



Minutes of the Financial Action & Advice Derbyshire Partnership

Tuesday 9th September 2014

Present: Bev Parker

Paul Whittingham

Cllr Martin Stone

Teresa Waldron

Sylvia Green

Julie Hirst

Sarah Jane Pickering (attending for Chloe Small)

Heather Summers (attending for Lee Bloomfield)

Lois Race

Steve Ward

Claire Thornber

In attendance: Paul Steers

Lindsay Clowes

Apologies: Eric Thomson

Sara Dinsdale

Gary Greaves (no longer a member)

Agenda item	Minutes	Action
1	<p>Welcome, Introductions & Apologies</p> <p>PW welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies, introducing Heather Summers as the new rep from Rykneld Homes. Gary Greaves no longer covers Derbyshire so this creates a vacancy on the Steering Group.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting agreed as a matter of accuracy</p>	
3	<p>Matters arising</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CT and SJP have met and continue to work closely together • BP has made suggested changes to the Communications Strategy • BP shared the draft FAAD logo, designed by NEDCAB – Agreed to adopt the logo • SG shared D2N2’s draft Social Inclusion Framework. This document will guide ESF funding being allocated via the LEP. It has a thematic rather than geographical approach, creating some concerns about whether small to medium sized VCS orgs will be able to deliver. SG to circulate. • BP has amended the Terms of Reference and circulated with the papers • 16 of the 22 food-banks provided DCC with data which helped to identify areas in need of food bank development. DCC has allocated a grant again this year and RAD will lead on allocating and managing it. 	SG
4	<p>Budget Buddies Presentation</p> <p>Paul Steers, RELEASE, gave a presentation about the ‘Budget Buddies’ Project he has trialled in South Normanton. The group discussed the model, ways in which it could link with other services and how it might be expanded to cover the county. Some concerns were expressed about how volunteers would be supported and how safeguarding would be ensured.</p> <p>BP suggested that FAAD core funds could be used to pilot a small scheme with Futures Housing Group which has the infrastructure to support volunteers. If successful, the group could support a countywide bid to D2N2.</p> <p>A similar scheme was established in Leicester and SW will enquire whether FAAD could learn from its evaluation.</p>	BP SW
5	<p>Director of Public Health Annual Report</p> <p>JH gave a presentation on the four themes of the report, drawing particular attention to the ‘Improving Financial Inclusion’ Recommendations. The group agreed it’s encouraging to see the public health report so closely linked with Financial Inclusion. BP to lead a group to provide a response clarifying how we could champion the report and support delivery of recommendations.</p> <p>JH added that DCC plans to send ‘pay packet messages’ in support of the Credit Unions and will send info to BP</p>	JH
6	<p>Project Manager update</p> <p>The group approved the report but suggested that there needed greater clarity between projects and campaigns.</p>	

7	<p>Project Assistant update</p> <p>JH suggested that CT consider whether Proceeds of Crime funding could be used to support training of ex-offenders as Financial Exclusion is an influential factor in the cycle of re-offending.</p>	CT
8	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>Very clear. Approved. Currently FAAD has no policy on spending procedures. The group agreed that RAD as accountable body is responsible for agreeing spend.</p>	
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>SG told the group about 'Digital Inclusion' a privately financed project working in the Chesterfield area to identify 90 people who need training to access the internet. Training will cost £20 and trainees will receive a free tablet. SG is looking for referrals from partner agencies.</p> <p>LR told the group that DCC will extend funding of its Discretionary Fund into 2015/16. Last year 14,000 applications were made, 75% were for food and heating. DCC will build the profile of the fund and lobby government for its continuation.</p>	
10	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 10th December, 1.30 pm at Rykneld Homes</p>	