

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

Notes Minutes of the meeting held on: Friday 13th November 2020 via Zoom

Present:

- Lord David Blunkett, Chair
- Neill Birchenall, Managing Director, Birchenall Howden (Vice Chair)
- Paul Bragger, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue
- Michelle Buttery, Chief Executive & Solicitor to the Police & Crime Commissioner
- Maddy Desforges, Chief Executive, Voluntary Action Sheffield
- Angela Foulkes, Chief Executive and Principal, The Sheffield College
- Louisa Harrison-Walker, Interim Director, Sheffield Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Brian Hughes, Director of Commissioning, Sheffield CCG
- Debbie Mathews, Chief Executive, Manor and Castle Development Trust
- Halima Mohamed, African Women’s Health Group
- Simon Verrall, South Yorkshire Police
- Dr Sarah Want, Director – Partnerships & Regional Engagement, University of Sheffield

In Attendance:

- Dan Spicer, Interim Strategy & Partnerships Manager
- Cllr Mark Jones, Sheffield City Council (for Item 4)
- Mark Whitworth, Climate Change and Sustainability Service Manager, SCC (for Item 4)
- Professor Kevin Hylton, Chair, Sheffield Race Equality Commission (for Item 6)
- Adele Robinson, Equality & Engagement Manager, Sheffield City Council (for Item 6)
- Nicola McHugh, Data Scientist, SCC
- Catherine Pritchard, Policy & Improvement Officer, SCC
- 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"> • John Macilwraith, Interim Chief Executive, Sheffield City Council • James Henderson, Director of Policy, Performance & Comms, SCC • Paul Heffernan, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue • Sandi Carman, Assistant Chief Executive, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS FT • Una Jennings, Chief Superintendent, South Yorkshire Police • Alexis Krachai – Sheffield Chamber of Commerce <p>The Chair welcomed Halima Mohamed of the African Women’s Health Group to her first Board meeting. Halima will represent the voluntary sector at meetings, rotating attendance with Maddy Desforges, Debbie Matthews and Andy Buck.</p>	

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	<p>The Chair also welcomed Louisa Harrison-Walker, Interim Director of Sheffield Chamber for Commerce and Industry to her first meeting. Neill Birchenall, Vice Chair, and Dan Spicer have discussed additional business community representation at the Board and will feedback at the January meeting.</p> <p>After many health problems Peter Bradley, Dean of Sheffield, has decided to stand down from the Board. The Board will formally write to Peter to express thanks and best wishes. Discussions with the Faith community will take place about future representation at meetings.</p> <p>The Board wished to send formal congratulations to Laura White on the arrival of her baby Nathaniel.</p>	<p>NB/DS</p> <p>DS</p> <p>DS</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Minutes and Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.</p> <p>State of Sheffield: Dan to collate updates and bring back to a future meeting.</p>	<p>DS</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Partnership Updates & Hot Topics</p> <p><u>Local Spending and Investment</u> the Progressive Procurement Delivery Group met in September and discussed the recovery work which is taking place in relation to COVID. The group will reboot next year due to the current pressures on procurement leads and many of our colleagues in the public sector. Dates are going into diaries from January onwards.</p> <p><u>State of Sheffield</u> Following on from the State of Sheffield event we will be looking to see how this work can be taken forward in the best possible way. Partners have been sending in updates on the changing situation for inclusion in the document. The situation is changing rapidly.</p> <p><u>SIPHER</u> Sheffield is part of the SIPHER Consortium which aims to understand the drivers of inclusive economy. We expect a lot of insight coming out of the work to help us understand how we can deliver. We are currently 1 year into a 5-year programme.</p> <p>A workshop was held in Sheffield a couple of weeks ago looking at the inclusive economy in Sheffield. The workshop aimed to begin to develop the system of mapping factors which make up Sheffield's inclusive economy. Work is now being done to produce a composite map of the economy in Sheffield. This should be ready in December and will be brought to the January meeting for discussion.</p> <p><u>Poverty and Fairness</u> Currently colleagues are doing some work responding to expected high numbers of redundancies. This is likely to be a major and ongoing challenge.</p> <p><u>Comments/Discussion</u> Cabinet has approved a new Poverty and Fairness Framework (2020 – 2030) however the COVID response has had an impact on its delivery as most</p>	

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	<p>resource has been focussed on the pandemic. SCC is now actively engaging in conversations about how we deliver. A plan is being developed to bring together stakeholders to plot the way forward and put something in place fit to face the challenge. Cat Arnold is picking up much of the work around supporting the implementation. Conversations about who will be leading this work is part of a bigger conversation. Discussions around structures are intended to address the challenges we are facing and what we now need and not what we have already.</p> <p>It would be helpful to get the business community's expertise involved to help develop systems and coordination around food poverty and food banks. The universities and business schools also have expertise and resources to offer. The Sheffield Business Together Group, which is co-chaired by Lou Harrison-Walker, has raised £90k and has also received and re-distributed food. There are other examples of networks engaging with the private sector. Dan is due to meet with Sarah Want in a week or so to discuss maximising the flow of resource into the city and coordination of those resources.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dan to speak Lou Harrison-Walker about links to the Sheffield Business Together Group and private sector coordination around food poverty. • Lord Blunkett to talk to Chris Husbands at Sheffield Hallam University and Sarah Want at the University of Sheffield about how Sheffield Business and Management Schools might connect with the big strategic issues facing the city post COVID and how they can contribute to the development and delivery of actions. 	<p style="text-align: right;">DS</p> <p style="text-align: right;">DB</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Net Zero Carbon Sheffield – Climate Change Mark Whitworth, Climate Change and Sustainability Service Manager, Sheffield City Council</p> <p>In 2015 the Paris Climate Agreement was signed. During 2015 Sheffield City Council facilitated the city's first Green Commission. The final report of the Sheffield Green Commission – Sheffield's Green Commitment – was published in 2016, and set out a vision for how, working together as a city, Sheffield could become a smarter, more sustainable, more competitive 'future city'. Following on from this in 2018 The Green City Strategy was published. The Green City Strategy aims to reduce the city's impact on the climate by becoming a zero-carbon city by 2050, taking steps to move to a low-carbon economy immediately. It also sets out plans to empower communities, residents, public sector and businesses to become resilient to climate change and ensure the city's homes and businesses use sustainable and affordable energy.</p> <p>In February 2019 a Climate Emergency was declared and Sheffield responded by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioning the Tyndall Centre Report • Stating the City's ambition to be net zero carbon by 2030 • Jointly commissioning a zero-carbon evidence-base with the Green City Partnership Board • Developing a zero-carbon plan <p>The Zero Carbon Commission was formed in February 2020 to review the UK emissions pricing landscape and explore how it might be re-designed to be consistent with the UK's legislated 'net zero' target.</p> <p>Sheffield's total recommended carbon budget is 16MtCO₂e for period 2020 –2100</p>	

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	<p>– however the City uses this entire budget in less than 6 years at 2017 levels. Progress has been made on lowering baseline emissions but this is variable across sectors. Looking forward what change on this proposed scale could mean:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of Sheffield’s energy supply comes from renewable sources by 2030 • Significant shifts towards active travel • Reduction in car-miles and a full switch to EV • Phase-out the use of gas for heating and cooking • A circular economy <p>There are also some wider opportunities to embrace.</p> <p><u>Discussion/Comments</u> This relates to health issues as well as climate change.</p> <p>The University of Sheffield launched its 5-year Sustainability Strategy this week. It commits to a net zero campus by 2030. Sarah Want offered the support of her team at the University of Sheffield to work towards a net zero carbon Sheffield.</p> <p>The NHS is a large contributor and is represented on the Green City Partnership Board by Dr Zac McMurray, Medical Director, Sheffield CCG.</p> <p>There are currently 217 charging points in Sheffield for electric cars.</p> <p>It would be useful to have a tool for organisations that don’t have resources to be able to think about issues and what they could do around this agenda. Climate change is removed from some communities so highlighting 1 or 2 things that everyone could do would be helpful (the shift from gas to electricity for cooking for example).</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership of the Green City Partnership Board to be circulated for information. • To bring back carbon zero/charging points/electric vehicles to a future meeting as part of the procurement agenda. 	<p style="text-align: center;">KK DS</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>SCPB and its role in Sheffield’s recovery</p> <p>A short discussion paper for this item was circulated ahead of the meeting. The paper asks the Board to consider their role as a group in developing a plan for Sheffield’s recovery to enable the city to hit the ground running when Covid restrictions ease, and poses a number of questions for consideration in relation to this.</p> <p>The State of Sheffield Report sets out the challenges but doesn’t set out our response. What should recovery look like and what is the role of the Board in that? There are multiple conversations taking place in different places (eg Business Recovery and Health & Wellbeing Board) – how do these conversations join up and don’t sit in silos? This Board has a unique place in governance. We need a collective sense of where we are all heading. We need to link to the Framework for an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy and reflect community concerns. There are some assets already in place so we are not starting from scratch.</p> <p><u>Comments/Discussion</u></p>	

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	<p>It is important to have a place where stakeholders meet. There is lots of great silo working taking place but some roadmap and direction would be useful. What happens in between meetings tends to be more important. The State of Sheffield is a fantastic piece of work which gives an accurate snapshot but would like to see specific actions from that to work on to make a difference. We could make recommendations to decision making bodies with general agreement already arrived at.</p> <p>A Business Response Group has been formed and an Economic Recover Plan for Sheffield has gone to Cabinet. Funding has been approved for projects.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To convene a Working Group Meeting: SCPB and Recovery - next steps, before Christmas. • Angela Foulkes to speak with Cllr Abtisam Mohamed and Andrew Jones to pull together some of the threads around planning for Kickstart. 	<p>DS/KK</p> <p>AF</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Equalities, Engagement and the Race Equality Commission Adele Robinson, Equality & Engagement Manager, Sheffield City Council Professor Kevin Hylton, Chair, Sheffield Race Equality Commission</p> <p>Adele Robinson: A review of the Equality Hub Network has taken place and agreed with the Deputy Leader of Sheffield City Council. A paper will be written with more detail and once signed off will be shared with partners for comment/consultation. Structures are being looked at with a view to reduce bureaucracy (there will no longer be an independent Chair). Support organisations will continue management and engagement and SCC will not be as prescriptive as these organisations have the expertise to deliver. The Network will concentrate on the impact and response to COVID-19. The BAME Health Partnership will be used as a model for the others.</p> <p>Prof Kevin Hylton: In July Cllr Julie Dore wrote to City Partners asking for support for the Race Equality Commission. Not all citizens have the same life choices so Sheffield City Council decided to establish the Commission to make recommendations to tackle these inequalities. 24 Commissioners have been appointed from a range of backgrounds. The Commission is working closely with Adele Robinson who is leading the Secretariat. 6 working groups have been allocated in key areas (Business & Employment, Civic Life & Communities, Crime & Justice, Education, Health, Sport & Culture). The Commission will be operating like a parliamentary select committee and key dates for hearings are published on the website https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/your-city-council/race-equality-commission.html. There was an open call for evidence (which will remain open for the duration of the enquiry). There is an opportunity for people to submit evidence anonymously. The REC has already received more evidence than the Fairness Commission had in its time.</p> <p>A communications Plan is in place. The Commission has cross party support and has been endorsed by 40 key stakeholders. A monitoring group will be established post report. Recommendations will lead to actions to drive systemic change.</p> <p><u>Comments/Discussion</u> Following the findings of the Fairness Commission action planning became</p>	

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	<p>overwhelming due to the number of recommendations. It may be worth giving some thought to the number of recommendations and how they can be timetabled easily and if possible identify what we can practically do. It is the Commissions intention to identify key stakeholders against specific recommendations if possible.</p> <p>Agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The paper on the review of the Equality Hub Network to be shared with the Board when available. 	
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	
	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>Friday 15th January 2021, 10.30 am – 1.00 pm: Joining details to be confirmed.</p> <p>Please send any apologies for this meeting by contacting Kay Kirk via email kay.kirk@sheffield.gov.uk</p>	