Rotherham Together Partnership (RTP) meeting
5.30-7.30pm, Wednesday 16th August 2017
Voluntary Action Rotherham, The Spectrum, Rotherham

Draft notes and action points

Attendees: Sector/Organisation:
Havenhand, Martin Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust (Chair)
Akhtar, Azizzum Voluntary, Community & Faith Sectors (VCF)
Bussey, Nick VCF Sector
Bloomer, Julia Interim Chair, Business Growth Board
Carlin, Tony South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue
Oldfield, Margaret Voluntary Action Rotherham
Roche, Cllr David Chair, Health & Wellbeing Board
Odell, Rob South Yorkshire Police
Kemp, Sharon Chief Executive, RMBC
Watson, Cllr Gordon Chair, Children and Young People’s Partnership
Mallinder, Cllr Jeanette RMBC
Pater, Lawson RDaSH

Supporting officers:
Wilson, Sue RMBC
Hanson, Claire RMBC

Apologies: Sector/Organisation:
Dexter, Adrian VCF Sector Representative
Freeborn, Jackie Business Representative
Read, Cllr Chris Leader, RMBC (Chair)
Wheatley, Janet Voluntary Action Rotherham
Willis, Ruth VCF Sector Representative
Connolly, John Further Education
Cowles, Cllr Allen Leader of the Opposition Group, RMBC
Cullen, Dr Richard Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group
Hodginott, Cllr Emma Chair, Safer Rotherham Partnership
Kenny, Cmmr Julie Commissioner, Lead for Partnerships
Swales, Mark Sheffield Hallam University
Pogson, Lisa Chamber President
Neidweick, Marek Business Representative

Rotherham Together Partnership:
Haywood, Carole Rotherham Together Partnership
Holmes, Michael Rotherham Together Partnership
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<td><strong>1. Opening, welcome and introductions</strong></td>
<td>Martin Havenhand welcomed everyone to the meeting, explaining that he was chairing in Cllr Read’s absence. Apologies were noted as above and introductions were made. It was noted that the meeting was not quorate but this would be picked up at the relevant decision points on the agenda.</td>
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| **2. Notes and actions from the previous meeting and declarations of interest** | No declarations of interest were made. The notes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record. **Matters arising**  
*Place shaping/Ambition Rotherham*  
Place manager job has now been advertised (electronic link on the agenda under AOB) and we have 8 founders and 38 pioneers signed up. It was **agreed** that this work should be referred to as “Ambition Rotherham” to avoid confusing it with the integrated health and social care place board  
**Communications & engagement**  
- Gordon Laidlaw (CCG) is chairing a partner comms leads group and has helped develop a partnership comms plan that will be signed off by the CEO group in September. An update on activity will be provided at the next RTP meeting in November.  
- Lisa Pogson provided a blog for the June newsletter.  
- Member bios/photos – these have been coming through and are gradually being added to the website (which is to be updated shortly)  
**Building stronger communities (BSC)**  
BSC Forum up and running: met in June and meeting again in September. First round of small grants completed, community engagement coordinator appointed, and £1.3m has been secured from the government’s Controlling |
Migration Fund to take forward a wide range of cohesion-related projects. This will also fund a BSC coordinator. 

**Town centre masterplan**
Is to be presented to RMBC Cabinet for approval on 11th September; also seeking approval to go to market for a developer for Forge Island.

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<td><strong>Agreed</strong></td>
<td>Carole Haywood introduced the paper. Members were asked to agree changes to the terms of reference (ToR), including change the chair’s tenure from 1 year to 3 years, and to consider the outlined membership issues.</td>
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General changes to the ToR were **agreed**.

**Membership**
- Further education – it was clarified that TRC did not want direct representation as they were now joining an academy chain. Carole to discuss FE/HE representation with John Connolly.
- Young people - it was **agreed** that a proposal would be developed, working with the children and young people’s partnership, setting out how the voice of young people could be heard.

**Chairing**
The change to a 3-year tenure was **agreed**. It was also agreed to appoint Cllr Read to a new 3-year term (i.e. to August 2020), noting that this would be subject to annual confirmation, which would give partners the opportunity to raise any issues.

**5. Urgent and emergency care centre (UECC)**
Jo Martin and Dr Kay Stenton (A&E consultant) delivered a presentation on the new UECC, outlining its purpose, the fact that it was a response to consultation feedback, and explaining how its operation was designed to improve the customer experience.

Members asked questions about evaluating performance, particularly in relation to delayed discharges and meeting the 4-hour waiting target. Kay explained that she would be focusing on “exit block” in more depth now that the centre
Agreed

is open.

There was a discussion about people presenting with non-urgent issues. It was agreed that partners needed to get the message out about using the right service, thinking of new approaches. Specific advice is needed for new arrival communities who aren’t used to the primary care model.

Partner comms leads to consider

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<td>Tony Carlin provided a summary of issues relating to the fallout from the Grenfell tragedy, including a short presentation.</td>
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<td>Claire Hanson (RMBC emergency planning and safety officer) provided additional information on how local partners would respond to a similar event (briefing previously circulated to members).</td>
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<td>Key points included:</td>
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<td>• SYF&amp;R don’t have records of all residential high rises in SY – need to share information better.</td>
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<td>• Grenfell inquiry terms of reference – worth reading fire chiefs’ response (see link in presentation slide). Aspects looking at the role of the local authority and other bodies before the tragedy and the response of local government in the aftermath will be particularly pertinent for the partnership.</td>
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<td>• Dealing with social media is a particular issue – need to be prepared/resourced for an ongoing 2-way dialogue</td>
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<td>• Need to consider the overall resources required from partners during the “recovery phase”, which would usually be led by the council. Rob Odell commented that the recovery phase should start from day or even hour 1 after a major incident has occurred.</td>
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<td>Tony, Claire and Rob Odell commented on how useful the “MAGIC” training was, not least in providing the opportunity to practice with partners you’d be working with during a real incident.</td>
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<td>Cllr Mallinder mentioned a scrutiny review of emergency planning – initial findings will be available in September. Cllr Mallinder offered to share the report with Tony.</td>
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Action – Cllr Mallinder
There was a general point made about the role of the voluntary, community and faith sectors, including parish councils. They need to be involved in ongoing planning discussions rather than only having a reactive role.

It was **agreed** that a report would come back to the February meeting, reflecting the points above, and covering the initial actions requested by the chief execs group in July, which were to review:
- multi-agency emergency response arrangements—particularly for recovery phase
- information sharing across partners in relation to “vulnerable people”
- the role social media plays in spreading information (and sometimes misinformation) in the aftermath of a disaster or major event and how partners can best respond.

7. **Theme board performance updates**

Carole explained that performance updates had been provided by each of the four main theme boards to provide reassurance around performance management and give partners the chance to review progress.

The theme board chairs or nominated substitutes talked through their respective performance summaries:

**Health and Wellbeing Board – Cllr Roche**

Cllr Roche noted that the LGA have been complimentary about the board’s work, which is largely a reflection of the excellent partner relationships.

**Business Growth Board – Julia Bloomer**

Julia felt that overall the board now has more onus on driving action and being accountable for performance.

**Safer Rotherham Partnership – Rob Odell**

Rob explained that many of the poor performing areas, including the rise in overall reported crimes, are due to changes in the way crimes are recorded. He also noted that domestic violence was likely to be a big focus for the next 6 months.
**Children & Young People’s Partnership – Cllr Watson**

In depth performance reporting is done on a monthly basis – this information provided an overview. Childhood Obesity was a concern, particularly from 7-11 years olds where children were getting obese faster than the rest of the country. This needs to be looked at from a prevention investment.

The board noted their thanks to the partnership team, theme managers and theme chairs for preparing and presenting this information. The board found the performance grid (summary of each board’s performance) particularly helpful.

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<td>Community Achievement Awards out for nominations – Carole to circulate the information to the board</td>
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Next meetings:
- Wednesday 15\(^{th}\) November, 5.30-7.30pm, Wentworth Building, Town Centre Campus, Rotherham College of Art & Technology
- Wednesday 21\(^{st}\) February, 5.30-7.30pm, venue TBC