

Item 3

Durham Area Action Partnership

Approved Minutes of Board Meeting

Date:	Tuesday 25 June 2019	
Location:	Collingwood College, South Road, Durham, DH1 3LT	
Present:	Board Members	
	Chris Tindale, Cllr Liz Brown, Rev Joanne Thorns, Parish Cllr Paul Finley, Simon Bartlett, Christine Scollen, Lee Alexander, Adam Deathe, Ryan Briggs, Paul Cummings, Cllr Eric Mavin, Cllr Lesley Mavin	
In Attendance:	Craig Morgan, Wendy Lavelle, Marie Ainscough	
Apologies:	Cllr Amanda Hopgood, David Peries, Denise Elliott, Insp Andrea Arthur, Cllr Marion Wilson, Hannah Shepherd, Joe Knight, Cllr Bill Kellett, Karen Fearon, Cllr Arnie Simpson, Bill Moir, Sandra Almedia	
Forum Members present	There were 16 forum members present at the meeting	
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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 Liz Bregazzi were in attendance from 5.30 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>	
1	<p>Introductions and Apologies</p> <p>Chris Tindale (Chair) welcomed everyone to the Durham AAP Board Meeting and apologies were noted for those Board members who were not in attendance.</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Ryan Briggs to his first Board meeting as the new public representative on Durham AAP board.</p> <p>Board members were asked to introduce themselves for the benefit of Ryan and others present.</p> <p>The meeting was not quorate at this point. As per the terms of reference, Board members will be asked to give their views on the project at the meeting and their recommendations will be confirmed electronically with other Board Members after</p>	

	the meeting	
2	<p>County Durham Vision</p> <p>Jane Robinson, Durham County Council’s Head of Adult Services 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> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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%.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p>	

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 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 –

1. Do you agree that our vision strikes the right balance of priorities and ambitions for the county?
Tell us what you think
2. We all need to work together to achieve our aspirations.
How can we work together to achieve this?

Comments from the Board included; We would like to see more and better paid jobs; More concrete ideas about transport / greener; The Vision is vague and more detail is needed; It would be useful to see what the partnership sees as the challenges to achieving this; How successful have we been in Durham compared to other local authorities

Questions from the Forum included, 'How does this relate to the County Durham Plan'? JH responded saying that it works closely with the CD plan team and the special work will link to the vision. It does knit well together however the timescales don't always align.

Another forum member praises the Vision but would like to see a point on appropriate housing for the over 55s. Affordable housing continues to be an issue in County Durham and in Durham City. (Eg. University lecturers struggle). Is there any strategy below this? JB stated that there is a housing strategy below this.

	<p>Another forum member commented that people would find it attractive to live in County Durham but the Vision needs to reflect the reality. It feels like 'spin'. Some places like Easington Colliery have a long way to go to catch up with the rest of County Durham. JB said that DCC do recognise this.</p> <p>For further information and to 'have your say' visit https://www.durham.gov.uk/vision</p> <p>The closing date for comments is 5.00 pm on Tuesday 30 July 2019.</p> <p>Jane was thanked for her presentation.</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p>Durham University Estate Management Plan</p> <p>David Loundon delivered a presentation on Durham University's Estate Management Plan which identifies the potential capacity of the estate and presents possible development opportunities over 10 years (2017-2027).</p> <p>The Masterplan seeks to build on and strengthen the relationship between the City and University, by easing accommodation constraints, enhancing access and developing facilities for common use.</p> <p>The University Strategy will outline many projects over three phases and will deliver new departmental space, teaching space, residential accommodation and student facilities.</p> <p>The final plan has not been agreed by the University therefore no copies could be circulated. If anyone has anything they would like to feedback, they were asked to let Craig know, and he would pass the comments on to David.</p> <p>David was thanked for his presentation.</p> <p>Clarification was asked to see if the planning permission on Business School in was happening in July with a proposed start date for building in February 2020. DL confirmed that this was the plan.</p> <p>JT asked if the community will get to use the new facilities. DL responded saying that yes, sports and business school facilities are available and that the university are keen for the community to use the campus more.</p> <p>A forum Member asked are their investors from Dubai involved in student accommodation. DL was not aware of this</p> <p>Another Forum Member was concerned about cycling paths through Durham. DL was meeting with DCC so would feed this back.</p>	

<p>4</p>	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting & Matters Arising</p> <p>The minutes of the Board meeting held on 5 June 2019 were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p><i>Matters Arising</i></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Questions</p> <p><i>What are local agencies and partners doing to tackle the issue of late night noise made by students?</i></p> <p>Question</p> <p>There is a problem of student street noise during night time hours. This has been discussed with the university and the parish council are looking at initiatives. It is a really big problem for residents so we need to have it acknowledged and noticed. To date despite initiatives street noise is not improving and is worsening as student numbers increase. I'm very conscious there are various agencies/organisations doing various things and there needs to be cohesion over this.</p> <p>SNCF are raising it with you now but this is across the whole City and I know other residents have tried hard to get help for quite a while. Quality of life, health and well-being are sorely impacted upon when we have no proper sleep a great deal of the time</p> <p>What are the partners involved doing individually and collectively to try and address these issues?</p> <p>Responses</p> <p>Police / County Council Response: In the last few years police have taken the lead to address some of the issues with regards to noise complaints around student parties. Residents have been encouraged to call 101 after 23.00 to inform police of a noisy party underway. Should resources allow police would have attended on the evening but if not the following day the PCSO university liaison officer would attend and issue a community protection warning notice under anti-social behaviour legislation. This is in effect a warning that noise will not be tolerated. If the behaviour was to continue then Police would progress to a notice and fine. The matter is recordable and has implications for the recipient in the future. We have progressed to the point that most parties and households do not go beyond the warning.</p> <p>Discussions are underway with Durham County Council to look at a new protocol for the following academic year. It is important that the excellent problem solving work undertaken is not wasted and that we will continue to work in partnership with the Council.</p>	

	<p>Traditionally this has been investigated as statutory noise, the work that has happened over recent years using warnings and notices has been really valuable. Agencies in Durham are really good at working together to tackle issues and the Police have initiated some review work and we will all collaborate in this.</p> <p>Parish Council Response: Some of the local Parish have been involved in a "Sshhh campaign" to promote keeping quiet for local residents but this is not a direct Parish Council initiative.</p> <p>All new licensing applications are being rigorously monitored and the need for premises to include noise silencers to ensure minimum disruption to nearby residents is being stressed. The Parish Council have had conditions attached to premises wishing to allow al fresco eating and drinking - Odeon licensing application case and point.</p> <p>The Parish Council this month will also be considering a recommendation by its Licensing Committee for the Parish Council to host a Licensing training Conference for local residents so that they are equipped to know exactly how to identify new licensing applications, how to respond to these and how to call for a review of a license should a particularly premises not be acting within the four licensing objectives and/ or not taking sufficient measures to ensure their business activities or the actions of their patrons aren't having an adverse impact on local residents.</p> <p>University Response: The University sends out messages about such anti-social behaviour in pre-arrival packs, at Induction talks partnered with the Police, at Matriculation, and to livers out, and then throughout the academic year with particular emphasis on times of celebration such as Christmas and after the examinations. This past year the 'Sshh campaign' was introduced and this will be enhanced in the coming year. We have also worked through DURF and other local partners to improve the messages to be given to livers out in the coming year. The new Student Pledge is also being introduced for the new academic year and this includes the local community. We liaise closely with the Police, community wardens and other partners regarding noise issues.</p> <p>We work with the Common Rooms, Sports team and societies to reinforce appropriate messages. The Students' Union also campaigns re anti-social behaviour and has developed a community charter.</p> <p>Although this item wasn't open for debate, in the absence of Janet George, John Ashby thanked Craig for this information and a discussion followed.</p>	
6	<p>Priorities & Task Groups Updates</p> <p>AB Update</p> <p>Information on the Area Budget spend for 2019/20 was included in the packs.</p> <p>Craig explained that should the applications to be considered (at this meeting) be approved by the Board, there will be £1,572.00 remaining and he suggested that two of the projects be funded from different funding pots –</p>	

- Newton Hall Community Centre - £10,000.00 (from Area Budget [capital] – Social Isolation Fund)
- Schools Financial Inclusion - £10,428.00 (from Area Budget [revenue] – Welfare Reform)

Board members were happy for Craig to explore and take this forward.

Quarterly Monitoring Report

Quarterly project progress reports give a detailed report on performance against that stated in the area budget application re spend, milestones, outputs and achievements and is populated by the AAP team to groups and organisations on a quarterly basis.

A quarterly project progress report for the monitoring period January – March 2019 on the following projects was circulated with the papers for information –

- Older People's Projects
 - St Margaret's Old School Café
 - King's Church – Elderly Support
 - RT Projects – Crafty Café
 - Durham's Fybro Haven
 - The Woodpile
 - Supportive Volunteer Drivers
- Children, Young People and Families Projects
 - Durham Swimming Club – Starting Blocks
 - Durham Rowing Club School Project
 - Bearpark Youth Work
 - Waddington Street – Y-ASC
 - Cheesy Waffles One to One Support
 - Cheesy Waffles Learning and Skills
 - Wheels to Work
- Promotion of the City Centre Projects
 - Durham Vocal Festival
 - Durham Debt Advice

Children, Young People and Families

Meeting Update

The minutes of the meeting of the Children & Young People & Health Task Group held on 11 June 2019, had previously been circulated.

No questions were raised in relation to the minutes.

- Project Application – Durham Chinese School

An application has been received for £3,300.00 (Youth Fund) towards a total project cost of £6,232.00.

Durham Chinese School offers young people aged 4-16 the opportunity to learn Chinese as a language at all levels up to GCSE. It also gives an insight into Chinese customs and culture. The project will link with the language departments at the four state secondary schools in the Durham area to promote this opportunity. Funding will support materials for lessons, teacher training and salary costs. The project aims to work with just over 100 young people. Most pupils are often second generation of families that have immigrated to the UK. 20% of pupils are from a non-Chinese background.

Decision deferred pending further information. Comments from the Board were –

- Would like to see that it is not just Chinese speakers that benefit from the project.
- Would like to see a better breakdown of the demography of the pupils. Where are they coming from geographically?
- Would like to see more information on engagement with the schools and how they will be involved in the project. What level of commitment is there from the schools to get involved?
- There are fees. £150 per pupil for the whole academic year. Need to ask them to expand on how low income families can be supported.

The applicant will be contacted to update them on their application.

- Project Application – Phoenix Flyers Athletics Club

An application has been received for £5,135.00 towards a total project cost of £10,270.00.

The Phoenix Flyers Athletics Club which is based at Framwellgate Moor School only formed last year but has already over 50 active members, aged 8-18, who are already winning medals at regional events for the club. The club is growing and as it does it is looking to improve the facilities it can offer. The current long jump pits at the school are not suitable for the athletics club as they are not up to competition standard. This project will see the installation of a competition standard pit that will be covered and protected when not in use. It will be used by members of the athletics club and by the school but only for competitions.

Decision deferred pending further information. Comments from the Board were -

- Concerns about how the site can be secured as it is open access and potentially easy to vandalise. How can this be addressed?
- How sustainable is the club going forward?
- How many will actually use the new facilities as not everyone at the club will be a long jumper. It is a niche sport.
- Could match funding be clarified.

- Comment from a forum member. The Archery club have noticed a lot of developments and spoke positively about what they have observed.
- Comment from forum member. Should the club be using University facilities instead of going to Gateshead Stadium?

The applicant will be contacted to update them on their application.

- Project Application – Financial Inclusion Pilot in secondary schools in Durham

An application has been received for £10,428.36 towards a total project cost of £12,428.36.

This project would see trained CAB staff working with the four state secondary schools in Durham AAP on the issue of financial inclusion and financial education. The project will also help the schools develop models of working and resource packs that can be used in the future. 660 pupils will benefit and 15 teachers will be trained as ‘financial inclusion champions’. This is a pilot project that will hopefully provide the evidence for future work.

Decision deferred pending further information. Comments from the Board were –

- Need to see more commitment from the schools and how this could be fitted around the curriculum. The board would like to see this in writing.
- What year group will this target?
- What are the schools contributing could there be more match?
- What is happening already in schools?
- Would it be more appropriate with primary schools?
- How will the impact be sustained? How will it go on after year one?
- Is training the trainers realistic in the high pressure secondary school environment?
- Feel it could have been better thought through as there is a lot to do for to start on the 1st September.

The applicant will be contacted to update them on their application.

Older People

Meeting Update

No meetings of the Older People’s Task and Finish Group have taken place since the last Board meeting.

Improving Our Villages and City

Meeting Update

The minutes of the meeting of the Improving our Villages and City Task and Finish Group held on 11 June 2019, had previously been circulated.

No questions were raised in relation to the minutes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Application – Planting in Framwellgate & Newton Hall Ward <p>An application has been received for £5,000.00 towards a total project cost of £12,929.62.</p> <p>Framwellgate Parish Council and would like to carry out a number of environmental improvements around the area. They started this project a couple of years ago by adding some planters to Finchale Road, these have been commented on by residents as a positive improvement to the area. They would now like to add to this scheme by installing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Cuthbert’s Avenue x 4 PMS1 – 1m square base • Finacle View x 4 PMS1 – 1m square base -1m square base • Brasside Rowan Drive PMS3 1m square base x2 • Entrance to Newton Hall PMS3 x1 3 Tier planter set in 3m circle bedding • Newton Hall Traffic Lights x1 3 Tier planter set in 3m circle bedding • Circle bedding around the tree stump on the corner next to Pulman’s garage • 4 three tier planters positioned along Framwellgate Moor front street <p>Framwellgate Parish Council will take on the watering of the planters following year 1 and will fund the replanting and watering of the planters and beds after year 2.</p> <p>The Board recommendation was to reject this application. Comments were –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No community involvement. Other planting projects that the AAP has supported previously have involved local people, schools etc. • Is this an activity that the council should be delivering? • There is already features around Pullman corner. • Project has no legacy. • Considering other issues in the area could the funding go to something more worthwhile? • Could the Parish Council do more? • Not a perfect fit with the priorities. • Not the right time of the year for planting. • Applicant should reflect on the application and look at community involvement and maybe reapply at a later date. 	
<p>7</p>	<p>Budget Updates</p> <p><i>Neighbourhood Budgets</i></p> <p>The following Neighbourhood Budget projects were shared with the Board -</p> <p>Name of Scheme: Durham Trinity OPAL Project Councillor(s): Wilkes / Hopgood / Simmons Interest Declared: Yes Amount: £6,000.00</p>	

Name of Scheme: Phoenix Flyers
Councillor(s): Hopgood / Simmons / Wilkes
Interest Declared: No
Amount: £3,000.00

Name of Scheme: Make Lunch Durham
Councillor(s): Corrigan
Interest Declared: No
Amount: £1,000.00

Name of Scheme: Purchase of Defibrillator
Councillor(s): Corrigan / E Mavin / L Mavin
Interest Declared: No
Amount: £1,600.00

Name of Scheme: St Oswalds Institute Refurbishment
Councillor(s): Freeman / Ormerod
Interest Declared: No
Amount: £2,832.00

Name of Scheme: Chantry Road Marking
Councillor(s): Kellett
Interest Declared: No
Amount: £3,000.00

Name of Scheme: Oswald Court Sculpture
Councillor(s): Ormerod / Freeman
Interest Declared: No
Amount: £7,000.00

Name of Scheme: Littletown Road Markings
Councillor(s): Hall
Interest Declared: No
Amount: £1,610.00

Name of Scheme: Benches Bearpark
Councillor(s): Wilson
Interest Declared: No
Amount: £1,180.00

The Board was happy to approve the projects and the interest as declared.

'It's Up To You' 2019 Process

Paperwork on the forthcoming 'It's Up To You' Participatory Budgeting event was included with the papers and the funding was officially launched.

- Timeline for the Event
- Letter
- Application Form

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance Notes <p>Durham AAP has made £20,000.00 available for local projects. Applicants can apply for between £1,000.00 and £2,000.00.</p> <p>The closing date for completed applications is Friday 27 September 2019.</p> <p>The event will take place on Saturday 23 November 2019 in Durham Town Hall.</p>	
8	<p>Co-ordinator's / AAP Reports</p> <p>Craig was pleased to announce that Cabinet had approved the transfer of the former Sherburn Hill School building to allow the development of a community centre.</p> <p>Work is ongoing with Neville's Cross Community Centre and with residents of West Rainton.</p>	
9	<p>Partner Updates</p> <p><i>Business Update – Adam Deathe</i></p> <p>Durham Business Improvement District (BID)</p> <p>Durham City is now home to the newest ODEON cinemas of the Luxe brand. The venue provides six screens with all screens having sumptuous leather reclining seats. Tickets are priced below those of Cineworld in Boldon providing unrivalled viewing experiences below the established market rate. This makes Durham far more appealing for families and enhances the wet weather offer – particularly during the impending school holidays.</p> <p>Durham BID is about to promote Independents In Durham where we celebrate the independent businesses of the City. These are the businesses that differentiate Durham to any other location and enhance the experience of the City.</p> <p>Dine in Durham; Restaurant week will run from the 18th to the 25th July and will feature a number of offers from various eateries across the City.</p> <p><i>Police Update</i></p> <p>Andrea Arthur had submitted her apologies for this meeting but had provided the AAP with the following update on local policing information –</p> <div data-bbox="181 1783 1393 1821" style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 2px;"> <p>City centre</p> </div> <p>Officers have been engaging in a policing tactic called park walk and talk on North Road in the last couple of weeks which has seen an increase in the number of officers patrolling the area alongside the beat team. This is in an effort to reduce crime and disorder and engage and understand the issues in the area. I am aware that the City is experiencing anti-social behaviour in lots of ways and we are working</p>	

	<p>closely with partners to improve the situation.</p> <p>Crime trend</p> <p>No significant crime trends to report.</p> <p>Events</p> <p>Cricket world cup fanzone will be in the Market Place area from the end of the month which is aimed at both an interactive family cricketing experience and an opportunity to watch some cricket being played on a large screen.</p> <p>Durham University will shortly be seeing end of term and graduation dates approaching, we continue to work alongside the University to ensure that celebrations are conducted in line with a positive good citizenship approach.</p> <p>Durham city is also gearing up for Miners Gala which will be held on the second Saturday of July.</p> <p>Contact If there are any concerns/queries or issues then please contact Andrea Arthur on the following e-mail address Andrea.arthur@durham.pnn.police.uk</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>Any other Business</p> <p>None.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>Date and Time of Next Meeting Board Meeting – Tuesday 16 July 2019 at 6.00 pm at Durham Town Hall, Market Place, Durham, DH1 3NJ (please note the change of venue – originally Shadforth Village Hall)</p> <p>Adam Deathe will chair this meeting.</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.</p>	