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<p>East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership</p> <p>Board Meeting</p>		
<p>Approved Minutes</p>		
Date:	Thursday 18 July 2019	
Location:	Trimdon Community College Association, Elwick View, Trimdon Village, TS29 6JU	
Present:	Board Members	AAP Team
	Parish Councillor Bernie Oliver Parish Councillor Kathleen Dowson (Alternate) Sgt Alex Clarke Jen Straughan-Hawley Melvyn Carr Councillor David Brown Allan Blakemore Christine Carter Councillor Lucy Hovvels Councillor Stuart Dunn Councillor Jude Grant Clair White Tony Cutmore	Jane Bellis (AAP Co-ordinator) Claire Craft (Community Development Project Officer) Lyndsey Hunter (Community Development Project Officer) Marie Ainscough (AAP Support Officer)
Forum Members:	There were 9 forum members present at the meeting	
Apologies Received:	Angela Stobbart, Malcolm Gray, Councillor Peter Brookes (Alternate), Eileen Dickinson, Michelle Atkinson, Councillor John Robinson, Chris Varty, Councillor Maura McKeon, Clive Crosby, Michael Pearson	

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	<p>Durham History Centre – Pre-Meeting Display</p> <p>There was an opportunity to find out more about the proposals for the Durham History Centre. Jenny Haworth and Mara Thompson were in attendance from 4.30 pm with display boards and paper copies of the consultation survey.</p> <p>Feedback can also be provided online by visiting Durham History Centre phase 2 consultation</p> <p>The deadline for comments is 5.00 pm on 28 July 2019.</p>	

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1	<p>Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>In the absence of Malcolm Gray, Jen Straughan-Hawley chaired the meeting and she welcomed everyone to the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership Board Meeting.</p> <p>A warm welcome was offered to Allan Blakemore and Christine Carter who had been appointed as the new public representatives on the Board. Ann Carr and Keith Pounder had stepped down as their four-year term had come to an end.</p> <p>Jenny Haworth who was delivering the County Durham Vision presentation was also welcomed to the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were noted for those who were unable to attend the meeting, a round of introductions from Board members followed and the chair invited forum members to introduce themselves.</p> <p>The AAP worked in partnership with Trimdon Parish Council, Trimdon Community College Association, local schools and a Unitary Councillor to encourage people from across the AAP area to attend the Brass event. This was an excellent opportunity to promote the work of the AAP and increase Forum membership. This event also acted as our Forum event with not operating a Participatory Budgeting event this year.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 May 2019 & Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 May 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
3	<p>Countywide Partner Issues:</p> <p>3.1 County Durham Vision</p> <p>Jenny Haworth, Durham County Council's Head of Strategy delivered a presentation on the 'County Durham Vision 2035'.</p> <p>The Altogether Better Durham vision for the county which is used by all partners on the County Durham Partnership has been in place since 2009/10 and many of the long-term ambitions have been achieved – health targets around smoking, teenage pregnancies, waste going to landfill, attracting visitors to the county.</p> <p>Employment has increased significantly from 64.6% in 2010 to 74.6%. Successes include the Hitachi plant at Newton Aycliffe, extension of NETPark and the DurhamWorks programme for young people.</p>	

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There has been strong growth in the visitor economy from £627m in 2008 to £891m in 2017. Attractions like Lumiere and Kynren have helped to boost the tourism sector.

Carbon emission estimates have been reduced by over 52% in the last 10 years through decarbonising the electricity grid, street lighting LED replacement, energy efficiency measures in buildings and homes, installation of renewables, introduction of low and zero emission vehicles, tree planting, peatland restoration and reducing landfill. Less than 5% of household refuse collected now goes to landfill (60% 10 years ago).

Life expectancy at birth in County Durham has been improving over time for both men and women. Compared to 2000-02, men in County Durham now live 3.4 years longer (to 78.1 years old) and women live 2.1 years longer (to 81.4).

Smoking is the biggest single contributor to shorter life expectancy locally and contributes substantially to the burden on health and social care services. Tobacco smoking is down from 22% in 2012 to 14%.

Teenage conceptions have more than halved in the last five years. In 2012, the conception rate per 1,000 women at age under 16 was 8.9. This has reduced to 4.1 per 1,000 in 2017. (Over the same period, the under 18 conception rate has fallen from 33.6 to 23.7).

Over the last 14 years the median age of service users at permanent admission to residential or nursing care has risen by three years in residential care, from 84 to 87, and by one year in nursing care, from 83 to 84. This is indicative of the success of rehabilitation services, which aim to maximise independence by empowering people to be able to stay in their own homes for longer.

Over the last 10 years, Area Action Partnerships have funded well over 6,000 community projects benefitting over 30,000 people and securing over £100m of funding.

Durham Constabulary are rated as outstanding for the fourth year in a row. County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service were winners of the UK fire and rescue service of the year. Both North Durham and DDES CCG are rated as good and Durham University is ranked in the top 10 UK universities and top 100 worldwide.

Whilst improvements have been made, there is still a way to go and a series of consultation meetings have taken place with the AAPs and Partnerships, children and young people, special interest

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groups, The Durham Message Wall and Councillors.

To make the vision easier to understand and from the findings following the consultation it has all been built into three proposed crosscutting ambitions -

1. More and Better Jobs
2. Long and Independent Lives
3. Connected Communities

Durham County Council's vision for 2035 is that County Durham is a place where there are more and better jobs, people live long and independent lives and our communities are well connected and supportive.

A short video was played.

Feedback sheets were circulated and two questions asked –

Do you agree that our vision strikes the right balance of priorities and ambitions for the county?

Tell us what you think

We all need to work together to achieve our aspirations.
How can we work together to achieve this?

There were no comments from the Board.

Questions from the Forum included –

What is happening in Bishop Auckland? All the small businesses on the main street are up 'To Let' and this is a real worry.

Jenny agreed to take the comment made back.

For further information and to 'have your say' visit
<https://www.durham.gov.uk/vision>

The closing date for comments is 5.00 pm on Tuesday 30 July 2019.

Jenny was thanked for her presentation.

There was a five minutes break to allow those present to complete the consultation form.

3.2 County Durham Partnership Forum Update

In the absence of Malcolm Gray, Jane had received an update to

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	<p>deliver to Board members following the County Durham Partnership Forum meeting that he had attended on 26 June.</p> <p>The agenda included a partnership update from Gordon Elliott.</p> <p>He also took part in a Prevent and community cohesion workshop which provided an overview of its part in the wider counter terrorism strategy called 'CONTEST'</p> <p>Prevent brings in a raft of support services and looks to pull information together and act if required.</p> <p>Following the workshop, groups fed back on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what partners think are the main community cohesion issues from their experience in County Durham, - what is being done by partners to promote community cohesion, and - whether partners could identify and commit to Champions in their workforce to help deliver awareness and training <p>The feedback collated will be fed back to the Board when the minutes are released.</p> <p>Discussion took place around 'The County Durham Vision 2035'.</p> <p>This was group discussions, with a number of partners feeding back their thoughts and questions on the proposed plan. The feedback will be known once collated and published.</p> <p>Councillor Lucy Hovvels highlighted that she was interested in the work livin were involved with. Jane agreed that she would get an update from Believe Housing also.</p>	J Bellis
4	<p>Priority Updates (from Task Group and Projects)</p> <p>Jane Bellis updated Board members on the current financial status of the AAP, and asked for their agreement that the £25,000.00 Older Persons Social Isolation Fund be discussed at the Joint Priorities Task and Finish Group and signed off at Board level as in previous years. Board members agreed to this.</p> <p>The Summer Holiday Activities Provision Fund supported 9 projects, utilising the £6,774.88 underspend from the last round, the £10,000.00 Welfare Reform allocation from this year and £5,279.47 from this year's £100,000.00 Area Budget allocation.</p> <p>Jane praised the AAP staffing team for their effort in working within a tight timescale to ensure there was provision within the community in time for the summer holidays.</p> <p>The £9,902.00 Youth Fund allocation is open for applications until</p>	

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	<p>the 2nd August and 11 applications have been sent out up to now.</p> <p>The £24,000.00 Capital Small Grants Fund is also open for applications until the 8th August, and 16 applications have been sent out so far.</p> <p>The team are aiming to put the remaining Area Budget out via project call out early August. Help in promoting this would be appreciated.</p> <p>It has been decided to hold a Joint Priorities Task and Finish Group on 14 August. The main purpose of the meeting is to sift through the Youth Fund Small Grants Fund and the Capital Small Grants Fund expression of interest forms. Meetings don't normally take place during August however; it is important that the meeting goes ahead on this date to ensure we don't slip from the timeline.</p>	
5	<p>Co-ordinators Report including Quarterly Performance Management</p> <p><i>Public Representative Re-appointment</i></p> <p>Jane welcomed back Allan Blakemore who was a Board Member in the early years of the AAP and Christine Carter who the AAP have worked with over the years in her capacity as Secretary at Trimdon Station Residents Association.</p> <p><i>Good News</i></p> <p>A press release has been published on the recent completely refurbished sports hall at Trimdon Community College.</p> <p>Jane thanked Lyndsey Hunter who worked on the application and the local Councillors whose neighbourhood budget was used, as well as other funders.</p> <p>Jane attended the opening event on a Friday evening in May, and when the internal marquee and banqueting furniture was in place it was transformed into a high-class community events venue.</p> <p><i>DDES CCG Update</i></p> <p>Clair White from Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield Clinical Commissioning Group provided an NHS update –</p> <p>Changes to the '7 day services' providing additional appointments during evening and weekends via GP 'hubs' have been agreed and will be in place in September/October this year.</p> <p>The consultation report is being widely publicised and is available</p>	

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	<p>on the CCG website at www.durhamdaleseasingtonsedgfieldcc.nhs.uk</p> <p>Information on non-emergency NHS Funded Transport was also shared.</p> <p>To note – the handouts are not to be circulated as they are yet to be finalised.</p>	
6	<p>Local Neighbourhood Issues (LNI) 6.1 Locality Policing Issues</p> <p>Sgt Alex Clarke provided the AAP with the following update on local policing information –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lull in crime trends• Criminal damage falls to 44%• Burglaries in Fishburn have dried up a little during April/May• Schools break up this week – can see a rise. Let's see what happens.• Farmwatch continues.• National Farmwatch representative is back from maternity leave.• Hardwick Live was a safe event.• Rolling out local newsletter which will update the community.• Sgt Kevin Hall update - a clerical officer is required for a couple of hours a week. <p>Councillor Stuart Dunn notified Alex of the problems occurring in Coxhoe with fires; a build-up of litter and young people on the Front Street.</p> <p>Alex asked Stuart if these issues were alcohol related but Stuart didn't know and asked for some vigilance over the school holidays.</p>	
7	<p>Neighbourhood Budget Projects</p> <p>Each unitary councillor has a neighbourhood budget of £19,400.00 per annum granted to them by the county council. The AAP is required to publicise their proposed awards and to comment where a councillor has declared a conflict of interest.</p> <p>The following Neighbourhood Budget project; was shared with the Board -</p> <p>Name of Scheme: Activities for Children and Families – Sedgefield Library Councillor(s): Brown / Robinson Interest Declared: No</p>	

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	<p>Amount: £2,500.00 (£1,250.00 each)</p> <p>Board members were happy for this project to go ahead.</p>	
8	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next Board meeting will be held on Monday 23 September 2019 from 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm at Bowburn Community Centre, Durham Road, Bowburn, DH6 5AT</p> <p>Subsequent Board Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Thursday 28 November 2019 – Fishburn Community Centre➤ Monday 27 January 2020 - tbc➤ Thursday 26 March 2020 – tbc <p>A forum member commented on the changes the local authority had made on household recycling and the confusion it is causing residents. A conversation took place and Board members cleared up the confusion.</p> <p>Everyone was thanked for their attendance.</p>	