

THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Local Strategic Partnership Board held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth, on Wednesday, 24 January 2024 from 10.00 am to 11.30 am.

Present:

Bob Jones, Watford and Three Rivers Trust,
Rebecca Young, Three Rivers District Council
Councillor Sarah Nelmes (Leader), Three Rivers District Council - Chair
Councillor Steve Drury, Three Rivers District Council
Councillor Narinder Sian, Three Rivers District Council
Kimberley Grout, Three Rivers District Council
Suchita Naidu, Three Rivers District Council
Peta Mettam, Citizens Advice Service Three Rivers
Peter Cogan, Watford Community Housing
Keith Harland, Herts Fire and Rescue Service
Priti Patel, Community Learning Partnership
Debbie Stone, Intensive Family Support Team
Shivani Dave, Three Rivers District Council
Michelle Wright, Three Rivers District Council
Dan Bhamra, Herts Constabulary
Elspeth Mackenzie, Thrive Homes
Margaret Gallagher, Ascend
Danielle Levy, Herts Mind Network
Kate Brierley, Hertfordshire County Council
Shirish Chauhan, Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce
Bartosz Boho, West Herts College

1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from, Emma Doree, Matthew Chatfield, Rosalind Nerio, Karen Stephanou, Sophie Linnington and Jo Barrett.

3 MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2023, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

4 HOT TOPICS

Open for contribution

Keith Harland, from Fire & Rescue Service described difficulties with language barrier during fire and rescue operations.

Peta Mettam also talked about the difficulties of language barrier they have been experiencing at the Citizens Advice Service Three Rivers, (CASTR), due to a rise in housing issues, although CASTR use Language Line, which offers remote and on-site interpreting and translation solutions for various industries and organisations.

Shivani Dave advised that Three Rivers District Council's (TRDC) website includes an accessibility tool provided by *Recite me* that provides access to several languages.

5 COMMUNITY STRATEGY

Michelle Wright from TRDC shared a presentation on Violence Against Women and Girls, which covered the following points:

- What Violence Against Women and Girls is about
- Changes for a better way of life
- What can we do as organisations?
- What we are doing locally – Partnership Working
- Summary



VAWG Presentation
V3 Jemma Duffell.oi

Michelle Wright highlighted concerns around unlit car parks, particularly in Abbots Langley, and the need for data around antisocial activities as well as how partners can work with schools.

The Police are working with TRDC, improving lighting and CCTV cameras. TRDC have also installed solar lights in parks.

Dan Bhamra from Hertfordshire Constabulary shared that the college of policing are developing something with Herts constabulary staff, and more information would be shared as this progresses.

Peta Mettam talked about the importance of training staff in violence against women within organisations.

Keith Harland recommended Hertfordshire County Council's Active Bystander training.

6 FUNDING AND PROJECTS

Three Rivers LSP, Connected Three Rivers, Donation Platform presentation by Shivani Dave from TRDC, which covered the following points:

- Actions
- Communications Strategy
- Webpage
- Social media content
- Launch



Donations
comms.pptx

It was proposed by the Board that specific project works could be included in the presentation. **Action** – Shivani to review platform name and summarise projects to share on the platform.

The following points were raised:

- Could a target be set, and how it would be set? – the Board decided not to.

- A link to be included for corporate donations
- Logos – LSP logo to be used, branding important and needs emphasis that it is for charity
- Help facilitate funding for partners
- Remind residents of the work TRDC do
- Adding videos, storytelling – **Action** – Shivani to incorporate this into promotion for the platform.
- Raffle, but no alcohol to be included as prize – **Action** – for all partners to promote raffle donations.

Rebecca Young from TRDC shared a presentation on UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF):

- The UKSPF is the Government's domestic replacement for the European Structural and Investment Programme (ESIF). The UKSPF aims to contribute to the 'Levelling Up' agenda by providing financial assistance to boost productivity, tackle geographical inequalities and improve life chances, especially in deprived areas, with 4 levelling up objectives.
- Investment Plan
- TRDC's Allocation
- Spend and delivery to date

Shivani Dave, from TRDC shared recent events and works carried out by the Council with the Community Hubs allocation of UKSPF.

- Work with Herts Pride
- Healthy Hub
- Crafts and culture events
- Roof repair at Mill End Community Centre

Recommendation

That the Partnership Board note the progress made to date on delivery of the UKSPF programme against the approved Investment Plan.

RESOLVED:

That the Partnership Board note the progress made to date on delivery of the UKSPF programme against the approved Investment Plan.

7 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Shivani Dave also shared the Race Equality Week flyers and requested partners to share. **Action** – partners to contact Shivani for a copy.

Update from Bob Jones, Watford and Three Rivers Trust (W3RT):

W3RT recently finished their research on sharing results on formal voluntary sector and now researching informal voluntary sector. Bob offered to present future meetings.

8 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/THEMES

CHAIR