

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

Notes Minutes of the meeting held on: Friday 23rd September 2022
The Conference Room, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield S1 2HH

Present:

Lord David Blunkett, Chair
 Neill Birchenall, Director, ASK4 (Vice Chair)
 Paul Bragger, Group Manager, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue
 Greg Burke, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategy and Operations), Sheffield Hallam University
 Michelle Buttery, Chief Executive & Solicitor to the Police & Crime Commissioner
 Sandi Carman, Assistant Chief Executive, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS FT
 Roger Cotes, Deputy Director, Department for Education
 Maddy Desforges, Chief Executive, NAVCA
 Angela Foulkes, Chief Executive & Principal, Sheffield College
 Lou Harrison-Walker, Interim Executive Director, Sheffield Chamber (SCCI)
 James Henderson, Director of Policy, Performance & Communications, SCC
 Cllr Douglas Johnson, Chair of Housing Policy Committee, SCC
 Alexis Krachai, Managing Director of Counter Context, SCCI
 Martin McKervey, Chair of Sheffield Property Association
 Jackie Mills, NHS South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
 Halima Mohamed, African Women’s Health Group
 Helen Steers, Director of Strategy Partnerships, VAS

In Attendance:

Laura White, Strategy & Partnerships Manager
 Mark Whitworth, Sustainability & Climate Change Service Manager, SCC (Item 4)
 Cllr Mazher Iqbal, Chair of Transport, Regeneration & Climate Committee, SCC (Item 4)
 Sonia Gayle, Race Equality Commissioner (Item 5)
 Gulnaz Hussain, Chief Executive, Firvale Community Hub (Item 5)
 Bashir Khan, Senior Equality & Engagement Officer, SCC (Item 5)
 Cat Arnold, Policy & Improvement Officer, SCC (Item 6)
 Dan Walker, The Sheffield 1000 Charity
 Steve Manley, The Sheffield 1000 Charity
 Kay Kirk (notes)

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1.	<p>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest</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 • John Edwards, Interim Chief Executive, Department for Education • Cllr Terry Fox, Leader, Sheffield City Council • Paul Harper, DWP • Chief Superintendent Shelley Hemsley, South Yorkshire Police 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Josephs, Chief Executive, Sheffield City Council • Emma Latimer, Executive Place Director for Sheffield, SY ICB • Helen Sims, Chief Executive, Voluntary Action Sheffield • Sharon Thorpe, Service Leader for S.Y. jobcentres and Makerfield Service Centre, DWP • Sarah Want, Director – Partnership & Regional Engagement, The University of Sheffield 	
2.	<p>Minutes and Matters Arising Lord David Blunkett, Chair, Sheffield City Partnership</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting. Matters arising are covered under agenda items.</p>	
3.	<p>Partnership Updates and Hot Topics Laura White, Strategy & Partnerships Manager</p> <p>An update paper was circulated to Board members in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Board Membership & Representation: The working group is up and running and we propose to extend it to include Equality and Diversity Leads from Anchor Institutions. Proposals have been worked up to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify measurable targets and baselines for improving representation of those of different ethnic groups, protected characteristics and varied socioeconomic backgrounds (monitoring forms have been developed). • Explore opportunities to increase Board membership from diverse communities. • Rotate attendance at meetings by members of the Equality Partnership. • Add as a standing item on the Partnerships Manager's update. • Hold more meetings in community spaces. <p>The next step is to invite a representative from the faith groups to the membership (we previously had the Dean of Sheffield as a long-standing member of the board). Conversations are ongoing with The Revd Canon Abigail Thompson to become a faith representative and to help us to reach out to and include other faith representatives.</p> <p>City Strategy Community Voice and Insight Commission: VAS has been commissioned to co-ordinate a piece of targeted community engagement work overseen and supported by a Working Group drawn from partners and Anchor Institutions. The starting point for this work was the feedback and reports gathered at the SCPB engagement event held at Bramall Lane pre-pandemic. There is also potential for this work to be used in other areas. On this occasion the work wasn't sent out to tender as it is being developed with VAS as part of SCPB. The working group will bring together different community groups and the bulk of the funding will go to community groups and not to VAS. Laura would welcome a conversation with Sonia Gayle about how future processes can be taken forward.</p> <p>Sheffield City Goals: The Task & Finish Group has met 3 or 4 times now and has had some dynamic and robust conversations. The Group is focussed on creating a set of city goals. It will also be discussing the findings of the REC and reflecting on our strategic role in supporting city-wide action. The next meeting is scheduled for 6th October.</p>	

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	<p>DfE Festival: DfE organised a festival in May around developing their presence in Sheffield. It has developed into maximising the impact of the Civil Service in Sheffield to help make good policy. There are 6k Civil Servants in Sheffield and the city has the biggest policy presence outside of London. DfE, DWP and the Home Office are to issue a statement about creating a Collective Civic Impact Statement to be developed across the Sheffield talent pipeline. It will promote civic impact and volunteering and aid partnership development. The Civil Service supports the City Strategy, and its ambition and commitments will be published. It would be useful to have a discussion at a future meeting about the private/public sector economic dynamic.</p>	
4.	<p>Climate Emergency Update Mark Whitworth, Sustainability & Climate Change Service Manager, SCC and Cllr Mazher Iqbal, Chair of Transport, Regeneration & Climate Committee, SCC</p> <p>Sheffield City Council has now moved to the new cross party committee system. The first couple of months were busy with transport but we are now moving into climate issues. The SCC 10 Point Plan for Climate Action was published last year, and we are now looking at refreshing it. We are going into the 13th year of Council cuts so there is limited capacity to deliver. The climate thread needs to run right through the Council, and it has signed up for a 2030 deadline.</p> <p>A Sheffield Climate Emergency Summit is being arranged to take place in November (SCPB members have received a 'hold the date' invitation). The event will provide a broad update on thinking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change is no longer an abstract issue • Lots of organisations are already taking action and working across the city with partners. Lots of organisations are committed to net zero. • The 10 Point Plan has been adopted and we need to focus now on economy & skills and resilience. • This is not just about reducing emissions – there are other benefits – a healthier city for example. • This is a city challenge and it would be good to know how SCPB sees climate included in its work. • Would a pledge be useful for partners to sign up to? <p><u>Discussion/Comments</u></p> <p>The November event will be a mix of sharing good practice and looking at what we can do together. 88% of businesses in Sheffield are SMEs so we want to look at how we can support small business to transition. We want to work together to support the route map to ensure we take the city and everyone with us. We will require Government support and financial incentives.</p> <p>Route maps are being developed and conversations taking place around what organisations are already doing and what it means for organisations and who they represent. We will start to understand the opportunities once we understand what's already going on across the city.</p> <p>This needs to be a critical part of the SCPB agenda going forward. It also needs to be part of the City Goals and community engagement work.</p> <p>This is such a big topic and net zero is too broad an objective. 88% of business in Sheffield employ 9 or less people. We need to focus on:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to be weather ready. • Reducing energy consumption. • This is an opportunity to change our economy – how we change language top open up discussions. • Financial challenges as a city – we need to attract investment to help. • How we plan the process to skill the people that we’ll need for the economy of the future. <p>Sheffield City Council has written to the Government asking for additional financial support and discussions are ongoing.</p> <p><u>Agreed</u> Helen Sims to have a conversation with Mark Whitworth outside of the meeting about the ongoing South Yorkshire Sustainability work.</p>	
5.	<p>Race Equality Commission Gulnaz Hussain, Chief Executive, Firvale Community Hub and Bashir Khan, Senior Equality & Engagement Officer, SCC</p> <p>The Sheffield Race Equality Commission was set up as an Independent Commission in July 2020. This was in response to national and international events as well as local knowledge about communities in the city who were under significant pressures and experiencing inequality. The Commission was established as an independent body to evaluate race and racism across Sheffield and to report on it.</p> <p>Terms of reference were established and an independent Chair plus 24 commissioners were recruited. Hearings took place over 12 days with 165 attendees giving evidence. The REC has published 7 recommendations and a Legacy Working Group will be established to monitor progress.</p> <p>The key recommendation is - Sheffield an antiracist city. We will do this by setting transparent, measurable targets (we have already developed a monitoring form which we will share with Board members and presenters), educating and developing leaders and employees, empowering and involving employees from under-represented groups, working with governing bodies and city partnerships to deliver the legacy.</p> <p>We ask Board members to think about what practical actions your organisation can take in response to the REC recommendations and would you be interested in a more collaborative working approach to support you?</p> <p>SCPB is exploring opportunities to increase Board membership as an initial step, whilst recognising that simply adding Board members will not fully address the lack of representation from diverse communities. We will focus our main efforts on increasing representation through the broader operations of the partnership by rotating attendance at meetings from members of the Equality Partnership, encouraging members to attend Equality Partnership meetings, add a standing update item on equalities issues from Board members and holding meetings and discussions in other spaces and venues to engage in community conversations.</p> <p><u>Discussion/Comments</u> This is quite a difficult and important challenge but the Legacy Group will be working with partners to deliver. The legacy group will be formed to monitor and review the REC recommendations and publish progress.</p>	

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	<p>The role of the Legacy Body is to hold the city, as a whole, to account. It is responsible for taking forward the commitment into organisations. A lot of work is taking place at Sheffield City Council to describe its response, and this will be published shortly. Collectively what do we need to do to respond and how does it sit with the City Goals work as well as across our own organisations?</p> <p>Sheffield Teaching Hospitals has taken the REC Report to its Board and its EDI Board – internal work will align with the recommendations. They just need to understand how that links with the legacy arrangement.</p> <p>If the Legacy Board is holding the city to account then we need to have a discussion that geographical footprint needs to be acknowledged as some organisations (like South Yorkshire Police and South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue) operate across South Yorkshire, regionally or nationally.</p> <p><u>Agreed</u> To ask the Legacy Group to report back in the New Year.</p>	LW
6.	<p>Cost of Living Crisis Response James Henderson, Director of Policy, Performance & Communications, SCC and Cat Arnold, Policy & Improvement Officer, SCC</p> <p>Cat Arnold set out the current situation nationally. Friends of the Earth have undertaken some analysis to identify ‘energy crisis hotspots’ based on areas with lower-than-average income, higher than average energy use, average level of bills prior to October 2022 and level of home insulation. Sheffield is the 24th most affected local authority with 76 identified hotspots. We have access to the data from FoE and it demonstrates the citywide impact of the crisis.</p> <p>The latest data suggests that the winter ahead is going to be hard for most households in the city. There will also be knock-on impact for businesses and the wider economy. From a service delivery perspective we are expecting to see more defaults on Council Tax and housing rents, increased homelessness presentations, increased housing disrepair and potential for increased domestic abuse, children’ safeguarding referrals and other issues closely associated with poverty.</p> <p>The Cost-of-Living Crisis Strategy aims to work with the people and communities of Sheffield to help mitigate the significant challenges they will be facing, with a particular focus on those who are struggling the most.</p> <p><u>Discussion/Comments</u> There is a lot of work going on. Government has made a significant intervention but it’s not going to solve the problem many households are facing across the city. Also, the cap for business is only scheduled to last for 6 months. The impact will be that people will be unequally helped.</p> <p>A strategic group is running plus two tactical groups (one city wide and the other internal to SCC). Many workstreams come from that.</p>	

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7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The Sheffield 1000 Charity: Dan Walker and Steve Manley joined the meeting to present the Sheffield 1000 Charity, which was launched in the Summer of 2022, to the Board. The concept is simple – they are aiming to get 1,000 people to donate £1 each week. The money is then used to support local charities and good causes with a £1,000 donation every week of the year. If 2,000 people donate, then two awards per week can be made and so on. The Sheffield 1000 Charity</p> <p>It is important to coordinate grant giving, particularly with South Yorkshire Community Foundation. Helen Steers and Ruth Willis (SYCF) will have a conversation with Dan about linking up. The charity website details to be circulated to Board members.</p>	
	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>Friday 11th November 2022, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm: The Conference Room, Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield S1 2HH</p> <p>Please send any apologies for this meeting by contacting Kay Kirk via email kay.kirk@sheffield.gov.uk</p>	