

Covid 19 - Recovery Management Work Streams - Community Impact
Minutes
21 July 2020 @ 1pm – 2pm

Attendees:

Apologies:

Jane Greer (JG)	Jemma Mindham
Rory Davies (RD)	
David Watts (DW)	
Christine Howard (CH)	
Julie Houston (JH)	
Viv Hales (VH)	
Lisa Whiting (LW)	
Angela Street (Minutes)	

Item	Actions agreed	Action by:
Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising	<p>The minutes from the meeting held on the 7 July were agreed to be an accurate record</p> <p>Matters arising</p> <p><u>Summer School Proposal</u> Meeting notes to be circulated to group</p> <p><u>Housing/Homelessness</u> Draft Plan to be circulated to group</p> <p><u>Food Poverty</u></p> <p><u>Community Representation</u> There was discussion around Cllr Vince’s proposal that for extension to this group. It was subsequently agreed that it would be more beneficial if they be invited to join the working groups, and that Jemma continue to represent the Third Sector at these meetings.</p> <p><u>Data Working Group</u> DW confirmed his availability to assist with the group. JG advised that data collection had been discussed at SMB, where it had been agreed that this needs to be corporate, with the data sets required still to be identified. Policy and Performance will also assist.</p>	<p>RD</p> <p>RD</p>
2. Feedback from sub-groups	<p><u>Homelessness and Housing Action Plan</u></p> <p>JG confirmed receipt of the draft plan and advised that this would be circulated for discussion at the next meeting. LW advised that the plan is not yet complete,</p>	JG

	<p>and outlined the content and possible actions raised to date. It was noted / agreed that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a need to look at ‘single’ homelessness, working with both statutory and third sector agencies and putting a recovery plan in place. This also links into MAPPA protections arrangements, with Govt guidance being constantly reviewed. Single homeless are currently not being dealt with and it is expected there will be an increase in the number of people on the street • Currently, there is a ‘stay’ on evictions, both private and public, with prevention work to be undertaken in order to prevent an expected spike in numbers in September / October (when furlough support ceases) • Resources – some existing resources in place, but may need to come to the group with a request for additional funding. <p><u>Third Sector</u> JM gave an overview of the work being undertaken by Rainbow Services. It was noted / agreed that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Hub – Govt. support winding down at the end of July and Brian Keane has agreed that the Hub look to wind up operation at the beginning of August • Rainbow project – pre-emptively put in a lottery application for an extension to the existing grant to enable dedicated hours to provide the support required, including continuation of the support to volunteers and the purchase of a ‘tech library’ to support those in need of online access. Conversations have taken place with Julie Houston as to how this may link to the Digital Buddies project. • It has been suggested that agencies continue to provide a response, dependent on ongoing discussions with Foodbank, Community Embrace and the CAB. Funding is available up to the 6 January and these groups are looking at the possibility of merging of resources to enable the continuation of the support offer over the next six months. • There was discussion around food poverty and how this group could support agencies in alleviating this, particularly over the summer holiday period. It was agreed that JG, CH and JM would meet outside of this meeting to discuss 	<p>JG/CH/JM</p>
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	<p>this further.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JM advised that Rainbow Services had recently re-submitted a bid to ECC for funding originally available in March and that a response is still awaited. <p><u>Voluntary Sector Groups and Covid-19 Impact</u> JM gave an update on the known impact to date. It was noted / agreed that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of groups have responded to the survey circulated by Rainbow Services. JM to ask permission to release names in order to identify targeted support available • Not a huge number coming forward with requests for help. In the main, it would seem that the groups have adapted to the situation • Main issue appears to be with charities that rely on trade of some description <p>JG suggested that it may be useful to link with Donna Beechener and Simon Freeman for information. JG to speak to Simon.</p>	<p>JM</p> <p>JG</p>
3. A.O.B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over-arching Covid-19 Recovery report to go to Cabinet • Member Recovery Group meeting, chaired by Cllr Eugenie Harvey, scheduled for the 22nd July. Heads of Service will be called upon to report progress from each Working Group • There is still a need to identify external membership to join this group • Events – decisions to be made individually, with JG to take requests through the process for a decision 	
4. Date of next meeting	Tuesday 21 July 2020	