



**Values and Principles Board Meeting
MINUTES
1600 hours – 30th June 2017
Unity Hall Wakefield**

Present

Cllr Chris Penberthy (Independent Chair); Cllr Chris Herries (Norwich); Cllr Dave Jones (Newcastle-under-Lyme); Simon Parkinson (Co-operative College); Nicola Huckerby (CCIN) - Notes

Apologies

Cllr Stephen Powers (Newcastle City); Cllr Simon Greaves (Bassetlaw); Cllr Chris Kirby (Greenwich); Emma Hoddinott (Coop Party); Nick Matthews (Co-operatives UK); Matt Dykes (TUC); Dr Mervyn Eastman (Co-operative Care Forum)

1. Welcome, introductions and apologies

The Chair welcomed Councillor Dave Jones as the new member from Newcastle-under-Lyme Council. Apologies were recorded.

2. Minutes of last meeting

These were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Report back from Strategy Day – 24 March 2017

Cllr Penberthy apologise for not having been able to produce the minutes from the Strategy Day. When complete these would form the Framework to EOC for a Business Plan.

4. Report back from Executive Oversight Committee meeting

Cllr Penberthy reported back on decisions taken at the EOC meeting which had been held earlier in the day. Chris began with a potted history of the Network, and where we were now:

- The Network's first chair was Steve Reed OBE MP formerly Leader of Lambeth Council had been the first chair of the Network. He resigned when elected to Westminster.
- Jim McMahon MP, formerly Leader of Oldham was the Network's second chair. Jim took the Network forward and again resigned on his election to Westminster.
- Cllr Andrew Burns, Leader of Edinburgh was the third chair of the Network. Under Andrew's chairmanship the organisation moved away from its reliance on the RSA. The internal structures were put in place around communications and membership in order to promote the Network and build on what had gone before. Andrew stepped down at the end of 2016 following his decision to retire from politics at the next election.

- Cllr Sharon Taylor took up the role as Network Chair in January 2017. Sharon has recently stepped down from her role as Deputy Leader of the Labour Group at the LGA in order to give more time to the Network
- a. Future Network Support – Cllr Penberthy reported that it had been a year since he had raised the issue of having a dedicated support resource or the CCIN. A process had been agreed to go to the Procurement Framework for dedicated officer time and dedicated comms time. The ‘officer time’ would manage the delivery of the two Policy Labs:
 - i. Health and Social Care
 - ii. Impact of Devolution, Combined Authorities, Metro Mayors and Police and Crime Commissioners on the Co-operative Council agenda
- b. Events - That in order to plan budgets for future years our Focus Events would be:
 - i. LGA
 - ii. LGA event in Wales
 - iii. LGA event in Scotland
 - iv. Co-operative Congress
 - v. Co-operative Party Conference
 - vi. Green Party or Liberal Democrat Conference ever year
- c. AGM – a proposal had been received and approved from Oldham Council to host the 2017 Annual Conference on 5 and 6 September. Andy Burnham, Mayor of the Greater Manchester Authority, was to be invited to speak.

V&P Board agreed that an invitation be sent to other Councils inviting them to bid to host the 2018 Conference.
- d. Policy Labs – no more suggestions were required
- e. Budget - The Network had agreed to allocate a budget of £1000 to ensure that members of the Governance who were not employed by a local authority/3rd party organisation were able to attend CCIN events without having to fund participation from their own pocket.

5. CCIN Policy Labs and Prototypes – reporting back

It was agreed to outline the funding process for Policy Labs and Prototypes so it was clear when funding would be released and that projects were signed-off.

The meeting considered all of the projects that has been delivered over the last 12 months:

- i. Welcoming & helping refugees & asylum seekers – City of Cardiff Council
- ii. Closing the education attainment gap – City of Edinburgh Council
- iii. Telford Mental Health Forum – Telford & Wrekin Council
- iv. Beyond Asset Transfer – Newcastle City Council
- v. Co-operative Performance Framework – Oldham Council – this report had recently been finalised and was submitted for signing off. The Chair asked for any comments.
- vi. Co-operative Peer Challenge – Plymouth City Council – this had been ‘signed off’ at the last meeting

- vii. Co-operative Housing Commission – Croydon Council – it was agreed that this report should be published as a ‘learning’ document which should be signed off by V&P and Cllr Taylor BEFORE it was launched. The chair asked that the final document include an acknowledgement and recognition of the Grenfell Tower tragedy in the final report.

It was agreed to ask Croydon Council for the timetable that they are working to in completing the report.

- viii. From Co-operative Councils to Co-operative Places – Collaborate and Oldham Council

6. Forthcoming activities for the Values and Principles Board

- i. Membership stands at 21 Members, South Tyneside have recently joined the Network and a meeting has been arranged on 11 July, Councillor Powers has agreed to attend to represent V&P.
- ii. The Chair asked that Values and Principles Board be involved in Member visits.
- iii. It was agreed that once the Co-operative Performance Framework is signed off, then this would be another asset to the Membership benefits for the Board to promote.
- iv. Cllr Penberthy and Simon Parkinson had agreed to work with Oldham Council on Future Network Support using the Procurement Framework. Cllr Penberthy said that it would probably be one of the apex organisations that is given the contract and that they can work with some of the smaller organisations on the Framework.
- v. Delivery of the Policy Lab on Health and Social Care. Following the four presentations that had been organised from UK and Italian social care experts there was a general discussion on how we were going to take this project forward. It was agreed that we need a holistic approach – to include:
 - Policing
 - Substance abuse
 - NHS
 - Primary healthcare
 - Mental healthcare

Cllrs Penberthy and Jones agreed to pull together a paper on the scope and content of the Policy Lab and that a session would be organised at the AGM for interested parties to take this further.

7. Any Other Business

There were no items of other business.

8. Dates and times of future meetings

The next meeting would be held during the AGM in Oldham on 5 or 6 September.