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**Third Sector Leeds Leadership Group**

**13 November 2023**

**1.30pm – 3.00pm**

**Barca Office**

Present:

Kim Groves KG TSL Chair

Hannah Bailey HB VAL Rep (Voluntary Action Leeds)

Gayle Graham GG Small Groups Rep (Health for All)

Pip Goff PG Health Rep (Forum Central)

John Preston JoP Environment (The Conservation Volunteers)

Adrian Curtis AC Localities South East (Groundwork)

Helen Hart HHa Children and Young People’s Rep (Barca)

Dave Paterson DP Housing Rep (Food Aid Network)

Jo Volpe JV Older People Rep (Leeds OP Forum)

Helen Hoyle HHo Infrastructure Rep (SEE Ahead)

Rifhat Malik RM Give a Gift (LCAN Leadership Group)

In attendance:

Meg Russell MR TSL Support - VAL

Alex Cant AC TSL Support (minute taker) – VAL

Steve Hoey SH Turning Lives Around

Mike Eakins ME Leeds City Council

Jon Beech JB Leeds Asylum Seekers Support Network

Apologies:

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

Caroline Rountree CR Crime Reduction Network Rep (Restorative Justice)

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

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

Simon Phillips SP Faith Groups Rep (Leeds Faith Forum)

Maggie Dawkins MD LGBT+ Rep (LGBT Forum)

Ali Magoub AM Leeds Refugee Forum

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| **Item** |  | **Action** |
| **1** | **Welcome and Introductions** |  |
|  | Kim Groves did a round of introductions and welcomed all.  Welcomed Mike Eakins from Leeds City Council & Jon Beech from Leeds Asylum Seekers Support Network. |  |
| **2.** | **Previous Notes, Matters Arising and Report on TSL Activity** |  |
|  | Pip Goff asked if there is anyone from the TSL group that would like to contribute to the Heather Nelson tribute on Saturday, if there is, email PG to input.  **LCAN – position on UKSPF**  Meetings have taken place to discuss the LCAN position on UKSPF. LCAN are currently putting together a proposal for how best to take this work forward in partnership with Leeds City Council.  **Third Sector Strategy Launch**  The third sector strategy launch on 30th October was a success and was well attended. There were key priorities that were identified, and the strategy has been published on Doing Good Leeds.  Agreed to use the next meeting (in December) to plan TSL’s workplan for the year ahead, based on the three priorities identified by third sector organisations through TSL Goes Local events: commissioning and funding, partnerships, and social value.  **ACTION:** Extend meeting by 1 hour on 11th December  **ACTION:** To book Stringer House (Hunslet Room) 3:30 - 4:15pm to join Leader of the Council update  **TSL Breakfast meeting**  The TSL Breakfast meeting will take place on 14th November. MR asked the group to consider what questions they would like to ask the Council and what they would like to focus on. The group feedback that they would like LCC colleagues to respond to their questions so they can ensure they focus on constructive action and next steps.  The meeting will be 1 hour long, therefore there will be a streamlined agenda to keep on track with the right topics. The full list of attendees is not yet confirmed although there are some colleagues that support TSL attending along with some additional directors.  TSL Leadership agreed they would like to invite Leeds MP’s to a meeting in February to discuss issues across the third sector.  **ACTION:** Meg to re-circulate the key questions for TSL Breakfast meeting.  **ACTION:** TSL Support to invite Leeds MPs to a meeting with TSL Leadership group.  **Response to financial challenge**  Discussion around social value and the housing meeting and how it fits in with the Marmot City work and who else to invite to ensure this progresses – suggested relevant WYCA officers. Next meeting Monday 4 December, 3pm at Citu offices.  **ACTION**: All from TSL LG interested in joining this meeting to contact Meg  **UKSPF**  MR noted that pillar 3 of the UKSPF funding has now opened. KG has Chaired the first UKSPF Impact and Influence Group and shared key actions, and will continue to keep TSL Leadership Group updated. | **AC**  **AC**  **MR**  **MR/AC**  **All** |
| **3.** | **Leadership Group Feedback on Key Strategic Issues/ Challenges** |  |
|  | **Julia Preston (requested via MR)**  Informal Leeds Leaders group – this was suggested as a sub-group of TSL as a way of providing peer support to leaders across Leeds, including on commissioning, leadership, practical staffing/HR, best practice etc during this challenging period. Agreed:   * This to commence in January on an informal basis * Leaders attending to note key points and feed these back to TSL LG – but not formally minuted * Noted existing groups that may be useful: Health and Care Leaders and HR Network (hosted by Forum Central) with accompanying Padlet website. * This would be a self-supported group where they would share best practise and good resources   HH noted that they had something similar that worked well during the pandemic.  **Hannah Bailey**  Alternative Business support funded by the Combined Authority to commence shortly, with business coaches being recruited currently (one hosted by VAL). See Ahead will be delivering workshops as part of the program.  **ACTION:** Hannah to circulate further info | **HB** |
| **4.** | **Best City Ambition Refresh** |  |
|  | Mike Eakins from LCC presented an overview of changes to the Leeds Best City strategy for comment. The plan aims to look at what is best for the city and aims to use real life examples to help develop the refresh. Feedback was generally positive, although noting the challenging circumstances this strategy is being refreshed in:   * Language is more clear and improved in Team Leeds * Lot of positive examples of cross sector working for Team Leeds * Would be useful to include ‘why’ this is important as well was what it is and how it will be done * Suggested working through examples of where ‘Team Leeds’ hasn’t worked out as well as when it has * More specific filters for Social Progress Index – this is being worked on now * More specific reference to the importance of the sector – this has been included   **ACTION:** Mike to share draft with TSL LG when ready  **ACTION:** All to share examples of good ‘Team Leeds’ working with Mike | **ME**  **All** |
| **5.** | **Support for Asylum Seekers** |  |
|  | Jon Beech from LASSN updated the LG on the current support for Asylum Seekers. |  |
| **6.** | **AOB** |  |
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| **7.** | **Date and Time of Next meeting** |  |
|  | Monday 11th December 2023, 1.00 - 4.00pm, Stringer House |  |