



Co-operative Councils

Innovation Network

CCIN Executive Oversight Committee – Strategy Meeting

23 September 2015

Rochdale Pioneers Museum

Decision and action log

Attendees

Councillors; Burns (Chair), Penberthy (Vice-Chair), Councillor Brownridge and Councillor Newman, Councillor Stewart (Sunderland),

Officers: Stephen Brown (Oldham), Nick Croft (Edinburgh), Karen Brown (Sunderland), Sarah Ireland (Croydon), Giles Perritt (Plymouth).

1. Network management and development proposals

1.1 Policy Development

Members supported the 'policy labs' approach described by Jonathan Downs from Oldham. The consensus was that work should be:

- Member led
- Linked to the work of the Values and Principles Board, and bringing a specific, solution orientated co-operative approach to the issue rather than echoing other reports and briefings on the subject matter.

Agreed that the following areas would be taken forward:

- Housing Commission (Croydon LBC)
- Performance evaluation (Oldham BC)
- Health and Social Care Integration (lead authority tbc)

Other possible topics for inclusion that were suggested were devolution and welfare reform.

Agreed that up to £50k from a 'Co-operation Innovation Fund' would be made available for developing 'policy labs' with a maximum of £10k for individual projects – governance as set out in the report to the EOC.

Agreed that the policy labs offer should be offered to all members of the CCIN

1.2 Network Development

Regional leads as per Edinburgh's proposal would be agreed at the EOC in December – all members will be invited to express interest in this role

2. Attendance at conferences

Agreed that CCIN should take part in the Innovation Zone event at the LGA conference rather than pay to be an exhibitor

Attendance at political party conferences would be on a thematic basis

3. Plymouth City Council support for the Values and Principles Board

The costed proposal was agreed

4. Priorities for work programme over the next 12 months

Members to consider the draft 'year planner' from Plymouth and suggest key events over the next year and how they should inform agenda planning for the EOC

5. Values and Principles Board

The Board will refresh its membership, following its new management arrangements being put into place, including the possible inclusion of representatives from other appropriate organisations.

New members will include Cllr Herries from Norwich CC

The Board will meet in early December 2015 to finalise its membership and to revisit its work programme for the year