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D2N2 Social Inclusion & Equalities Advisory Group Meeting

Thursday 1st June, 10.00am – 12.00pm

Erewash CVS, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton, NG10 4HD

Attendees

Jane Howson	Autism East Midlands
Rachel Quinn	D2N2 LEP
Richard Kirkland	D2N2 LEP
Colin Bradley	Groundwork Greater Nottingham
Lianna Law	Nottinghamshire County Council
Laurie Moran	One East Midlands
Andria Birch	One East Midlands
Jules Sebelin	Nottingham CVS
Andrew Redfern	Framework HCA
Lisa Capell	The Prince's Trust
Bev Parker	Rural Action Derbyshire
Sandra Casey (minutes)	One East Midlands

Apologies

Hilary Porter (Lianna Law sub)	Nottinghamshire County Council
Helen Kearsley Cree	Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire
Gillian Sewell	YMCA Derbyshire
Kim Harper	Community Action Derby
Frank Horsley	Derbyshire County Council
Nina Dauban	Nottinghamshire Community Foundation

1.0	Welcome / introductions / declarations of interest	
1.1	Jane Howson, new SIEAG Chair, was welcomed to the meeting.	
2.0	D2N2 Board and ESIF committee - feedback from JH	
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jane delighted to be VCS rep and has lots of experience over many years feels that she and Matt Allbones (Equalities rep) will make a good team needs to be kept informed by sector in order to represent sector views effectively due to Purdah, meetings were a little different from usual concern about accountability/scrutiny - Managing Authority have responsibility for ESIF Programme Strategic Review Group informs LEP prior to decision making – need to understand this role better local authorities dominate meetings - need for voice of 	Rachel to present an overview of LEP accountability and decision making processes at September SIEAG meeting



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	<p>disadvantaged and VCS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCS have limited knowledge of LEP - Rachel willing to attend meetings to talk about LEP 	
3.0	VCSE reference group proposal from One EM	
3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applications for the role of the VCS rep to the D2N2/ESIF Board were of a very high calibre • it was agreed that it would be beneficial to harness the skills and knowledge of the candidates • it was suggested that the candidates formed a virtual VCSE reference group to support Jane • Jane welcomes the proposal of the VCSE reference group • there is scope for others to join the reference group for a diversity of perspectives • structure to be further considered once the wider review of SIEAG membership is complete. 	
4.0	SIEAG review	
4a	Membership	
4a.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • see report previously circulated • it was agreed that membership should be broader than just VCSE – LAs remain significant partners • in order to generate interest, potential members need to understand how attendance can help them to influence the work of the LEP • gaps in representation need to be filled through recruitment process but existing expertise and experience on the group to be retained where possible. 	Rachel to develop recruitment process – to take place in advance of next meeting
4b	Terms of reference	
4b.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • see report previously circulated • meeting quorum will be 5 members attending • concern about how SIEAG will differ from VCSE reference group • equalities covers a wide variety of strands and may require more than one representative <p>Revised TOR to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • formal process for removal of members for non-attendance • role of group, including how it is accountable and its achievements • role description for members, including the need for members to be pro-active outside of meetings • attendance expectations 	Rachel to update the Terms of Reference as discussed, including setting up a recruitment process
5.0	State of the economy measures - review and recommendations	



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5.1	<p>See report previously circulated - State of the Economy report published annually – it is a snapshot of conditions in the D2N2 economy NOT a measure of LEP performance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • current indicators do not adequately reflect social inclusion issues • suggestions for inclusion in future reports include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indicators of the quality of local jobs, ○ income levels, poverty / child poverty, ○ economic inactivity (as opposed to unemployment) and ○ breakdown by age of existing indicators • SIEAG to develop its own indicator dashboard with greater detail to inform SIEAG discussion, decision and advice to LEP Board and ESIF Sub-Committee 	<p>Rachel to feedback to LEP team</p> <p>Rachel to speak with Vladimir (D2N2 data analyst) to begin work on SIEAG dashboard</p>
6.0	Emerging Communities report	
6.1	<p>See previously circulated report - report has been completed but is embargoed from public release until after Purdah</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there are 6 recommendations • recommendations need to be reflected in the refreshed LEP Strategic Economic Plan, including procurement and supply chain • potential for future ESIF strand on emerging communities 	
7.0	D2N2 Programme Update	
7a	ESIF programme timeframes and issues	
7a.1	<p>Richard and Rachel provided an update on current 2N2 programme activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low carbon call currently open • there has been a good response to the high business growth call • DCLG are looking to bring forward all ERDF calls from 2018 into 2017 • Treasury has confirmed that all projects contracted before Brexit will be honoured • now is a god time for the VCSE to begin thinking about gaps, identifying potential sector match opportunities and forming partnerships • technical assistance programme has been set up to support potential applicants • there will shortly be a new technical assistance website • concern about match funding <p>Agreed that VCSE engagement (though the TA service) should now commence – agreed to begin with two events taking place 13th July in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire to raise awareness of VCS opportunities to engage in ESIF programme delivery</p>	<p>Rachel to organise, publicise and run VCSE engagement events x2 on 13th July 2017.</p>
7b	Building Better Opportunities and stakeholder roles	



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7b.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the process to procure a managing agent for the four local authority stakeholder posts has now been completed. Decision is embargoed but it is understood that the roles will be advertised shortly the post holders will attend SIEAG meetings and bring with them local data and intelligence they will also attend the ESF Provider Delivery Group meetings 	Rachel to keep SIEAG members updated on progress
7c	Recent procurement outcomes	
7c.1	Covered in 7a.	
7d	Community Programme	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Community Programme call is expected to be launched after the election less than half of ESF has been spent and potentially more funding will be made available via the Community Programme. However, there is no guarantee of match. 	
8.0	Minutes of the March meeting	
8.1	The minutes of the March meeting were approved.	
9.0	Matters arising from the March meeting	
9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Allbones will continue as Equalities rep at D2N2/ESIF meetings the presentation on the role of the VCS in the D2N2 economy to the D2N2 Board was delivered but overshadowed by a recent announcement about the Local Growth Fund Rachel has been asked to return to Board to present next steps including progress on economic inclusion – an opportunity to reinforce and progress the earlier messages Industrial Strategy has been amended to include feedback from March SIEAG meeting 	Rachel to deliver follow up presentation at September D2N2 Board meeting – Jane H to be involved
10.0	Any other business	
	<p>Group members asked for the value of ESIF funding in the VCSE sector. This would be difficult to find out as many organisations will be sub-contractors or delivery partners rather than leads. Sector is also a recipient of support as well as a provider.</p> <p>There was a request for a calendar of activity for the next 12 months so that the sector could be ready to respond to any big issues coming up.</p>	
11.0	Date of Next Meeting: September date to be confirmed Erewash Voluntary Action, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton NG10 4HD	