



THIRD SECTOR
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REPORT OF MEETINGS

Community Planning Executive Group (CPEG)

26 January 2023

THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY SUMMARY

Working together to put our sector first
Dumfries and Galloway's Third Sector Interface

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1. I asked about reference in the minute of 9 December CPEG meeting which refers to an update at this meeting on the Shared Prosperity Fund (para 1.2). It is not on the agenda, so I asked for a progress update. I was offered a meeting with the head of community services based on the E&R committee discussions on 24 January. I advised CPEG I had written to all members of the E&R committee on the report on the SPF and that not all my concerns had been explored. I agreed to discuss with RG as soon as possible.
2. Re the LOIP report, RG agreed that there were a couple of minor changes to the locality hubs' terms of reference which we had discussed prior to the meeting. We will agree the wording at our regular meeting.
3. There was discussion about the draft Local Outcome Improvement Plan- Developing Vision and Priorities:
 - a. The importance of getting reliable data on deprivation not just SIMD
 - b. Taking a collaborative approach through workshops to developing the proprieties and objectives to link them to the Vision- these are in hand
 - c. The vision could be shorter
 - d. Could we avoid 'growing' the locality hubs in favour of keeping 'evolving'
 - e. Next steps: the CPEG name should change since it is no longer populated with top tier officers
4. There was a presentation about the Place Planning Partnership. Jamie Ferguson outlined the definition of a place plan and the role of the PPP. He referenced the TSDG animated guide to place planning and credited Jane Stanistreet and Gail McPhillips in TSDG
5. The graduate placement outlined her independent research project which is based on creative place making.
6. Regarding place planning, I asked about the thinking within DGC that would create a strategic overview of the available funding sources within DGC that would be suitable for funding some or all of the place plans. JF said there are small amounts of money from the council to for seeds
7. RG said that some thinking has started on this and he would get back to me.
8. I suggested that an additional priority for the PPP might be 'to ensure that emerging place plans are linked to a strategic framework for available funds such as SPF, CLVF and others which are suitable for place plans.'
9. The DGC CEO said that some of the plans might be funded by core DGC funding too. I said that my main question was whether there is strategic thinking in the council which is joining up for example the Borderlands place plans which are 80% capital with revenue sources such as SPF. CEO agreed to pick this up with me offline.

KEY POINTS

10. Jeff Ace said we should look radically at existing budgets and do some 'disruptive' thinking which will fundamentally change service models. 'People in D&G are healthier than we can afford.'
11. I made several points in relation to the draft Digital Skills Strategy and agreed to feed these back to the steering group:
 - a. There should be reference to those who are digitally excluded by choice so second sentence should be deleted
 - b. The vision should be altered slightly to say 'A region where all our citizens *can* benefit from digital skills, which can be used to improve quality of life,...."
 - c. The table in para 2.5 should include something about motivation - 41% of our survey preferred not to undertake online transactions.
 - d. The principles should include 'Digital should fit into people's lives and not be an additional burden'.
 - e. The strategy needs to be driven by the action plan which will be produced by our SLWG and presented to CPPB in March. These should complement each other.