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MEETING
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May 9
2024

Date, Time & Location
Thursday 9th May 2024
10:00am – 11:30am
Microsoft Teams

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Attendees

Board Members Present

David Sanderson	(DS)	Independent Chair
Richard Hooper	(RH)	Adventure Hyndburn
Miranda Barker	(MB)	East Lancs Chamber of Commerce
Andrew Parkin	(AP)	Nelson Group (Accrington and Rosendale College)
Sara Britcliffe MP	(SB)	Hyndburn & Haslingden Member of Parliament
Sharon Hendrie	(SH)	Ynot Aspire
Elaine Barker	(EB)	Hyndburn Community Voluntary Support Group
Lyndsey Sims	(LS)	Hyndburn Leisure
Steve Burns	(SBu)	Lancashire County Council
Steph Armes	(SA)	Lancashire Police
Munsif Dad	(MD)	Hyndburn Borough Council

Apologies

David Welsby	(DW)	Hyndburn Borough Council
Purves Ali	(PA)	Accrington Stanley Trust
Kath Gregson	(KG)	Hyndburn Chamber of Trade

Marlene Haworth	(MH)	Hyndburn Borough Council
Edward Matthews-Gentle	(EM-G)	Lancashire County Council

Advisors to the Board

Steve Riley	(SR)	Hyndburn Borough Council
Jess Simkin (minute taker)	(JS)	Hyndburn Borough Council
Tom Lees	(TL)	Bradshaw Advisory

Guests attended:

N.B. Actions in this document are detailed in blue and preceded by ^[ACTION]

Appendices references are indicated with green text

Item 1 Welcome and Introductions

DS welcomed attendees to the meeting and talked asked for approval for the previous Minutes. No objections so Minutes approved.

Item 2

EB shared her screen. Confirmed the Council's Long Term Plan for Towns funding is up to £20m over the next 10 years. Thinking about grant funding programmes and considering the different steering groups. £75k through ICB and £15k through Eric Wright as the common themes. Please see bullet points from slides for further detail / ideas.

TL added that perhaps a proportion of the monies could go to charities longer term.

EB also advised the board to note the criteria.

SR added the Board could consider allocating some of the capacity funding to community groups quickly as we are expecting a further £200k of seed funding to be released to the Council soon. Not expecting the first year's allocation to be released until after the submission in August. Please see Annex for the proposed breakdown of funding to be released to Hyndburn Council over the 10 years, as set out in the letter to the Leader of the Council from the Minister for Levelling Up, Jacob Young MP.

SH added she feels the Board need to access applications on what they are going to bring to the long term plan, watching out for one term grants that then come to an end. LS added she supports this, asking if this funding was also available to businesses/SME's, not just charities etc. MB confirmed her agreement to the longer term comment from SH.

EB added she thinks the ask will be there, it's just the criteria applicants would need to pass.

LS suggested 1 scheme with two separate sides for charities and businesses rather than 2 separate schemes.

TL and SR to have a discussion separate to this panel and circulate this to the board ^[ACTION]

See slides

Item 3

LS shared slides. Explained that they are trying to align all the different local amenities/organisations etc. re health and wellbeing. LGA have also released a piece of research relating to causes.

Priority wards are determined by hospital admissions in the area, 4 being in Hyndburn, possible one more to come. The approach is multi-layered. MD added that we will be looking to deliver an improvement to these priority wards.

See slides for further detail and specific actions from the report.

Item 4

TL explained that they have commissioned some polling, held the first of a series of workshops, with another one today - with young people and charity groups. Also wanting to arrange with businesses and asked MB if she could assist with pulling this together, which she agreed to assist with.

See slides for further updates/info.

TL asked for a discussion with SA for further info and SA will share data re crime and ASB to support some of the workshops. SB asked if the data could be shared from prior to OpCenturiun. TS added that the HO and justice data we have is monthly/quarterly. SA confirmed she has applied for further funding to progress OpCenturiun.

TL explained some of the polling results. This was carried out on the phone (mobile and landline). Field work was done over 3 days 22– 24 April. SB queried an article re the town centre. MD requested SB to speak directly with him outside the meeting.

See slides for poll results / the questions and answers.

TL shared the slides from the LTPfT workshop with young people (school age) from across Hyndburn. Morgan Sindall helped facilitate the workshop re the construction feel.

TL confirmed there are 2 more workshops to take place, one being today. Also added that a college workshop would be great. AP agreed this would be a great idea but would need to be within the next few weeks before the end of term, TL agreed to make contact.

SB wondered if this presentation could be used in our Coms work.

See slides for photos and summary from the workshop.

Item 5

TL will share this by email. Closing date to be determined by this group. Submission overall for the LTPfT is 1st August, with drafting ideally ready for July.

Item 6

SR explained that the procurement of a Masterplanning is progressing well. The Council has appointed RLB to help with the procurement of a lead architectural practice to undertake the work. Posted EOI and we had 17 responded from around the county, a huge number from the North West and also some national firms. At this time, colleagues from County expressed an interest to become part of the master planning process and include transport and connectivity work, as they were

consider undertaking this masterplanning themselves. LCC have offered to contribute £50k towards to cost of the expanded masterplanning work.

The initial 17 submissions were shortlisted to 6, who were invited to attend a morning walk around the TC and discussion with Hyndburn / Lancashire County Council Officers and RLB. The lead practice will of course need to bring in the extra expertise if they do not have this in-house i.e. transport/connectivity, planning etc.

This week there will be an initial scoring. SR asked if anyone on this panel would like to be involved in this. The 6 will then be shortlisted further with interviews for a top 2-3 planned for 16th May. If panel members wish to be included on the scoring, please contact Steve Riley. The winning practice will then be invited to the next meeting on 6th June to present their proposal and explain who they will undertake the work.

Item 7 - AOB:

Following the last Board meeting, the recent submission to DLUHC around requesting the LTPfT boundary be reduced to the TCIP boundary, SR confirmed that DLUHC confirmed they would support a larger boundary, if it didn't go into other townships. However, a smaller boundary may affect the eligibility criteria which selected Accrington in the first place.

Next Meeting

Date: Thursday 6th June 10am Hybrid, Face to Face at Accrington College / MS Teams