF)

Simon Phillips SP Faith Groups Rep (Leeds Faith Forum)

Alison Barrie AB Crime Reduction Rep (Change Grow Live)

Helen Hart Ha Locality Rep West (Barca)

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

Claire Bastin CB Co-founder and Director, Nifty Sustainability CIC

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| **Item** |  | **Action** |
| **1.** | **Welcome and Introductions** |  |
|  | There was a round of introductions and apologies circulated. Welcome to the new chair of TSL, Kim Groves.  Also welcome to the new TSL Members:   * Rifhat Malik from Give a Gift, representative for East Leeds and a member of the LCAN Leadership Group * Maggie Dawkins from LGBT+ Forum, representative for LGBT+ communities * Helen Hoyle from SEE Ahead, representative for Infrastructure |  |
| **2.** | **Inclusive Growth Strategy** |  |
|  | Fiona Bolam gave a presentation on the Inclusive Growth Strategy from Leeds City Council. LCC are refreshing their strategy along with the Health & Wellbeing Strategy and the TSL group were asked for their input and to answer and queries they have. The strategy will include dealing with challenges of the past few years including leaving the EU, Ukraine war, cost of living crisis and will go up to 2030.  The strategy aims to work with everyone including those across the city. The first version is on the website along with the social index tool <https://www.inclusivegrowthleeds.com/leeds-social-progress-index>  The strategy covers three key themes:   * Improving people’s lives by tackling poverty and inequality * Investing in our places to create a sustainable economy and greener future. * Stimulating innovation which drives and delivers measurable impact towards a healthier, greener and inclusive future.   Points of discussion:   * How might it be highlighted that the council are working with TS, how could they show that they are being influenced by the third sector * How might the language be used to bring the strategy to life for the sector, how do community leaders interpret the language for it to be spread down to members – to ask questions such as ‘is this realistic? Is this right?’ Also for the language to align with the whole city and not just the city centre and the growth strategy * Note on how the sector is struggling with recruitment and how to show more of what the sector is struggling with * Considering how priorities around good jobs fits with the West Yorkshire Fair Work Charter * The third sector often supports those furthest from the labour market – so there’s an opportunity here to work more closely to ensure this strategy and support better serves these communities * Recognition that the third sector can often serve as a training sector for workforce and how can we address this * Whether the strategy could include older workers and self employed * The TS often supports those furthest from the labour market – so there’s an opportunity here to work more closely to ensure this strategy and support better serves these communities * The TSL strategy have very similar topics to the inclusive growth strategy and it is great to see. How can the strategy be linked to what’s going on in the city e.g. social value from contracts in houses * Climate Action at VAL have done work on donut economies, and it would be good for that to be a part of the final strategy   JB will be taking the discussion and feedback from todays meeting back to the board.  **ACTION –** MR to share slides and social index tool to group  **ACTION –** all to feedback, share any examples to highlight and sign up to attend the launch event later this year by contacting [inclusive.growth.strategy@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:inclusive.growth.strategy@leeds.gov.uk)  **ACTION -** LCC officers to feed back to the LG on their questions | **MR**  **All**  **FB** |
| **3.** | **Health & Wellbeing Strategy** |  |
|  | Wazim Faroze & Tom Cooper from the Leeds City Council gave a presentation on the Health & Wellbeing Strategy refresh.  The strategy focusses on having a stronger strategic approach across the city, including:   * Leeds being the best city for health and wellbeing * Be the most caring city for the poorest areas * Have wellbeing start with people * Have long term financial stability across the city * Address lived experiences and health inequalities * Communication between services * Focus on needs of different communities * Balance with what’s going on in the city * Look at aging population * People with learning difficulties, mental health, refugees, those living in poverty etc * Provide a better offer for children and young people in deprived areas * Focus on digital inclusion and innovation * Social value and how to use corporate responsibility.   The strategy will be finalised in May and aim to send to the board in July.  Discussion points and questions:   * DP notes that it is important for the strategy to include the resilience of the people rather than focussing on the struggles. * How can we better reflect the challenges communities and the sector have been facing – can we measure the resilience of the sector? * The importance of reflecting an aging and more diverse population – and highlighting the sector’s role in this   **ACTION:** MR to share slides (attached) and early working draft of the refresh - this won’t reflect all the areas mentioned in the slides but will be built into the next version  **ACTION:** all to feedback comments to [Wasim.Feroze@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:Wasim.Feroze@leeds.gov.uk)  **ACTION:** LCC officers to feed back to the LG on their questions | **MR**  **All**  **LCC** |
| **4.** | **Previous Minutes, Matters Arising and Report on Activity** |  |
|  | **Third Sector Strategy**  The TSL Strategy Workshop was held at the beginning of March to look at key points on the TS strategy. TSL were keen to keep it at a strategic level and use tools that they already had and building on them. MR share the draft TS strategy with the group.  Key points of discussion:   * Lots of interest in social value brokerage, but acknowledging this is a substantial piece of work * How might the strategy align with the other strategies from LCC: Health & Wellbeing, Inclusive Growth & Climate Action * Need to look into procurement regulations and how these may be a barrier to collaborative commissioning * More focus on data-sharing and ability to use partners systems within ‘digital’ * HB noted there have been conversations around social value and they are putting together a case for strategic partnerships and how to move forward including how to approach companies etc.     **ACTION**: MR to share full draft at next meeting | **MR** |
| **5.** | **Strategic Updates from Leadership Group members** |  |
|  | There were no strategic updates in this meeting due to time constraints. |  |
| **6.** | **State of the Sector Report - Presentation** |  |
|  | **ACTION**: Key points will be circulated and the LG will be updated next meeting with draft report. | **MR** |
| **6.** | **AOB** |  |
|  | The group said a thank you and farewell to Chris Hollins as the outgoing chair of TSL. |  |
| **7.** | **Date and Time of Next meeting** |  |
|  | Time and date of next meeting:  Scheduled for Monday 15th May 2023, 1.30 - 3.00pm, online via Zoom. |  |