



Executive Oversight Committee Meeting
4 March 2016
10-1130 Virtual Meeting

Attendees

Councillors: Burns (Chair), Penberthy (Vice Chair), Bradbury(Cardiff), Newman(Croydon) Dukes (Bassetlaw) Brownridge (Oldham).

Officers: Simon Parkinson (Co-operative College), Phil Spooner(Sunderland) and Jenny Barker (Oldham) Theresa Brooks (Plymouth).

Apologies: Councillors Stewart (Sunderland), Powers (Newcastle).

1. Welcome

Councillor Burns welcomed new members of the Board.

2. Review of the last meeting

The board reviewed the minutes of the last meeting and agreed them for accuracy.

3. Update from the Values and Principles Board

Councillor Penberthy gave a brief update from the Board and confirmed that the next Values and Principles Board Meeting had been booked to be held at the Co-operative Congress on 17 June, in Wakefield. A number of opportunities, at this event to promote the network have been identified; the Board will investigate these further. Opportunities included sponsorship (to help to facilitate wider engagement with the broader co-operative movement), hosting a stand, and fringe events.

Action: Councillor Penberthy to keep the Board updated as to the developments and opportunities of this event.

Councillor Penberthy also updated EOC members that the Values and Principles Board had provided input with regard to the decisions around the Policy Prototype and Labs. This will be raised in future discussions.

Councillor Burns thanked the Values and Principles Board for their contributions.

4. Update on the Regional Development project

The Board noted the paper provided by Oldham and the verbal overview of progress. The Board agreed the following four regional development leads for the network –

- Scotland – Edinburgh
- Wales and the West Midlands – Cardiff
- South - Croydon
- North – Sunderland

The board also approved the award of £1000 to each of the regional leads to cover various expenses as stipulated in the paper.

Action: Members of the EOC recommended that the development leads pursue all contacts, particularly Brighton & Hove, Birmingham, and Bristol all of whom had expressed a keen interest in the network.

The Scottish Regional Lead is to utilise its links with Ireland to look at recruitment opportunities.

5. Policy Prototype Update

Cardiff

Councillor Bradbury gave a brief overview with regard to the project and reiterated the impact that the project would have for Cardiff assisting refugee and asylum seekers with their cultural transition, promoting peaceful and co-operative integration.

Members discussed this application highlighting –

- The Policy Prototype application seemed good; however it will need more than £1500 of funding to happen. It is presumed this was part of existing or proposed projects within each of the authorities.
- It is also key (and I think this is acknowledged in each proposal) that the learning and outcomes be shared across the network with specific reference to how engagement is gained for this project from all elements of the communities.

Action: Approve this application with a formal letter from Oldham, to follow with a clear set of conditions around dissemination of learning to the network with particular reference to the increase of engagement with all aspects the community.

Edinburgh

Councillor Burns gave a brief overview of this project and its impact, particularly to identify and implement effective solutions to enhance the services and support available to vulnerable families.

Members discussed this application highlighting –

- The Policy Prototype application seemed good, however acknowledged that it will need more than £1500 of funding to happen, Agreed with Oldham's observations
- It is also key (and I think this is acknowledged in each proposal) that the learning and outcomes be shared across the network with specific reference to how capacity building with hard to reach families is achieved, so network colleagues can learn from this innovative practice.

Action: Approve this application with a formal letter to Edinburgh. Follow this with a clear set of conditions around the dissemination of learning to the network. With specific reference to the methods used in capacity building with hard to reach families.

Telford and Wrekin

Members noted the paper. As a representative from Telford and Wrekin was not at the meeting, the Board acknowledged that it would be difficult to satisfy some of the questions that the EOC members and Values and Principles Board Members had around this application.

Action: a letter is to be drafted to the applicant from Oldham, asking for the proposal to be resubmitted at the next EOC meeting scheduled for 3 June 2016, with a little more detail around how the proposal delivers the co-operative difference.

Policy Labs

Newcastle

As Newcastle were not present at the meeting, members of the Board only had a brief discussion around the paper. This discussion was facilitated by Phil from Sunderland confirming that he had some discussions regarding the potential collaboration around this project.

Jenny from Oldham also indicated that she'd had some detailed discussions around how collaboration across the network would occur in relation to this commission and calls for evidence.

Members also discussed how a plethora of expertise in this area was existent within the network and that this project should ensure that it was captured appropriately.

Action: Approve this application with a formal letter from Oldham. This letter will contain a clear set of conditions around collaboration with experienced colleagues for evidence and in delivering the project as a whole.

Oldham – Co-operative Performance Framework

Jenny from Oldham gave an overview of the project, highlighting that this had been a piece of work that had begun with the Officer part of the network. Oldham were keen to get a diverse set of councils engaged in order to create a clear framework and complete this task.

Members discussed this application highlighting –

- Plymouth and Oldham should connect around this project as it clearly links in with the Peer Review Process which Plymouth is developing.
- The Co-operative College would also like input into this project utilising its national and international experience of the co-operative movement.

Action: Approve this application with a formal letter from Oldham to follow. Highlighting a clear set of conditions around collaboration with colleagues, making links with the peer review process and with input from the Co-operative College.

Croydon

Councillor Newman from Croydon gave the Board an overview of the paper, highlighting that this issue is a well-documented national crisis.

Members discussed this application highlighting –

- the Housing Crisis is nationwide and not exclusive to the South East and that this should be captured by the commission;
- Devolution examples should be used to provide evidence of good practice for the commission and would provide a cross-border perspective.

Action: Approve this application with a formal letter from Oldham to follow. Highlighting a clear set of conditions around collaboration with colleagues for evidence to ensure that a national picture is presented with viable alternatives.

Oldham Co-operative Five Year Forward View

Oldham provided the Board with some context around this work, highlighting that it would provide the network with a clear forward view and the challenges ahead.

Members discussed this application highlighting –

- That it would be difficult to provide a strategic view for all members;

- That this activity would be best placed to occur face to face with a cross representation of members from the network;

Action: This should be tabled for discussion at the next EOC and should be more of the networks strategic planning activities than a specific policy lab.

6. CCIN One Year review and 2016 invoicing

The Board noted the papers that were circulated by Oldham but requested that they were amended to reflect the following expenditure that was agreed at today's meeting –

- £3000 for agreed Policy Prototypes;
- £30,000 for Policy Labs;
- £4,000 for regional leads.

Taking, the working balance to £37,960. Further projects will be subject to approval in June when we re visit Telford and Wrekin Policy Prototype and Oldham's Policy Lab.

7. AOB

The Board discussed that the next EOC meeting was scheduled for 3 June 2016 and that is should be a physical meeting.

Action: Plymouth to discuss with Cardiff their availability to host this meeting.

Plymouth reminded EOC members that it wanted to collect case studies from all members of the network. These case studies did not need to be rewritten for the purpose of this exercise. Plymouth were actively encouraging members to forward their press releases about their innovations to **Theresa in Plymouth** (Theresa.brooks@plymouth.gov.uk) by 15th March 2016.

Action: Theresa from Plymouth will collate the case studies and where possible the names of communication leads for each of the CCIN members. These will be forwarded with the case studies to Plymouth for the Culture Hub.