

East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership Board Meeting 27 September 2022 Key Messages

The following are the key messages from the Board Meeting held on Tuesday 27 September 2022 at Bowburn Community Centre, Durham Road, Bowburn, DH6 5AT:

- Cllr Chris Varty (Chair) welcomed everyone to the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership (EDRC AAP) Board Meeting.
- A special welcome was offered to Paul Cooper, Head of Pensions who covered as the Durham County Council Head of Service representative on the Board and who attended in Mark Readman's absence.
- No business could be formally agreed as the meeting was not quorum. The AAP Co-ordinator will seek consensus for any decisions taken in principle from absent Board members via email.

- Angela Stobbart delivered a presentation which included an overview of believe housing, how they work in partnership and how they engage businesses in the EDRC AAP area. For anyone wanting to contact her about the Values Group recruitment/queries, please email Angela angela.stobbart@believehousing.co.uk

She was accompanied by Jack McGurk, a believe housing customer and the Chair of their Values Group. He gave a brief overview on the work of the group and the difference they had made.

Deborah Crinion from believe's Tenancy Community Lead Team was also present. This is a new group helping to support residents. For anyone wanting to get in touch, please contact Deborah via email TenancyCommunityLeads@believehousing.co.uk

- Neighbourhood Insp Sarah Honeyman provided an update on local policing issues.
- Board members agreed to include the £10,000.00 withdrawn from the Durham Savers Project into the Area Budget pot to be allocated to a project in keeping with the original project.
- Board members agreed to fund all 3 October Half Term Fun and Food projects subject to decreasing the Groundwork application or finding additional funding to cover the £197.77 shortfall.

1. Halloween Fun from Groundwork North-East and Cumbria – £1,008.00
2. Autumn Fun from Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership – £1,765.00
3. October Half-Term 2022 from DJ Evans Youth Club – £900.77

- Board members agreed to fund the following projects -

1. Coxhoe Primary School – Coxhoe Community Hub and Gardens

An application had been received for £27,250.00 (Area Budget) towards a total project cost of £37,250.00.

2. Deaf Hill Ward Regeneration Partnership – Trimdon Station Youthy
An application had been received for £9,700.00 Area Budget towards a total project cost of £15,604.00.
 3. Durham County Council – East Park Path Improvements
An application had been received for £24,000.00 Area Budget towards a total project cost of £47,000.00.
 4. Fishburn Youth and Community Centre – Community Centre Extension
An application had been received for £40,000.00 from the Towns and Villages Fund towards a total project cost of £150,000.00
- Lisa Taylor from Groundwork provided a verbal update on the Fishburn Fringes Project. The organisation had received funding from the AAP and the project is now complete.
 - Jane delivered a presentation on the funding streams available and reminded the Board about the aim, objective and criteria for the Towns and Villages Fund.
 - It was agreed that the Review of Community Engagement be a standard Board meeting agenda item until it reaches its conclusion.
 - We received one application for the public representative vacancy on the Board. A process will be followed to fill the vacancy and the applicant will be invited to attend an interview.
 - Angela Stobbart, representing the Business sector on the Board provided a verbal update from the County Durham Partnership Forum meeting she had attended on behalf of the EDRC AAP Chair.
 - Emma McLoughlin, Community Development Project Officer from the Towns and Villages Team provided a verbal update on the Towns and Villages project(s).
 - The following Neighbourhood Budget projects; were shared with the Board -

Name of Scheme: Fishburn Bowling Club Watermain Repairs
Councillor(s): Chris Lines / David Brown
Interest Declared: Yes
Amount: £2,206.00

Name of Scheme: Coxhoe Primary School – Community Hub and Gardens
Councillor(s): Jan Blakey / Gary Hutchinson / Maura McKeon
Interest Declared: No
Amount: £10,000 matched with £27,250 Area Budget

Name of Scheme: East Park Path Improvements
Councillor(s): David Brown / Chris Lines

Interest Declared: Yes

Amount: £20,000.00

The Board was happy for these projects to go ahead and the interest as declared.

- Date and time of next meeting - Tuesday 22 November 2022

Subsequent Meetings

- Wednesday 25 January 2023
 - Wednesday 22 March 2023
- Board members agreed that they preferred face to face meetings; however, were happy to be flexible over the winter period and would consider holding the meetings at 4.00 pm via Teams.

Please make every effort to attend and promote amongst your contacts.