

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

**Notes Minutes of the meeting held on: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
**The Hilton Room, The Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul, Church Street**

**Present:**

Lord David Blunkett, Chair  
 Neill Birchenall, Founding Director & Board Member of Sheffield Digital  
 Andy Buck, Chair, Voluntary Action Sheffield  
 Greg Burke, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategy and Operations), Sheffield Hallam University  
 Sandi Carman, Assistant Chief Executive, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS FT  
 Angela Foulkes, Chief Executive & Principal, Sheffield College  
 Lou Harrison-Walker, Executive Director, Sheffield Chamber (SCCI)  
 Kate Josephs, Chief Executive, Sheffield City Council  
 Yasmin Knight, Head of Regional Engagement, University of Sheffield  
 Alexis Krachai, Managing Director, Counter Context  
 Detective Chief Inspector Nicola Leach, South Yorkshire Police  
 Martin McKervey, 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  
 Abi Thompson, Dean of Sheffield  
 Sharon Thorpe, Service Leader for SY Jobcentres & Makerfield Service Centre, DWP  
 Helen Waite, Deputy Director, DfE  
 Susannah Wall, DfE

**In Attendance:**

Laura White, Strategy & Partnerships Manager  
 Tom Daggett, Director of Music & Schools Singing Programme, Sheffield Cathedral  
 Kath Housley, Chair, LGBT Sheffield Live  
 James Martin, Disability Sheffield  
 Jen Rickard, Economic Policy Officer, SCC (Item 5)  
 Shahida Siddique, CEO, FaithStar LLP  
 Revd Dr Casey Strine, Bishop’s Advisor on Interfaith Affairs, Sheffield Cathedral  
 Catherine Pritchard, Policy & Improvement Officer, SCC  
 Kay Kirk (minutes)

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
1.	<p><b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</b>            David Blunkett, Chair</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p> <p>Apologies were received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah Burt, SY ICB</li> <li>• Michelle Buttery, Chief Executive &amp; Solicitor to the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner</li> <li>• Roger Cotes, Deputy Director, Department for Education</li> <li>• Maddy Desforges, Chief Executive, NAVCA</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Edwards, Interim Chief Executive, Education &amp; Skills Funding Agency</li> <li>• Cllr Terry Fox, Leader, Sheffield City Council</li> <li>• Chief Superintendent Shelley Hemsley, South Yorkshire Police</li> <li>• Cllr Douglas Johnson, Chair of Housing Policy Committee, SCC</li> <li>• Emma Latimer, Executive Place Director for Sheffield, SY ICB</li> <li>• Cllr Nazhira Naz, Sheffield City Council</li> <li>• Cath Toovey, Group Manager, South Yorkshire Fire &amp; Rescue</li> </ul> <p><b>Minutes and Matters Arising</b> The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting. There were no matters arising.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Partnership Update &amp; Hot Topics (board discussion time)</b> Laura White, Strategy and Partnerships Manager</p> <p>Laura shared an update paper with members in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Venue/Process: This is our first attempt in recent years of moving the meeting out of the Town Hall and we will be holding more meetings in community venues in future. Any thoughts on venues to try and communities/groups to engage with please let us know.</p> <p>REC Legacy Work: Unfortunately the Chair of the Legacy Working Group, Richard Stubbs, was unable to attend today but Laura will forward an update paper from him to Board members next week.</p> <p>Update on Climate Change Work: Mark Whitworth and Victoria Penman are holding two sessions on sustainable and accessible travel in May (The journey to Net Zero: Sustainable and accessible travel for Sheffield) on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Please book via the Eventbrite link in Laura’s paper if you would like to attend.</p> <p>Cost of Living Crisis: We are supporting this work in lots of ways, with the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Building Thriving Communities programme progressing well (all 4 strands are underway).</p> <p>Policy Hubs (update from Helen Waite and Susannah Wall): This is a strategy about making Sheffield into a Government Policy Campus. DfE is working with other Government departments and partners across the city to improve policy making outside of London. The launch of the strategy document is planned for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June with a full day of events. Invites to follow.</p> <p>One Public Estate Pilot (feedback from 26<sup>th</sup> April event – Kate Josephs): Representatives from the Government’s Property Agency, Cabinet Office and every public sector organisation in the city and city region attended the One Public Estate Pilot event. The pilot’s objective is to look at two main strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective and efficient use of the public estate and</li> <li>• Levelling up (how we think about strategies going forward to improve our offer).</li> </ul> <p>Some funding comes with the pilot. It is currently mapping and looking at scale.</p> <p>Sheffield City Council Local Election Results: No change overall in parties and the Council remains hung. The AGM will take place on Wednesday where the Leader and Committee Chairs will be agreed. In the meantime there are lots of conversations ongoing between the political parties.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>LW</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p> <p><b>RC</b></p>

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3.	<p><b>Welcome to the Cathedral &amp; Update</b>  Very Revd Abi Thompson, Dean of Sheffield Cathedral and Revd Dr Casey Strine, Bishop's Advisor on Interfaith Affairs</p> <p>Abi arrived at the Cathedral in December 2021 as we emerged from the pandemic. We are now seeing a sense of energy and visitor numbers are better than pre-pandemic. The Christmas Eve service last year was bigger than ever before (over 1,000 people) and the Carol Services welcomed around 10k over the course of the Christmas week.</p> <p>Vision and intention as a Cathedral for this city: to relate to organisations in the city to work together for the good of the city. To explore the business of holiness and sanctuary for all people. The Cathedral has a strong relationship with the Archer Project working collaboratively with the homeless. The Cathedral is an amazing art and exhibition space. The Cathedral will move to full charitable status (subject to the Charity Commission). The Cathedral is developing a network of governance structure so will be looking for partners to help link more effectively with the city and the region (please contact Abi if you are interested in getting involved to help with this and in the life of the Cathedral).</p> <p><u>Tom Daggett, Director of Music &amp; Schools Singing Programme, Sheffield Cathedral</u>  Music is a transforming gift for children to receive. Inequality in schools means that music and arts are being squeezed out. Singing is the most democratic instrument, giving young people a musical voice. Tom met with Ian Naylor of Sheffield Music Hub recently. The vision for Sheffield Cathedral is to have a new musical chapter with education at its heart – to be a centre of excellence. A school singing programme will be established and we hope to obtain Hamish Ogston foundation funding to gift schools with expert music tuition in singing (working with the music hub). A choral director would go into schools to support KS1 and offer specialist choral training to KS2. We want to connect with the schools that have the least. We are hoping to start the Sheffield Cathedral Music Foundation next year. We also want to start an organ campaign as Sheffield is the only cathedral without a real pipe organ.</p> <p><u>Discussion/Comments</u>  We could look to build on to the work of Harmony Works at Castlegate.</p> <p>It would be good to have a conversation about how the musical offer works with different faith bases.</p> <p>Beyond the Classroom would work well with this initiative.</p> <p>The Levelling Futures in Sheffield project works with the 17 most deprived schools in Sheffield.</p> <p>We need to be mindful of an inclusive approach as there is a cultural musical heritage in the city. Music is universal and should reflect the city it's serving.</p> <p>This programme could create professional opportunities for young people.</p> <p>The Sheffield Culture Collective strategy is being reviewed.</p> <p>It is important that support for people with disabilities is seamless.</p>	

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	<p><b>Agreed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martin McKervey and Tom Daggett to connect outside of the meeting to discuss opportunities to join up with the Sheffield Culture Collective.</li> <li>• Angela Foulkes to meet with Tom Daggett outside of the meeting to discuss how apprenticeships could support the singing programme, supported by student volunteers from the College's music department.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MMK</b></p> <p><b>AF</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Faith Compact Work in Sheffield</b>  Revd Dr Casey Strine, Bishop's Advisor on Interfaith Affairs and Shahida Siddique, Chief Executive Officer, FaithStar LLP</p> <p>An Executive Summary of the Sheffield Faith Covenant was shared with Board members in advance of the meeting. This is about relationships to bring about the flourishing of the city and to give those disadvantaged a voice. Twenty local authorities have signed up to a Faith Covenant with a set of principles to guide engagement. It is designed to create and become a mechanism for engagement. There is ongoing dialogue about what will work for partners. We envision four types of interaction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Faith Summit (an annual event during interfaith week) – supported by</li> <li>• Faith consultation</li> <li>• Faith dialogues (3 meetings per year) and</li> <li>• Faith forums</li> </ul> <p>Faith communities underpin the city in so many ways. Infrastructure for these communities isn't funded and dependent on good will. Places of worship are capital assets that aren't being utilised.</p> <p><u>Discussion/Comments</u>  We could learn from other parts of the country, Balsall Heath in Birmingham made a transformational impact on its neighbourhood. We could also bring learning from Leeds.</p> <p>The welcome of LGBT people in places of worship: the Synod is debating this with a desire to take forward. Sheffield Cathedral absolutely has an inclusive policy.</p> <p>Sheffield City Council will need to ensure buy-in of elected members to this. Good conversations are taking place about how we create space to recognise value in funding infrastructure.</p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>City Goals Update</b>  Angela Foulkes, Chief Executive and Principal, The Sheffield College  Including Collaborative Conversations Update: Helen Sims, Chief Executive, Voluntary Action Sheffield</p> <p>Overview: The timeline for the first phase of engagement has been extended until the end of June. During July the engagement outputs and evidence base will be drawn together to draft the goals (the first iteration of the goals will come to the July Board meeting if possible). A further engagement phase will be undertaken to test the draft goals followed by some redrafting and adoption.</p> <p>Angela updated the Board on engagement activities delivered or planned so far. Further sessions are being organised with the following groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative Conversations Network</li> <li>• Young people – through the Sheffield College, schools and youth clubs</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business – involving the Sheffield Property Association, Chamber and BID</li> <li>• Sheffield Equality Partnership</li> <li>• Health partners</li> </ul> <p>Members can support this work by sharing and actively promoting the importance of the survey within organisations and networks, support engagement workshop for phase one and support and engage with the Collaborative Conversations work.</p> <p>Collaborative Conversations: this work started as a brief to engage people who were unheard. This is now a living process of principles of how we want to collaborate as a city. It started in November with 20 organisations engaged. Dates are being set for events to have conversations with organisations about City Goals.</p> <p>The big challenge is how we embed the goals for Sheffield. There will be more and future asks to the Board.</p> <p><u>Discussion/Comments</u> Organisational forward planning will be important for collaboration. Sheffield Hallam University views the Goals as a useful framework to align work to.</p> <p>The Board advised that it could find/provide a space for the LGBT community to hold a consultation.</p> <p>The City Goals Senior Officers Meeting is taking place this afternoon for a business session if Neill would like to join to discuss more engagement with the business community.</p> <p>We need to work out how we identify some easy wins around the wider communication issues but until we have something tangible it's difficult to talk, engage and iterate.</p> <p>The Sheffield City Council Strategy and Resources Committee has signed up to the Goals. Political parties have also been briefed. Full Council will need to endorse the City Goals at some point in the future.</p> <p>The City Goals Group has an expectation for members to champion and talk about it.</p> <p><u>Agreed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Sims to send out the Collaborative Conversations Calendar of Events to Board members with an invitation to attend.</li> <li>• The proposal for tackling phase 2 of engagement to come to the July meeting.</li> <li>• The draft City Goals to be brought to the September meeting.</li> </ul>	<p>HS</p> <p>AF/LW</p> <p>AF/LW</p>
6.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>July Meeting: Kay to canvas Board members about moving the time of the meeting to the afternoon.</p> <p>Laura is attending the Sheffield Equality Partnership meeting next week. Stocktaking of engagement is underway and lots of work is happening outside of meetings. Laura is picking this up with Homaira Ibrahim, Equalities &amp; Engagement Officer and meetings are taking place to dovetail into the cost-of-living work.</p>	<p>KK</p>

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	There are several Eurovision events taking place in the city this weekend.	
	<p data-bbox="196 338 655 376"><b>Date and time of next meeting</b></p> <p data-bbox="196 405 1278 472">Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 2.30 – 4.30 pm, The Conference Room, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield S1 2HH</p> <p data-bbox="196 506 1235 539">Please send any apologies for this meeting to <a href="mailto:sheffieldcitypartnership@sheffield.gov.uk">sheffieldcitypartnership@sheffield.gov.uk</a></p>	