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**Third Sector Leeds Leadership Group**

**11 December 2023**

**1.00pm – 3.30pm**

**Stringer House**

Present:

Kim Groves KG TSL Chair

Hannah Bailey HB VAL Rep (Voluntary Action Leeds)

Gayle Graham GG Small Groups Rep (Health for All)

John Preston JoP Environment (The Conservation Volunteers)

Adrian Curtis AC Localities South East (Groundwork)

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

Jo Volpe JV Older People Rep (Leeds OP Forum)

Rifhat Malik RM Give a Gift (LCAN Leadership Group)

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

Caroline Rountree CR Crime Reduction Network Rep (Restorative Justice)

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

In attendance:

Meg Russell MR TSL Support - VAL

Alex Cant AC TSL Support (minute taker) – VAL

Hannah Jameson HJ Leeds City Council

Sam Powell SP Leeds City Council

Claire Nixon CN Forum Central

Apologies:

Helen Hoyle HHo Infrastructure Rep (SEE Ahead)

Maggie Dawkins MD LGBT+ Rep (LGBT Forum)

Pip Goff PG Health Rep (Forum Central)

Dave Paterson DP Housing Rep (Food Aid Network)

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

Simon Phillips SP Faith Groups Rep (Leeds Faith Forum)

Ali Magoub AM Leeds Refugee Forum

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| **Item** |  | **Action** |
| **1** | **Welcome and Introductions** |  |
|  | CH welcomed all attendees to the meeting and apologies were shared. |  |
| **2.** | **Previous Notes, Matters Arising and Report on TSL Activity** |  |
|  | **Chair update**  The published proposals for spending reductions from Leeds City Council has been circulated to the Leadership Group. There is expected to be a report from NHS colleagues on the health spend on the third sector at the next meeting on **Monday 22nd January 1 – 3pm.**  There are three spaces on the Third Sector Partnership meeting, the group was asked if anyone would like to attend. Pip Goff currently attends the meeting.  Some discussions around how the agenda for the meetings should be structured and how to get a better output. It was also noted that there are no follow up actions of the meetings. KG notes that we could feedback to them.  JP notes that the meeting clashes with the Health & Care Leaders Network meeting and that juggling diaries can be difficult, however they would like to attend.  HB notes that the way things were organised previously for TSP was that the meeting was to discuss issues and to create a forward plan of key points for the year. There were fixed reps on TSL, with more flexibility to involve the right people. Councillor Harland have agreed flexibility of the reps.  **Third Sector Commissioning and Collaboration Group**  Summary of actions from the last meeting (30.11.23), attended by PG, HH, JP, MR:   * Third Sector Commissioning and Collaboration Group review third sector investment when we have full picture including ICB information in January * William Shaw to attend Young Lives Leeds with a further update of budget proposals around Children & Families in January * Future meetings to be monthly for an hour - Julie to liaise with Meg re dates   **Social Value**  Colleagues from Citu, Forum Central and Turning Lives Around met to discuss housing and social value, and shared the following thoughts for TSL’s consideration:   * We need to define the problem we are trying to address, and what we mean by social value * Agreeing who will do what and when will be important * Meeting online next time should take away travel/parking hassles * Feeding into the consultations on the Leeds Plan and the WYCA Housing Strategy - shall we do this individually or collectively? What are our key messages? * If Jimm can take on organising our REIF presence that would be great * Lobbying candidates for upcoming mayoral/MP elections will be good - let's agree on our message   **UKSPF**  The Leadership Group noted several challenges for the third sector in collaborating with partners on pillar 3 bids, including lead partners (these needing to be LA in most cases), very tight timescales for bidding, limited contract time (12 months). Women and Girls Alliance had success with a more proactive angle, approaching WYCA with what needed to be delivered in Leeds before tender was announced.   * Agreed to wait until bidding period has concluded before feeding back to local and regional authorities * Important to ensure that WY Engagement Structure enables better partnerships around investment   **ACTION:** Nik to share key learning from Women and Girls Alliances’ approach  **Lobbying messages**  TSL have agreed that, as communities in Leeds are being impacted by national policy and decision making, TSL should seek to lobby central government on key topics. It was agreed at TSL Breakfast meeting that third sector and public sector partners should seek to agree 3 or 4 key messages they felt would be most impactful to share. Partners across the public sector have been very supportive of TSL lobbying.  VAL and Forum Central met to discuss the best way to coordinate and plan this as part of their role as infrastructure, and as part of a wider discussion around supporting the sector through this period of financial instability. **Suggested plan for discussion at TSL:**   * Develop overarching messages about the role and value of the sector in the city * Set out some key areas of focus on specific policy areas for focus on in the short, medium and long term:   + Household Support Fund   + Asylum decisions   + Housing * Work with the relevant networks in the city and our statutory partners in order to develop a set of coherent messages around these areas, using both data and people’s lived experiences * Set out a clear plan as to how we will target and communicate these messages locally, and make us of our existing region and national links (Locality, NAVCA, local MPs etc) * Communicate the intention to undertake this work to the wider TSL membership and seek feedback / additional areas of focus   MR notes the household support is not confirmed for this year and there have been suggestions around lobbying around the Marmot City work. The group agreed the following potential key lobbying messages to share and agree with partners:   * Importance of Household Support Fund and impact on communities * Asylum decisions and impact on communities – route to engage on this will be through Asylum Matters national campaigning * Longer and better-quality life expectancies require community infrastructure * Impact of preventative measures on statutory/emergency services * Preventing private businesses profiting from public money (e.g. children’s placements)   **ACTION:** MR to circulate Locality Manifesto for TSL LG consideration  **ACTION:** MR to shape key messages and share with LG for data/case studies, before sharing with wider partners to agree | **NP**  **MR**  **MR** |
| **3.** | **Leadership Group Feedback on Key Strategic Issues/ Challenges** |  |
|  | **ACTION**: All to send their updates via email. | **ALL** |
| **4.** | **Section 114 notices - learning from other places** |  |
|  | NAVCA have been meeting to bring local authorities together to discuss what is the impact on the sector. There have been a few conversations with the TSL group with what the issue of issuing a 114 notice would be, with concerns of overnight loss in funding and no warning in advance. The TSL group agreed that:   * Third sector organisations need to know if this is coming in order to plan * Potential for local authority services to transferred into the third sector – this is in line with Locality’s Keep it Local campaign that LCC has signed up to |  |
| **5.** | **TSL 2024 work plan** |  |
|  | Third Sector Strategy planning: all fed ideas for tangible actions and working groups through a workshop, based on the following three priority areas for this year:   1. Partnerships 2. Commissioning and funding 3. Social value   **ACTION**: Meg and Alex to draft work plan and circulate with LG to agree | **MR, AC** |
| **6.** | **Feedback and next steps** |  |
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| **7.** | **AOB** |  |
|  | None. |  |
| **8.** | **Date and Time of Next meeting** |  |
|  | Monday 29th December 13:30 – 15:00 – Online |  |