



**Minute of the Dundee Partnership Management Group
held on Tuesday, 28 March 2023 at 2.00 pm
Committee Room 1, 14 City Square**

Present:

Ailsa MacAllister, DVVA
Alice Bovill, Community Regeneration Forums
Alison Henderson, D&A Chamber of Commerce
Councillor John Alexander, Dundee City Council
Emma Fletcher, Public Health, NHS Tayside
Graham Binnie, Police Scotland
Greg Colgan, Chief Executive, DCC (Chair)

Jackie McKenzie, University of Abertay Dundee
Jim McGeorge, University of Dundee
Judy Dobbie, Leisure & Culture Dundee
Murray Webster, Community Regeneration Forums
Ross McKenzie, City Development, DCC
Vicky Irons, Health & Social Care Partnership

In attendance:

Andrea Calder, Chief Executive's Service, DCC
Elaine Cruikshank Health & Social Care Partnership

Karen Gunn, Corporate Services, DCC
Peter Allan, Chief Executive's Service, DCC

Apologies:

Bailie Kevin Keenan, Dundee City Council
Christina Cooper, DVVA
Evonne Boyd, Skills Development Scotland
Graeme Stewart, DWP
Grant Archibald, NHS Tayside
Jackie Carnegie, Dundee and Angus College
Jason Sharp, Scottish Fire and Rescue

Matthew Lockley, Scottish Enterprise
Michael Wright, Scottish Enterprise
Paul Davies, Chief Executive's Service, DCC
Robin Presswood, City Development, DCC
Ross Fitzgerald, Police Scotland
Sarah Ainslie, DWP
Simon Hewitt, Dundee & Angus College

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1. **WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS**
Greg welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received are noted above.
2. **MINUTE OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
Agreed as accurate.
3. **MATTERS ARISING**
- 3a. **Cost of Living.** Andrea Calder spoke to the circulated update report. Highlights across the five pillars included;
 - £500k additional funding from DCC for community food provision and more students are presenting for support and are being referred to the West End Community Fridge;
 - At least 1800 people attending 38 Open Doors venues each week;
 - Additional support for winter clothing and blankets was made available from the Household Hardship Fund;
 - The further phase of the Fuel Well scheme opened and over 400 new applications have been received so far bringing the total to nearly 11,000 households and a projected spend of over £1m;
 - Bus and radio advertising campaigns have been completed and ads continue to be displayed on digital bus stops across Dundee.

John Alexander emphasised the importance of making this approach sustainable though working in tandem. Relatively small investments in this area can achieve a disproportionate impact.

Members noted the update report.

3b. Public Health Scotland Localities Programme Pathfinder.

Emma Fletcher spoke to the short paper tabled at the meeting (attached). This set out the pathfinder being undertaken in partnership between Public Health Scotland and the Community Planning Partnership to develop effective collaboration, use data to inform decision-making and support work on local identified priorities. The work will focus on the Cost of Living measures and broaden to the Dundee Child Poverty and Fairness outcomes.

Vicky Irons welcomed the pathfinder and the value the data will provide to the Health and Social Care Partnership. Greg agreed that it can also inform subsequent Fairness Action Plans.

Members agreed to endorse the work of the pathfinder, delegate the oversight on behalf of the Partnership to the Coordinating Group and consider update reports at appropriate stages in development of the project.

4. PRIORITY 1 – REDUCING CHILD POVERTY AND INEQUALITIES IN INCOMES, EDUCATION AND HEALTH

4a. Child Poverty Pathfinder in Linlathen

Karen Gunn spoke to her report and presentation (attached). She described the scope and results of local outreach work of late 2022 and March 2023. Families identified issues to address including fuel costs, poor mental health, lack of mobility and caring responsibilities, and the need to focus on in-work poverty.

A range of support has already been provided to families relating to financial inclusion, employability, health and support with college applications.

Local drop in sessions supported by a range of partners have seen 406 visits over the 20 weeks it has been running and have already generated £120,600 in financial gains for families.

Early evaluation of the pathfinder is being carried out by Rocket Science. It is already showing that the local partnership is strong, flexible and expanding in response to local needs. Areas for improvement include faster development of goals to enable buy-in, inclusion of lived experience in reporting and learning and the inclusion of mental health colleagues.

Future work will emphasise systems change that embeds a values-based approach that is creative, flexible and non-stigmatising. There is now the ambition to shift from fire-fighting to earlier intervention, stopping services or approaches that aren't working in Linlathen and trusting and empowering staff.

Emma offered help to connect to mental health leaders if necessary.

Jacky McKenzie raised the issue of scalability and offered advice on how this might be achieved.

Murray asserted that this work is great but it confirms lessons that have learned from various previous pathfinders and pilots over many years. He also encouraged partners to enable local people to have direct access to services in their communities.

Vicky was aware that some services would have to develop further to be able to genuinely offer a 'no wrong door' approach.

Ailsa MacAllister offered to help connect the pathfinder with related projects across the city including the Alliance in Lochee and the FORT system.

Andrea Calder acknowledged the importance of face to face opportunities though this would have to be balanced with digital options. Alison noted the importance of in-person services to help to build soft skills.

Members endorsed the work of the Pathfinder.

4b. PRIORITY 3 – DELIVERING INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

Ross McKenzie spoke to the Fair Work and Enterprise annual report and presentation (attached).

Ross highlighted the progress against the thematic KPIs which are largely on track given the early stage in the life of the new city plan.

The level and detail of planned investment in the city centre was outlined including the anticipated impact of the new BT building and other strategic development opportunities. City Centre Recovery Funding of £2m will be allocated to a range of work and events.

Further developments at the Michelin Scotland Innovation Parc were shown including the Innovation Labs and Hubs and the Innovation Challenge that has awarded £86k to five companies. As at March 2023, there are 135 jobs on site.

Measures to increase Tourism were presented and a new City Marketing influencer campaign is underway - #putdundeeonyourmap

To date, the Tay Cities Region Deal has enabled the release of over £79m and created 677 jobs – 11% of the total jobs commitment There is to be a shorter-term focus on skills and employability and early wins through tourism and digital infrastructure.

The new Partnership priority of Community Wealth Building will be progressed at a partnership-wide event to be held in May.

Outstanding challenges exist to:

- Accelerate proactive targeting of developers
- Target UK Government Innovation / Investment Zone status
- Collaborate with University of Dundee and Abertay University to accelerate commercialisation opportunities
- Address poor youth participation rates
- Continue to improve employability performance

The report was welcomed. Alison reminded members that much depends on private investors and that this cannot be shaped in the same way that we direct public funds.

Ross agreed that the landscape for employability is favourable and that there is a chance to use academies to redirect support in community regeneration / SIMD neighbourhoods. Murray asked that the Partnership takes steps to ensure that the economic opportunities being set out are delivered in a way that will have a direct impact on the city's poorer communities.

Members approved the Fair Work and Enterprise annual report.

5. DUNDEE PARTNERSHIP REVIEW

Peter asked members to agree to a three-month review of the Partnership's working and structure to be facilitated in collaboration with the Improvement Service. This will ensure that the partnership is working effectively together to achieve the outcomes agreed in our City Plan. The process will consist of a self-assessment survey to be completed by members in April, a follow up workshop to agree priorities for improvement in May with recommendations to be brought to the DPMG in June.

Members approved the review and agreed to participate as required.

6. AOCB

None raised.

7. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

- 8 June at 1.30pm
- 14 September at 10.00am
- 30 November at 1.30

Venues to be confirmed

Attachments:

- Child Poverty Pathfinder Presentation
- Fair Work and Enterprise Annual Report Presentation