

NOTTINGHAM FINANCIAL RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP

Notes of NFRP Strategy Meeting at 2pm-4.15pm on Tuesday 17.11.20 via Zoom

Present: James Jones, Martyn Neal, Sarah Bull, Dawn Cummins, Debbie Webster, Bobby Lowen, Kay Frankson, Emma Bates

Apologies: Debbie Webster, Jason Eaves

Absent: Tim Brown, Shaun French

1.	Introduction and Welcome. Apologies.	Action
2.	Minutes of last meeting Agreed, with one change from Martyn to point 6 ('all agencies') and some words on MaPS funding to be provided by Dawn for retrospective inclusion	DC
3.	Matters arising, not on agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Comms progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Press release issued, with input from Louise Third. Interest from BBC Radio Nottm but local user unavailable for interview, no response from the Post, but Emma organised coverage on the Nottm Local News site. Also, Dawn FM radio show done by Emma, and Partnership services have a section again in NCC Arrow. b. Bobby – could Louise also help focus communications efforts to better reach residents? The Group will consider how Louise might be able to support future communications. c. Emma enquired about noticeboards and Bobby suggested contact with Esme on who to speak to. b) Emerging debt trend – Martyn, for Advice Nottingham & c) Debt section of action plan meeting – Bobby, Martyn, Debbie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Challenges re debt advice volumes explained by Martyn due to changing client needs, then discussed by the group. b. Dawn undertook to see what data MaPS might share, though it's unlikely to be specific to Nottm. c. Emma felt it still worth exploring Ward level trends in the data – Bobby and Martyn to investigate extracting relevant data points. d. Sarah underlined the link between health and money d) Bank account for NFRP – Jason/ Debbie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jason to update after meeting e) Re 3.2 in the notes – Bobby mentioned progress re advice services and Housing Aid in the form of a meeting aimed at streamlining access, with follow up planned. Emma mentioned re follow up on the foodbank data opportunity a meeting arranged for early Dec. 	EB EB DC MN BL/MN JE EB
4.	Progress on Panel member conference commitments: Bobby, James, Jason, Emma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Bobby <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cllr Langton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Communication - somewhat side-lined by Covid issues but still happy to support eg Reaching Out type opportunity if we can present her with content 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Partnership working – community hubs launching shortly, a one-stop-shop along with a golden number style central support line. iii. Data – Cllr Langton will contact Experian (James) to progress b. Anne-Marie Furnell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Linking up financial inclusion support via Housing Aid ii. Support services iii. Homelessness ideas group iv. DCLG extra funding for rough sleepers b) James <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Chris Hobson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. (update received after meeting) EMC colleague Pieter Epstein back off furlough and will engage on developing relevant collaboration opportunities b. Dawn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Nottingham is being represented in advice funding discussions ii. MaPS thematic roundtable events in progress iii. Ongoing communications – in progress c) Jason <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jules Sebelin (from Emma in Jason’s absence) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Practice Development Course on financial inclusion for frontline workers in progress. (Other commitments to be updated by Jason) d) Emma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nadia Whittome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Access to cash & cash payments questions submitted to Parliament ii. Support for CU Xmas campaign iii. Pushed for an extension on job retention scheme iv. Jobs summit delayed but to be progressed in the New Year v. Plans to join us on 9 Dec b. Alison Challenger <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Revised Health & Wellbeing strategy delayed by Covid developments but meeting soon to progress. Emma also put in touch with Nottingham City Care re financial resilience embedding there. ii. Alison or her colleague Uzmah, will join us on 9 Dec 	
5.	<p>Plans for 9 December meeting and actions follow up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Conference workshop facilitators to invite allocated panellists to join 9 Dec meeting to update in person on conference commitments b) Set up conference planning subgroup to make appropriate arrangements c) Martyn stressed plans may have to be flexible due to uncertainty over further lockdown restrictions d) Kay happy to join subgroup/ supply data 	<p>JE, JJ, BL, EB</p> <p>EB</p>
6.	<p>Feedback from mid-year NFRP grant review by Lottery</p>	

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	<p>a) Eleanor Kaufman is our new Lottery funding officer. Feedback that they're generally happy with our progress. Re Y2 strategy, they're happy for us to redraft if necessary, given the pandemic, but might not be necessary as objectives already broad. Emma said we would need to review Yr 2 anyway, sometime before May.</p>	
7.	<p>NFRP website review</p> <p>a) Martyn - we need to review purpose, update relevant content and then implement a process for regular maintenance. b) Emma – recap of history, delays to current works due to Covid and conference, more time for this in the New Year. c) Dawn – request to add MaPS logo d) Sarah – Fat Beehive have digital funding for small not-for-profits.</p>	<p>EB DC</p>
8.	<p>Becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation progress</p> <p>a) Martyn – no progress to report but Martyn will follow up with Debbie when possible. b)</p>	<p>MN</p>
9.	<p>Equalities and Grievance policies</p> <p>a) Everyone happy. b) Discussion over whether a separate Compliments & Complaints policy is required, for end users. Martyn to progress?</p>	<p>MN</p>
10.	<p>Environmental policy</p> <p>a) Wording of point 4 (travel) discussed. Some members expressed a desire to preserve face-to-face and to not make virtual meeting the long term default. Agreed to redraft and keep under review, particularly post-pandemic.</p>	<p>MN</p>
11.	<p>Money Mules and Money Laundering issue</p> <p>a) Evidence of incidence of this in the city arising from Youth Justice (as well as historical cases in Meadows) discussed. Need for education to raise awareness, particularly young. b) Emma meeting Sonia Burton (Youth Justice Team) soon to discuss. An opportunity for the Group to support this.</p>	<p>EB</p>
12.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>a) Unemployment trends discussed. Drop off in local claims. Aspley & Bulwell and Hyson Green & Arboretum still worst on key indicators. Emma has asked D2N2 for a prediction update for 9 Dec. b) Talk Money Week: members discussed local activities during the week, which Dawn captured for MaPS. c) Emma – Crabtree Farm Primary info boards/photos now in place and parents using them. d) Uni of Nottm Ingenuity conference cancelled. e) Sarah – flagged Individual Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) and that NHS are interested in joining NFRP meetings and reciprocating for IAPT</p>	<p>All</p>

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	<p>meetings re money advice</p> <p>f) Dawn – worth exploring Rethink work re money and mental health – one for our next meeting.</p> <p>g) Martyn – worth listening to last Saturday’s BBC Money Box programme</p> <p>h) Emma – may need to explore Shaun and Tim’s engagement in Group. Sarah flagged that Tim is currently relocating.</p>	
13.	<p>Date of next meetings</p> <p>Next NFRP Strategy Group meeting agreed for 2pm 19 January.</p>	<p>All to diarise</p>