

NOTTINGHAM FINANCIAL RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP

**Minutes of Steering Group meeting held 10.30am-12.30pm, Tuesday 3 March 2020**

**at Riverleen House, Experian, Nottingham**

Present:

Hannah Caithness, Nottingham and Notts Refugee Forum  
 Hannah Buck, Transforming Nott/ Diocese of Southwell  
 Bobby (Alan) Lowen, Strategic Commissioning NCC  
 Hannah Clemson, Advice Nottingham  
 Dawn Cummins, Regional Officer, Money & Pension Service (MAPs)  
 Elaine Fox, Nottingham City Council  
 Tim Brown, DWP  
 Kay Frankson, NCH  
 Ellen Cooper-Tydeman, Energy Officer NCC  
 Mark Kirkwood, Nottingham Energy Partnership  
 Steve Ward, Illegal Money Lending Team  
 Sarah Bull, BBO NCC  
 James Jones, Experian  
 Emma Bates, Financial Inclusion Support (independent Chair)

Apologies:

David McCullough, Debbie Webster, Jason Eaves, Cllr Webster, David Shaw, Shaun French.

		ACTION
1.	<p><b>Introductions and apologies</b>                      Introductions were given and apologies received as above.</p> <p>It was noted that Shaun French had emailed to say he was stepping down as Chair due to work load but would like to remain on the Strategic Group.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Annual Meeting</b></p> <p>2.1 <u>Finance report</u> – as circulated:                      Only £300 remaining and this will all be used up over next month. Still awaiting news on Lottery bid - see below. The Finance report was accepted.</p> <p>2.2 <u>Review of Year 2019-2020:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Successful extensive marketing campaign from NCC working with Partnership promoting key financial resilience messages and particularly responding to the Partnerships priority around uptake of services in relation to indebtedness and credit.                      Martyn commented it was difficult to identify numbers of people who had contacted advice services as a result of the leaflet. It was also noted that there had been feedback from the Muslim community that use of a dog on the leaflet had been inappropriate.</li> <li>• Experian mapping of areas of the city regarding fuel poverty and debt/ need for affordable credit, (which particularly highlighted the Aspley area). Agreed Bobby and James to pick up again on the work begun last year with the data.</li> <li>• Development of Money Hub initiatives in some neighbourhoods.</li> </ul>	JJ, BL



4.	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting:</b> None had been made available.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Funding update:</b> Emma explained that the Lottery bid submitted in October for five year funding, had originally been for a November panel meeting but had been delayed several times due to their workload. It had gone to Panel at end of February we understand. In the meantime we have no other funding at all and the future work and continuation is at risk of collapsing if further funding does not come in. This would include running the Partnership main work and meetings, the Banking Group and the Money Hub work all stopping as well as other areas.</p> <p>Emma asked for support from the group in terms of finding any short term interim pots of funding to keep us going.</p> <p>It was suggested that <u>ideally</u> min 1 day/ week was required. Costs for this would be approx. £10k for a full year. However <b>any</b> funding towards this would help keep us running at some level in the interim of other funding coming in, so a smaller pot would at least keep the Partnership ticking over at the minimum level eg £2,400.</p> <p>James mentioned other funding methods – eg each partner contributing a small amount to the pot.</p> <p>Martyn suggested going through the Action Plan to identify what does and doesn't need funding since not all work requires funding. This could happen at the next meeting.</p> <p>Ellen asked if any opportunity for admin support from the Unis. Paula was not sure this would work for admin support but if made into a comms role it was more possible. This could be explored further outside of this meeting.</p>	PB
6.	<p><b>Dawn Cummins, new Regional Officer role and new MAPs Strategy:</b></p> <p>Dawn shared a presentation on the new MAPs strategy (attached).</p> <p>Emma asked what would happen to the Uk Financial Capability Strategy website and all that work. Dawn said that would stay in place.</p> <p>Paula asked about a research bid that NTU were doing and how she could work with MAPs in terms of it having influence. Dawn said mechanisms to enable things like this were currently still being developed.</p> <p>Bobby asked if there would be support for local implementation going forward. Dawn replied that yes, this would be available going forward.</p> <p>Paula flagged up the key issue of the poor quality/ low paid work.</p> <p>James commented that he had been recruited to the MAPs 'Use of Credit' national Challenge Group.</p>	

7.	<p><b>Money Hubs update – Emma</b></p> <p>Aspley (the most established group) - struggling with the prospect of opening to others but had concluded to do this by using a facebook group for the wider community and continuing to meet just as their smaller group.</p> <p>Hyson Green – decision to start sessions at Mary Potter as more footfall</p> <p>Bestwood – sessions to start with parents at Bestwood Academy Nursery</p> <p>Bulwell – parent’s evening session at Crabtree Farm Primary and sessions then being explored using a family learning model in view of potential difficulties of attracting parents to attend directly.</p> <p>Clifton – dates to be fixed with NG11 Foodbank</p> <p>Meadows – launch session on 11 March.</p> <p>Emma noted that Money Hub work would shortly cease if no further funding came in.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>8.1 Banking Summit group has met. Now has a NatWest rep and a Coop rep attending. Members are interested in wider financial resilience agenda in the city. They meet again in June. The Banking Group is a sub group of the Partnership.</p> <p>8.2 Paula told the meeting about NTU research bid they’re doing on financial hardship and building resilience. This is a two year research project. People have an opportunity to be on the steering group for the project if interested.</p> <p>8.3 Ellen explained they had been approached by the Nottingham City GP Alliance re energy/ affordable warmth.</p> <p>Ellen also said the Council had declared a Climate Emergency and this is going through Council (nb links with poverty). She will share the link with the group.</p> <p>8.4 Sarah Bull informed the group about a social prescribing event.</p> <p>8.5 Hannah Caithness is leaving to work with Nadia Whittome MP for Nottingham East. Hannah said she would try and let Nadia know about our work and put is in touch.</p> <p>She advised we should remember refugees in all our financial resilience work in view of their very specific needs which are sometimes overlooked. Hannah was thanked for her work on the Partnership.</p> <p>8.6 Emma recapped on next steps for the new Partnership.</p> <p><b>Next Partnership meeting: 1.30-pm-3.30pm, Tuesday 5 May at Riverleen House, Experian.</b></p>	<p>All</p> <p>E C-T</p> <p>All</p>