

Sheffield City Partnership Board (SCPB)
“working together to build a Sheffield that works for everyone”

Notes Minutes of the meeting held on: Friday 10th March 2023
Online Meeting

Present:

Lord David Blunkett, Chair
Neill Birchenall, Director, ASK4 (Chair)
Greg Burke, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategy and Operations), Sheffield Hallam University
Sandi Carman, Assistant Chief Executive, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS FT
Cllr Mike Chaplin, Sheffield City Council
Roger Cotes, Deputy Director, Department for Education
Maddy Desforges, Chief Executive, NAVCA
Lou Harrison-Walker, Executive Director, Sheffield Chamber (SCCI)
Andrew Hartley, Executive Director – Commercial & Operations, The Sheffield College
Chief Superintendent Shelley Hemsley, South Yorkshire Police
Kate Josephs, Chief Executive, Sheffield City Council
Yasmin Knight, Head of Regional Engagement, University of Sheffield
Alexis Krachai, Managing Director, Counter Context
Faye Lowther, Operations Lead (Sheffield & Rotherham), DWP
Martin McKerverey, Chair of Sheffield Property Association
Halima Mohamed, African Women’s Health Group
Cllr Shaffaq Mohammed, Leader of the Liberal Democrats Group, Sheffield City Council
Helen Sims, Chief Executive, Voluntary Action Sheffield

In Attendance:

Laura White, Strategy & Partnerships Manager
Mark Whitworth, Head of Sustainability, Sheffield City Council (Item 3)
Victoria Penman, Sustainability Programme Officer, SCC (Item 3)
Helen Kemplay, Department for Education (Item 4)
Catherine Pritchard, Policy & Improvement Officer, SCC
Kay Kirk (minutes)

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1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest David Blunkett, Chair</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>Apologies were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Buck, Chair, Voluntary Action Sheffield • Michelle Buttery, Chief Executive & Solicitor to the Police & Crime Commissioner • John Edwards, Interim Chief Executive, Education & Skills Funding Agency • Angela Foulkes, Chief Executive & Principal, Sheffield College • Cllr Terry Fox, Leader, Sheffield City Council • Cllr Douglas Johnson, Chair of Housing Policy Committee, SCC • Emma Latimer, Executive Place Director for Sheffield, SY ICB 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abi Thompson, Dean of Sheffield Sharon Thorpe, Service Leader for S.Y. jobcentres and Makerfield Service Centre, DWP Cath Toovey, Group Manager, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue <p>Minutes and Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.</p>	
2.	<p>Welcome to the Cathedral & Update</p> <p>Very Revd Abi Thompson, Dean of Sheffield Cathedral and Revd Dr Casey Strine, Bishop's Advisor on Interfaith Affairs</p> <p>This item was deferred due to Revd Thompson having to send apologies.</p>	
3.	<p>Working together to tackle climate change and build a sustainable future for Sheffield</p> <p>Mark Whitworth, Head of Sustainability, Sheffield City Council</p> <p>A write up of the 'working together to tackle climate change and build a sustainable future for Sheffield' event held on Tuesday 15th November 2022 along with a paper entitled 'working together to tackle climate change and build a sustainable future for Sheffield: report and next steps, were circulated to Board members ahead of the meeting.</p> <p>The event was a joint climate summit and was attended by approx. 100 people. The event was a starting point for conversations and ideas. Feedback from delegates was that they wanted faster, deeper and more joined up action. Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trust, coordinated activity and a shared vision is important to people. Transformational change needs to be inspiring. Achieving scale requires greater collaboration. <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sustainability and Climate Change Team are working towards developing an online engagement platform and, further in the future, a new microsite. In the meantime, the Team will send out regular newsletters (the first edition is being written at the moment). Conversations will take place with organisations that have expressed an interest in being involved. Decarbonisation route maps/plans will be developed. A thematic project group to be convened if possible (dependent on capacity/resources). <p>A Team name/Brand has been challenging and is still being worked on.</p> <p>Work update: The South Yorkshire Sustainability Support Consortium has held 3 successful events, engaging with businesses on their needs. The Consortium is planning its next event in May. Sustainability and Climate Change team officers are working with Eon to explore opportunities for decarbonising heat and the viability of waste heat opportunities from local heat sources identified through the Heat Network Zoning Pilot Programme.</p>	

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	<p>Discussion Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the Board support the proposed next steps? Coordination is highlighted as a key need, but next steps do not explicitly reference a form of governance structure. It is essential that the transition to a net zero society is integral to the City Goals. <p><u>Discussion/Comments</u></p> <p>Sheffield City Council is exploring with Committees how it will address some of the challenges around 15-minute neighbourhoods. There is a concerted effort about carbon and literacy.</p> <p>We can't look at City Goals separately to the climate crisis. The next steps are the right ones, but resources are an issue. Perhaps we don't need a brand – everything should include climate rather than it be separate. We need a conversation about planning, procurement, the fiscal system and behaviour change. This needs to be a whole system approach.</p> <p>We need to make sure we capture representation from as wider a spectrum as possible (organisations like the students union). Placement/internship opportunities might be helpful.</p> <p>Conversations need to be held in one space. How climate is incorporated is an interesting question. We need it to be hardwired into a number of different areas. An example would be Liverpool's Triple Lock (people, places and planet).</p> <p>The DfE is looking at its educational estate with regards to net zero. Roger is happy to facilitate a joined up session with the DfE team leading on that.</p> <p>Capacity challenges are difficult. There is some excellent work going on in businesses in the city who are working with the universities on a number of things. We need to build on the successes we've got.</p> <p>We should make use of the capacity of the South Yorkshire Sustainability Centre – both universities, SCC and VAS are all part of it. We could ask the project to come to a future meeting.</p> <p><u>Agreed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laura White will share a provocation paper written by Dark Matter Labs, ARUP, Citizens Network and Opus with members of the Board. If possible, she will invite them to a future meeting. Victoria and Mark to connect with the South Yorkshire Sustainability Centre. 	<p>LW VP/MW</p>
4.	<p>Civil Service Hub Strategy</p> <p>Roger Cotes, Director, Careers and Further Education Directorate, Department for Education and Helen Kemplay, Department for Education</p> <p>There are 6,940 civil servants in Sheffield from 14 departments. Yorkshire and the Humber has the biggest policy profession regional presence outside London, with Sheffield the biggest centre. However, up to now, we have lacked a clear strategy to maximise potential. We intend to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a clear talent pipeline, from diverse entry to the Civil Service policy profession across Sheffield and South Yorkshire. Make Sheffield a centre of excellence in policy. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a strong leadership partnership across Civil Service departments and major city institutions. • Build strong research collaborations in the region across departments. • Maximise the impact of the Civil Service presence in Sheffield. • Build a vision for the future of the Civil Service in Sheffield to create a single policy campus. <p>A launch event will take place, potentially on 26th May, which will be attended by a range of very senior Civil Service leaders, potentially Ministers and regional and city leaders.</p> <p><u>Discussion/Comments</u></p> <p>The Civil Service is keen to see its officers on placement in other organisations in the city.</p> <p>SCC is eager to make connections. Mark Chivers, Government Chief Property Officer, is going to have an open discussion about Sheffield being part of the One Public Estate pilot. This would look to map and understand estates and to collaborate together on strategies for the city. The event will take place at the Cutlers Hall on 26th April and attended by senior property officers.</p> <p>The private sector is keen to build dialogue around apprenticeships and skills.</p> <p>We will need property to attract more civil servants to the city – Sheffield Property Association could participate in those conversations.</p> <p>There are fluid boundaries between public sector organisations so we should consider a more internal labour market to offer opportunities within a ring-fence. There would be lots to do to make it practical across the public sector but it could make the labour market vibrant and help retention in the labour market.</p> <p>This is all part of making Sheffield a great place to live and work. Sheffield Teaching Hospitals has just completed its Draft Estates Strategy and is keen to link into the One Public Estate initiative.</p> <p><u>Agreed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the Mark Chivers event on 26th April is invitation only Kate Josephs will feed back at the next meeting. 	KJ
5.	<p>REC Legacy Body Task and Finish Group Kate Josephs, Chief Executive, Sheffield City Council</p> <p>There has been real momentum to take on the recommendations of the Race Equality Commission and implement them in organisations. We need a way to hold ourselves collectively to account and to be guardians of the recommendations. It is our proposal to set up a legacy group. The challenge has been the definition of this group and there are lots of different views. We need to build trust and collaboration with the community.</p> <p>We want to ask SCPB to hold this piece of work and commission a time limited task and finish group to come back with clear proposals. Richard Stubbs has agreed to Chair the task and finish group (SCC has consulted with Cllr Abtisam Mohamed and she is comfortable with the Chairs nomination outside of a more structured process). The group will be made up of employee representatives from each of the anchor</p>	

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	<p>institutions, plus other members of SCPB and an equal number of representatives from the community.</p> <p>All reps would be reimbursed for their time (SCC will find funding for external expert advice on race equality issues). The group will meet up to 5 times from the end of April to early September with the proposals coming back to the September SCPB meeting (with an update coming to the July meeting).</p> <p><u>Discussion/Comments</u></p> <p>The majority of the group should have lived experience.</p> <p>We need to be careful not to re-run some of the early work and ensure the group keeps to its terms of reference.</p> <p>This work runs alongside a national perspective piece of work by South Yorkshire Police (the Race Action Plan). The work of the Legacy Group will dovetail into other national work.</p> <p>We will start by approaching REC commissioners/members of the community who took part – particularly those who led thematic work streams.</p> <p>Any suggestions of bodies who have done great work we could approach to support please contact Laura.</p> <p><u>Agreed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board agreed Richard Stubbs as Chair of the task and finish group. • Suggestions for Task & Finish Group members to be put forward immediately via Laura White/the secretariat. 	All
6.	<p>Partnership Update & Hot Topics (board discussion time)</p> <p>Laura White, Strategy and Partnerships Manager</p> <p>Update on the City Goals Process: we are launching the engagement phase of the work and workshop invitations have been sent out to Board members, stakeholders, institutions, and key civic players. We have nothing on paper yet as we are still having open conversations for input. The Collaborative Conversations work is happening in parallel. We will be going live with digital engagement in the next week or so via the City Goals website. Laura will also establish a reference network (on-line forum) so everyone can input.</p> <p>VAS is holding the next Collaborative Conversations workshop at the end of this month with 20 partner VCF organisations. Having some really good conversations.</p> <p>Things are progressing well but there are some capacity issues/challenges around the task and finish group. There are some strategic questions about how we engage and link City Goals with the VAS work. City Goals still feels a Council-centric process.</p> <p><u>Discussion/Comments</u></p> <p>Feels really positive but we need a bigger conversation about the capacity concerns and how other organisations can support and put in more resource/officer time. Both Sheffield Hallam University and University of Sheffield are happy to join that conversation. South Yorkshire Police Neighbourhood Policing Teams could add value</p>	

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	<p>to specific pieces of work. Planning is going to be crucial for capacity to make it work, with a mix of experience from business and academia.</p> <p>Sustainable Futures and City Goals need to be joined up.</p> <p>VAS is doing some carbon literacy training for its staff. There is a need for wider carbon literacy and understanding of the challenges we are facing. Climate is a strong feature of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund work and we could try to build on this. It was noted that the Shared Prosperity Fund will be on the May Board meeting agenda.</p>	
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>Sheffield Tree Enquiry Report: the report is an extremely hard read for SCC. The Council has issued an apology and committed to implementing all recommendations. Kate Josephs offered Board members the opportunity of individual conversations with her if they wished. It is important to take the time to really understand the report. Kate met with the Street Tree Partnership this morning and there will be other meetings in the coming weeks.</p>	
	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>Friday 12th May 2023, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm: The Hilton Room, The Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul, Church Street</p> <p>Please send any apologies for this meeting to sheffieldcitypartnership@sheffield.gov.uk</p>	