**DP Coordinating Group Minute**

5th December 2024

Committee Room 2 / Teams

**In Attendance**

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| In Person | Online |
| Lali Tudela (DVVA) | Anna Day (LACD) |
| Laura Henderson (Public Health) | Barbara Whiting (DCC, Sustainability Team) |
| Paul Davies (DCC, Community Planning) | Jill Brash (DCC, Research & Information) |
| Peter Allan (DCC, Community Planning) | Nora Ferda-McKay (Scottish Enterprise) |
|  | Rachael Thomas (CWB, City Development) |
|  | Rory Young (DCC, City Development) |

**Apologies**

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| Andrea Calder (DCC, Chief Executive’s Services) | Kathryn Sharp (HSCP) |
| Colin Echavarria (Police Scotland) | Paul Robertson (SFRS) |
| Connie Calvo (SDS) | Rhian Ferguson (DCC, Community Justice) |
| Judy Dobbie (LACD) |  |

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| **1.** | **Introductions & Apologies** |  |
|  | PA led a round of introductions. Apologies received are as noted above. |  |
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| **2.** | **Matters Arising**  |  |
|  | None not on the agenda. |  |
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| **3.** | **Strategic Leadership Groups** |  |
| **a)** | **Inclusive Economic Growth** |  |
|  | * Main Economic Summit pushed back into 2025 – delayed due to John Alexander standing down
* Employability Summit – wider City Development Team / Employability Team involved. It was a successful day of networking and collaboration. Feedback has been issued on the participant involvement in it, and some areas for improvement highlighted. There is commitment to running again next year

Discussion* Laura commented that mental health is a strong factor affecting people’s employability
* Query raised over the shape of the new Employability Service. Rory to check with John Davidson for materials to circulate to this group e.g. presentations from the summit, impact document, etc.
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| **b)** | **Child Poverty & Inequalities** |  |
|  | The Fairness Leadership Panel Annual Conference took place on the 7th of November. The Poverty Alliance and JRF both had guest speakers. Three workshops covered fair housing, pressures on the third sector, and mental health & isolation. Cases across the board are getting more complicated and involve more work. Draft recommendations from the FLP were shared too and will be formed into formal recommendations by end of March. They will be included in the FLP report in April, but there will be liaison with partners in the meantime.  A [JRF Report](https://www.jrf.org.uk/power-and-participation/alternative-voice-inclusive-decision-making-empowering-dundees-community) was launched recently that looks at good practice in Dundee. It highlighted that DCC, people with lived experience and Faith in Community Dundee work well together, providing three pillars driving achievement.  * Laura commented that it is good to hear about the community level work that is going on. There are definitely numerous examples of good practice.
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| **c)** | **Climate Leadership Group** |  |
|  | Barbara provided an update that included:* District heat work is progressing. Abertay University have submitted their application for funding and are awaiting a visit from the funders
* Wider work is being looked at strategically for Phase Three of the above work, including appraisal of delivery models
* DCC and Scottish Water are undertaking a refresh of the climate vulnerability risk assessment. This will go to Committee once input from partners has been received
* An update from the Water Resilient Dundee Partnership has been received. There are a whole series of projects underway or completed
* A communications strategy is also being discussed. Sustainability Team currently leading, but capacity issues, so looking to share out with others.
* There was an article in Courier on the 4th of December around an interview with CLG chair, Ronnie Quinn on the role of the group and the Local Area Energy Plan

Discussion included:* Nora – SDS are looking at LHEES programmes. Are there are links between the Dundee LHEES and another team looking at Clean Heat.
	+ There are some links, but further engagement would be better. Nora to re-introduce to facilitate conversation.
* Rachael – to send information on another event to Barbara / share the link
* Peter – Is there any discussion of how unaffordable heating is for those on low incomes?
	+ There is no direct contact, but we do have DEEAP who do have contact with citizens. At the next stage, there will be financial modelling to look at this
	+ Many of the ‘Anchor Customers’ are non-domestic but are aware of the need to pick up on social housing heating in the future. There is a meeting with councilors on 16th December which is likely to cover this topic
* Peter – are Housing Dept. involved as they are currently developing their Strategic Housing Investment Plan?
	+ Not in the routing exercise, but they are involved in other aspects and kept up to date on developments
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| **4.** | **DPMG Update and Actions** |  |
|  | The DPMG on the 12th of December will include:* Updates from the three Strategic Leadership Groups
* Discussion of the Police Scotland Vision to 2030
* Local Community Planning
* A possible change of chair (from Greg to a non-DCC leader)
* Any relevant papers will be circulated to this group for information
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| **5.** | **Strategic Theme Connections** |  |
|  | **Cultural Development** |  |
|  | Anna provided an update on the recent Cultural Summit, which included:* The summit was brilliant with a huge range of speakers from far and wide
* Consultation on budgets has led to a lot of discussion around whether the cultural sector is valued in the city, how the story is spread, and has generally been difficult / challenging. There may be better news following the Scottish Government budget announcements yesterday.
* A meeting with Audrey May has led to a renewed interest from schools in engaging with the cultural sector more. This dropped off hugely due to covid
* Awareness that cultural activities are a key part of what the city does

Discussion included:* The current debate will test people's understanding of what the cultural facilities do for them. Is the budget consultation prompting a desire for the facilities to make sure people know how they reach out?
	+ This is thought about daily by facilities, not really as part of the consultation. There are always going to be preconceptions, but work with schools for example, tries to overcome them. Consultation is challenging as it looks at cultural organisations’ own circumstances rather than their importance to the city. Need to balance what is brought in with other activities. Across the sector, we are doing everything possible to promote positive stories e.g. Northwood Trust funding to extend work in communities – a press release is due out soon
* What was the good news?
	+ It was indicated that the Creative Scotland budget will be higher than previously thought which will mean more money for festivals and events, but final word is still awaited
	+ Multi-year funded organisations in Dundee are more hopeful for the future with regard to budgets. We will learn more in a month or so
* Feedback on the consultation / budget will address the Council
* Decisions for the future are looking at better links with Eden Project, etc.
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|  | **Alcohol and Drugs** |  |
|  | Peter provided a brief update: Some of the ADP are starting a new conversation on prevention. This ebbs and flows in terms of prioritisation as ideas and methods are tried. There is a meeting on the 6th of December on where the ADP got to with their plans last time. It is a fundamental challenge across all LAs but translating prevention plans into actions is very difficult. Will need dealing with the social determinants of health – and will require all of us to be involved. Discussion followed which included:* There is lots of grass roots level activity that could feed into this. Small organisations may not have capacity or knowledge to be involved in larger scale work so some streamlining of inputs from this level may be needed
* There was previously a prevention framework that set out actions that there was an evidence base for. Lots of work pulls together and coordination should be looked at
* Peter to keep us all up to date on progress and how we can be involved
* Paul will be looking at a range of Locality based work in the coming months. There are lots of different community-based approaches that we would like to see the connections between and see what the commonalities are and how they can be pulled together
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|  | **Community Safety & Justice** |  |
|  | We would like an update on what is happening in this area at the next meeting. | **RF** |
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| **6.** | **Community Wealth Building** |  |
|  | Rachael provided an update which included:* Community Wishes has been launched. These enable groups to identify ‘asks’ (27 so far) for contractors to pick up as part of tendering process.
* Spend figures from Procurement on where money is being spent show that last year 46.9% was retained in the city – the second highest in Scotland. More work to be done on this
* Rory and Rachael were involved in engagement with Social Enterprises to make best use of the resources, talents and capacity that we have. One session so far, with next one taking place next week
* On the strategic side, we are developing a refreshed strategy to go to committee in early 2025. Working with partners to identify working opportunities e.g. joint working with procurement. May also include something around properties in future
	+ Suggestion made to bring CWB to the 6th of March DPMG. Rachael to speak with Robin to mention at next week’s DPMG too
* Health tie-in. NHS is developing an Anchor Strategy to group actions around several relevant areas. Rachael has met with NHS colleagues to identify areas to work together more closely. Report due to go out soon on what can be taken forward and cross-learning that is taking place. There are lots of opportunities
	+ Laura commented that there are lots of the same aspirations and opportunities. The Scottish Government have given NHS a short time scale to pull together an NHS Anchor Strategy. This involves procurement, estates and HR as three key sections in NHS. It has also helped develop closer relationships with local employability colleagues, and with Rachael on broader CWB activity
	+ Further updates to follow on work with NHS at the next DPCG from Rachael / Laura

Further discussion included:* Lali asked whether in relation to Community Wishes so far, are there any trends / categories of needs? Are they being picked up in a timely manner?
	+ Rachael responded that there is a need to have wishes in place first. There were issues with the contractor pick-ups, but two pick-ups have taken place, both electrical trades related. There will now be more active targeting of contractors as well as community groups. We want to see some delivered wishes soon, too, to add to the publicity
 | **RT****RT / LH** |
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| **7.** | **DPCG Event Panning: What Would We Like To Achieve?** |  |
|  | Peter would like to have a separate conversation about this. Kathryn Sharp has done similar work with the HSCP so he will include her in the conversation. He asked for two or three others to get together for a conversation. * Rachael – will get involved
* Lali – useful to include as the Third Sector is key and needs to influence what the Partnership does
* If others could let us know over the next couple of weeks (*by the 10th of January*), we will look at getting a dedicated discussion together in Jan/Feb.
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| **8.** | **AOCB** |  |
|  | Peter asked Nora if she has anything to input here from SDS and how we can include SDS in future agendas. * Nora stated that she already works with some of those in the group (Rory and Barbara) and has looked at CWB in the past. Will happily raise any relevant items for this group’s agenda in future
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|  | Dates of 2025 Meetings - tbc |  |