Rotherham Together Partnership (RTP) meeting
5.00-5.30pm, Wednesday 9th November 2016
Voluntary Action Rotherham, The Spectrum, Rotherham

Draft notes and action points

Attendees: Sector/Organisation:
Akhtar, Azizzum Voluntary, Community & Faith Sectors (VCF)
Dexter, Adrian VCF Sector Representative
Odell, Rob South Yorkshire Police
Havenhand, Martin Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust
Kemp, Sharon Chief Executive, RMBC
Kitlowski, Dr Julie Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group
Niedzwiedz, Marek Business Representative
Read, Cllr Chris Leader, RMBC (Chair)
Roberts, Steve Chair, Business Growth Board
Roche, Terri Health & Wellbeing Board
Sayles, Phil Further Education Representative
Pater, Lawson Rotherham, Donc & S Humber NHS Trust
Smith, Mark VCF Sector Representative
Wheatley, Janet Voluntary Action Rotherham

Supporting officers:
Burton, Clare RMBC, Children & Young People
Hanson, Karen RMBC, Regeneration and Environment
Leach, Simeon RMBC, Regeneration and Environment

Apologies: Sector/Organisation:
Connolly, John Further Education
Cowles, Cllr Allen Leader of the Opposition Group, RMBC
Carlin, Tony South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue
Hoddinott, Cllr Emma Chair, Safer Rotherham Partnership
Jagger, Paul Chamber of Commerce
Kenny, Cmmr Julie Commissioner, Lead for Partnerships
Mallinder, Cllr Jeanette RMBC
Oldfield, Margaret Voluntary Action Rotherham
Pogson, Lisa Business Representative
Roche, Cllr David Chair, Health & Wellbeing Board
Scothern, Charlotte Business Representative
Stephenson, Amy Business Representative
Swales, Mark Sheffield Hallam University
Willis, Ruth VCF Sector Representative
### Agenda item

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<td>Cllr Chris Read opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.</td>
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Apologies were noted as above.

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The notes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

**Matters arising**

**Community relations work**

An update will be brought back to a future meeting.

**Partnership website/calendar of events**

Any forthcoming events that partners would like to be included on the website’s calendar of events should be sent to the team. A template will be sent out next week so that brief RTP member bios are able to be included on the site.

**Marathon relay for Destination Poland**

The marathon relay took place on the 15\textsuperscript{th} September, and to date the total amount raised for Destination Poland is £2.3k. The target amount is £9k and further fundraising events are planned. A reminder email with the justgiving online donation details will be circulated.

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<td>Sharon Kemp delivered the presentation, and asked the RTP members to consider if the content was broadly on the right track for the new community strategy. The presentation focussed on the ‘game changers’ for the borough which would deliver tangible change. Sharon confirmed that the...</td>
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strategy was on schedule to be published in March 2017. The main points included:

- The town centre regeneration and the Masterplan
- The new higher level skills centre and pathways to employment
- The world class Advanced Manufacturing Park and increased investment in skills and apprenticeships
- Large scale housing development across the borough
- Locality working – getting to know our communities and the best way for them to access services
- Building stronger communities
- Child centred borough
- Health and social care (STP)

Sharon asked the group for comments, and whether they had any additional items for inclusion in the strategy. Sharon informed the group that they would also need to consider the place shaping work, how Rotherham will shape its identity in the future and how we will celebrate success.

Comments included:

- the list looks comprehensive, encouraging and sound, albeit a huge endeavour to actually achieve
- there has been a change in attitude over the last 12 months to a more positive and proud outlook and we need to build on this
- more clarity needed around ‘building stronger communities’
- the document should be more specific about what the challenges are around social cohesion, and we should ask ourselves if the key things have really been debated
- it is important for the document to have an affinity with Rotherham, and to have the correct top five ‘game-changers’, with other initiatives to underpin these
- how will the ‘child-centred borough’ initiative cut across the priorities?
- should digital connectivity should be considered as a cross-cutting theme so that Rotherham can be seen as being innovative?
- the NHS is developing a ‘one-stop’ service so could partners aim for the same consistency of messages across all organisations?
- the document should be more explicit about
integrated health and social care, particularly around more care being delivered in the community, with increased emphasis on self-care and signposting

- the presentation and marketing method of the strategy needs to be engaging and embody the vision of Rotherham in the future
- an underpinning theme of Rotherham moving forward, addressing inequalities, (taking all of Rotherham forward together to create a move equal borough) aspiration and values was suggested
- the strategy should recognise that the voluntary sector needs investment and development
- the document needs to reflect the localities terminology that partners will be adopting
- the locality model gives Rotherham a chance to have a distinctive infrastructure
- funders are more supportive of partnership bids, so opportunities to work collaboratively should be encouraged

The partnership team agreed to continue to develop the strategy, taking on board the comments above. The RTP agreed that the document should be taken through the theme boards for further comment.

Carole Haywood agreed to circulate a more developed version of the strategy to the RTP before the next meeting.

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4. **Theme board spotlight: Business Growth Board** (including presentation)
Steve Roberts and Simeon Leach delivered an update on the work of the Business Growth Board. The main points included:

- An update on priority projects and bids for SCR funding (three projects approved to move to full business case stage)
- The BGB has been fully involved in the development of the town centre masterplan. Consultants (White Young Green) have been appointed and work has commenced. Steve requested a presentation to the RTP of the draft report in early in 2017
- Steve asked RTP members where possible to encourage employees to utilise the town centre for shopping and events in order to support the regeneration of the town

| RTP team | Theme leads CH |

| Future agenda |
• Place shaping work update - consultation has now concluded and the emerging themes and big ideas together with the visuals were presented to a joint meeting the Business Growth Board and CEO Group on the 2\(^{nd}\) November. A further update will be presented at the next RTP meeting.

• Man of Steel – Steve asked that members of the RTP consider visiting the exhibition on the sculpture at Clifton Park Museum. In addition Steve asked the RTP to fully support the Man of Steel wherever possible as he believes that the sculpture is a ‘transformational project’ for Rotherham and will provide a brilliant mechanism for putting Rotherham on the map and creating a positive brand and identity for the town.

5. **Theme board spotlight: Safer Rotherham Partnership**

Rob Odell and Karen Hanson delivered an update on the work of the Safer Rotherham Partnership. The main points included:

• Details of the Child Sexual Exploitation update report
• The partnership plan is now available on the website which outlines the six SRP headline priorities
• The Police and Crime Commissioner funding commissioning strategy
• The establishment of a Performance Board
• The Eastwood Deal

Rob Odell highlighted community cohesion as an area where more work is needed, particularly in Eastwood. Rob suggested that a large scale cohesion event could be organised which could have positive outcomes. In addition, concerns were raised about increased ASB and street drinkers in the town centre. Rob confirmed that some additional resources for Special Constables within the town centre may become available shortly.

Azizzum Akhtar asked that Eastwood should be thought of in a wider sense (not only 7 streets in Eastwood Village). Rob Odell responded that there are issues in other areas too, and with a new focus on neighbourhood policing then there is a need to focus on problem solving when and where the need arises. There are opportunities to roll out the Eastwood model and learnings from it to other areas where relevant. Rob acknowledged the increases in reported crimes, but
welcomed the increase in reporting and the opportunity to deliver positive outcomes for victims. Rob concluded that further integration of teams in the future from across agencies would result in better outcomes.

| 6. | **Partnership update** Carole Haywood introduced the report which provides an update on partnership activity since the launch of the new RTP in September 2015. The report includes highlights from the last 14 months, together with a timeline of events.

Carole requested that partners to engage with the calendar of events and supply information regarding their individual organisations events a collective picture showing a suite of activities can be collated. Some of this work requires better co-ordination in terms of support to the wider partnership and theme boards so that we have a better understanding of the support offered by the comms leads. Carole suggested that the communications leads could share the task of attending the theme board meetings, and offered to facilitate a meeting of comms leads to discuss a way forward.

Lawson Pater suggested a top down approach where strategic leads decide what information is best shared more widely and when – potentially sharing information on an agreed theme (monthly) from different partners. Adrian Dexter suggested that social media should be more widely used.

Carole Haywood **agreed** to investigate the potential for a number of hard copies of the e-newsletter to be made available. |

| 7. | **AOB** **Voluntary Action Rotherham Christmas Appeal** The VAR Christmas Appeal has been launched and this year has two elements:

- Food in Crisis donations – cash or food. A leaflet which details provision over the Christmas period has been produced (not for public) – Carole Haywood to circulate details
- A toy appeal (brand new/boxed) will be launched on the 14th November. Any donations can be delivered |
**Community Achievement Awards**

The CAA are taking place on Friday 18\(^{th}\) November at Carlton Park. RTP members are asked to confirm their attendance.

**Trustees Week**

This week is Trustees Week. Janet Wheatley asked RTP members to spread the message about supporting organisations by becoming a trustee.

Next meeting: Wednesday 14\(^{th}\) December, 5.00-7.00pm, Voluntary Action Rotherham