

EXETER STRATEGIC BOARD

Thursday 21 June 2018

Present:-

Councillors Bialyk, Edwards, Thompson, Hannaford, Leadbetter, Ackland, Prowse, Aves and Whitton

Also Present

Exeter City Council

Director (JY), Programme Manager - Communities and Democratic Services Officer (Committees) (HB)

Devon County Council

Communities and Commissioning Manager

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APOLOGIES

These were received from Councillors Brennan, Atkinson and Denham.

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ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DEPUTY

In accordance with the agreement that the Chairmanship and Deputy Chairmanship should alternate annually between the City and County Councils, it was:-

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) Councillor Leadbetter be appointed Chair for 2018/19; and
- (2) Councillor Edwards be appointed Deputy Chair for 2018/19.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2017 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

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EXHIBITION FIELDS - ACCESS ISSUES

Councillor Thompson referred to problems caused by travellers occupying City Council owned land, notably Exhibition Fields. As well as the City Council taking necessary eviction procedures she referred to health and social services issues relating to travellers which fell within the remit of the County Council. She asked for improved liaison between the two authorities to ensure a co-ordinated approach to address the problems caused by travellers as they arise.

Other Members detailed the anti-social problems associated with travellers, such as noise, nuisance and threats to neighbours, damage to land and extensive littering and it was noted that local Councillors in the Pinhoe area had been active on behalf of residents to rectify the problems caused. Although improved provision for the travelling community would assist in reducing the problems, it was recognised that the travellers themselves should seek to cooperate more and not disrupt community life.

The Communities and Commissioning Manager advised that the Devon Communities Team included a traveller liaison service and he undertook to liaise with the City Council's Director of Place to improve co-ordination between the two Councils on this issue.

The Director advised that Councillor Thompson should raise a request with the Chair of the City Council's Place Scrutiny Committee to require a report on travellers' issues and the City Council's Director of Place would then be able to respond to the concerns explaining the current activity of the Council and proposing any improvements.

RESOLVED that Councillor Thompson liaise with the Chair of Place Scrutiny Committee requesting an item on traveller related issues, identifying how the issues could be better addressed, including mechanisms for greater collaboration between the County and City Councils.

5 **TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP**

The terms of reference and membership (attached) as set out in the appendix to these minutes were approved.

6 **EXETER STRATEGIC BOARD - GUIDANCE AND PRIORITIES FOR USE OF EXETER BOARD GRANTS**

The Programme Manager Communities and the Communities and Commissioning Manager spoke to a presentation on a proposed crowdfunding pilot for Exeter.

This would then take place as part of a Devon wide pilot led by Devon County Council alongside local districts including Teignbridge, West Devon, East Devon and Devon and Cornwall Police

Crowdfunder.co.uk had been chosen as the platform to use as a leader in this field. It was based in Cornwall, had strong links with the University of Exeter and had supported a successful crowdfunding scheme introduced for Plymouth City Council over the past three years. For the Exeter pilot, it was proposed that this Board commit £60,000 which would be combined with £40,000 from the Sport England Local Delivery Pilot.

Four examples were provided of potential schemes and how the funding would be broken down.

Criteria for the fund would be for projects that:-

- address inequalities;
- improve health and wellbeing and get people active;
- develop creative community based solutions to problems; and
- develop and manage buildings, assets and green spaces to enhance our city

The Communities and Commissioning Manager advised that the criteria of the project would align with those of the Devon Communities Strategy around the principles of Connection, Control, Fairness and Working differently.

The Programme Manager Communities advised that a launch date had been agreed for the Devon pilot of 12 July where Members would be welcome to attend and could sign in using the link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/crowdfund-devon-launch-workshop-tickets-47015121494>.

A later date would be set for an Exeter launch to invite stakeholders including Community Associations, community activists and interested stakeholders etc. Members were advised that community builders would have important roles in promoting and supporting groups to apply.

The Director (JY), responding to a Member, advised that the pilot would be focussing on relatively low contributions rather than the funding of large projects and stated that, as wider strategies for the Board had not been identified to date following the workshop earlier in the year, the priorities had been suggested by officers for agreement by the Board.

It was suggested that, as criteria had been agreed in setting up the site, if groups met the criteria a decision to support would need to take place quickly and it was proposed that decisions would be made in liaison with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Funding Sub Group. The role of the Funding Sub Group would be to monitor progress and make recommendations for changes where appropriate.

Members welcomed the pilot project with one Member referring to assistance given by the Board towards the City's grass cutting regime and that this commitment should be borne in mind as the pilot progressed.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) the Crowdfund Exeter pilot be agreed;
- (2) £60,000 be allocated to the pilot; and
- (3) the Board Funding Sub Group be requested to monitor progress of the scheme.

7 **FEEDBACK FROM MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON MULTI-AGENCY GROUPS**

Exeter Community Health and Wellbeing Board

The Board noted the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2018.

Community Safety Partnership

The Board noted the minutes of the meetings held on 25 January and 25 April 2018.

8 **FUNDING SUB GROUP**

RESOLVED that the:-

- (1) Chair, Deputy Chair, Councillors Bialyk, Denham, Aves, Hannaford and Prowse serve on the Funding Sub Group;
- (2) following dates of Sub Group meetings starting at 2.30pm be noted:-
 - date of next meeting to be agreed
 - Thursday 6 September 2018
 - Wednesday 9 January 2019
 - Wednesday 6 March 2019

DATES OF MEETINGS

The following dates of future Board meetings were noted, all commencing at 5.30pm in the Civic Centre:-

Thursday 20 September 2018

Thursday 15 November 2018

Thursday 31 January 2019

Thursday 20 June 2019

Thursday 19 September 2019

(The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and closed at 6.05 pm)

Chair

EXETER STRATEGIC BOARD 2018/19

Terms of Reference

Following a review of the work of the Exeter Board, established originally in 2012, it will be renamed as the Exeter Strategic Board and from November 2017 it will be re-focussed to enable members to work together in a more strategic and structured way on issues that are not covered in other fora.

As a joint County and City Council committee, the Exeter Strategic Board will provide a forum for County and City Councillors to work together on common Exeter City issues that could not be dealt with by either body in isolation and are not the focus of other committees.

The core membership of the Exeter Strategic Board will be the nine County Councillors for Exeter and five members of the City Council. Representatives from the voluntary, business, health, police, further and higher education, inter-faith communities, community representative and others will be invited to assist the Board as appropriate. Associate members will be invited to participate in Board events when the themes under debate are of relevance/interest to them.

On an annual basis the Exeter Strategic Board will be provided with a strategic analysis setting out needs and issues facing residents to assist Members in agreeing an annual work programme based around key strategic themes of mutual interest or concern that are not dealt with in other fora. The Board will agree the allocation and mechanism for the deployment of the Exeter Board Grant funding in line with the agreed strategic priorities.

The Annual Work Programme will be shared with Associate Members, Community Groups and Special Interest Associations to enable them to identify areas of work they would wish to contribute to through at the themed workshop.

The Exeter Strategic Board will meet four times a year, once for the strategic needs analysis and then for three themed workshops on the topics set out in the annual work plan. Associate Members, Community Groups and Special Interest Associations will be invited to participate in workshops where it makes sense to do so.

The Chair/Deputy Chair of the Exeter Strategic Board will alternate yearly between the City and County Council.

The Board's terms of reference are:

- To share data and information about strategic issues affecting the city.
- To identify an annual work programme around key strategic themes of interest to both City and County Councillors that are not the focus of other groups or committees.
- To take an analytical, evidenced based approach to the examination of the key themes/issues with the aim of identifying priorities for joint action.
- To make recommendations to the City and County Councils about policy or practice that could have a positive impact for the city including opportunities for joint action.
- To contribute to effective partnership working across the City.
- To support and engage with communities and neighbourhoods in identifying priorities and finding ways to meet local needs.
- To enable groups and communities to influence and shape local public services and strategies.
- To allocate community funding to projects of community or citywide relevance.

Membership

Following the formation of the Board in July 2012, it was agreed to invite representatives from the voluntary, business, health, police Further and Higher Education inter-faith and cathedral communities to participate. The full list of associate members is set out below:-

Associate Members

Phil Atwell (Exeter University), Sara Bond (Exeter Chamber of Commerce), Simon Bowkett (Exeter CVS), Gillian Champion (Exeter sub-locality of the Eastern Region New Devon CCG), Superintendent Sam De Reya (Devon and Cornwall Police), The Dean (Exeter Cathedral), Jude Taylorson (Faith Groups), John Laramy (Exeter College), Diana Moore (Exeter Community Forum), Suzanne Tracey (RD & E)

In light of the new terms of reference, it is not proposed to invite some of these groups who have held an associate member place, such as Police, CCG/ Exeter CVS, the University, Exeter College and Co-Lab as they work in other partnerships with the Council such as the Community Safety Partnership, or their remit has changed.

A revised list of Associate members is proposed who will receive minutes but not be invited to meetings. They will, however, be invited to take part in themed meetings as agreed for the annual work programme. These associate members are strategic partners and/or have a role in representing different interest groups in the city. They will include:-

Devon Community Foundation	Martha Wilkinson
Exeter Community Forum	Diana Moore
Exeter Community Initiatives	Steven Chown
Active Devon	Matt Evans
Interfaith Group	Jude Taylorson
Exeter Communities Together	Faith Stafford (BME Groups)
LGBTQ	Alan Quick

Board Members are invited to support the way forward and to suggest any other Associate Members.