

NOTTINGHAM FINANCIAL RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP

Notes of NFRP Strategy Meeting at 2pm-4pm on Tuesday 29.9.20 via Zoom

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

Apologies: Cllr Langton, Tim Brown

		Action
1.	Minutes of last meeting Agreed	
2	Matters arising None not on the agenda	
3.	'Tackling the impact of People's Financial Well-being in Nottingham of COVID-19' conference	
3.1	Conference review + report: 75+ attendance on the day at the height. Discussion on how people felt the conference had gone.- Everyone felt it had gone very well and the feedback had been very positive. The feedback survey via Survey Monkey had 285 responses, generally really positive.	
3.2	Next steps and follow up of Panel commitments: Emma shared on screen the Panel Commitments and the group briefly discussed each of these. Action: Bobby to check with ? Cllr Langton re the food bank and data and feedback.	BL
	Discussion on the point about aligning advice services with housing aid. Action: Bobby to look into this.	BL
	Action: Debbie + Martyn to catch up on Trish Eaton re meeting with Housing Aid.	DW,MN
	James mentioned about Dawn's commitment to champion Nottingham.	DC
	Dawn discussed the key importance of Nadia Whittome's commitments and of maintaining that relationship. Emma mentioned it may be useful to take up her offer re Parliamentary questions re access to cash & cash payments issue.	EB
	Emma said she will try and get the report out in the next week.	EB
	Strategy Group members to follow up individual panel members on their commitments and report back to meeting on 17 November 2020 . (Emma will email out re this)	All – tbc EB
	Additionally, the commitment from foodbanks at the conference to share some uniform data going forward, needs following up.	TBC

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4.	<p>Future comms options to reach relevant groups during COVID restrictions</p> <p>James has drafted a press release on the Conference, which he discussed at the meeting and will share by email with the group this afternoon for all to comment. Action: All</p> <p>Emma and James to meet with Louise Third, as she had offered to review the press release and help with comms.</p> <p>Emma reported that the Arrow was being redone with a similar page on list of money help services, but made COVID relevant. Deadline had been last week for content and it will hit the streets early November.</p> <p>Another Money Pup type campaign could be done by NCC. Somebody to follow up with Cllr Langton on her commitment to redo this type of campaign, as they will happen. To be followed by whoever does Cllr Langton conference commitment follow up.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>EB, JJ</p> <p>TBC</p>
5.	<p>Money Hubs update</p> <p>Emma updated about these, explaining that the original funding ended. Now it was about ensuring work is going on out in the community wherever possible. Inevitably, everything had been made very difficult by lockdown. Updates:</p> <p>Aspley – Has not met over the summer and all the conference work had to take precedence. Will try and pick this up again soon.</p> <p>Clifton – new group starting there this week via the foodbank volunteers who want to develop as a Money Hub.</p> <p>Hyson Green & Arboretum – Emma had been invited back onto Dawn FM and will picking this up soon and discussing how things can go forward there.</p> <p>The initial discussion at Crabtree Farm School are on hold for now.</p>	<p>EB</p>
6.	<p>Update in debt advice resourcing and the new MaPS COVID funding</p> <p>Martyn said Meadows Advice had been hampered by space. Debbie said St Ann’s Advice had seen a definite increase this quarter. They have had some funding for a second tier debt worker who can do some face to face. Debbie commented the need for face to face was clear. They are looking for a trainee debt worker. Advice Nottingham to feed in to the next meeting on the trend emerging.</p> <p>Bobby reported that some of the cut in funding from NCC was being reinstated. Advice Nottingham reps present said they hadn’t been aware of this.</p> <p><i>(Not clear what was said re the new MaPS funding?)</i></p>	<p>MN</p>
7.	<p>Progress on NFRP Action Plan</p>	<p>BL, DW</p>

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	<p>Debt section – Bobby suggested he, Debbie, Martyn and Emma meet before the next full meeting.</p> <p>Other actions were largely on track.</p> <p>Becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation: Agreed, Debbie and Martyn to meet to progress this and report to the next meeting.</p>	<p>MN, EB</p> <p>MN, DW</p>
8.	<p>Mid-Year Review with National Lottery Officer</p> <p>Scheduled for November. Our previous funding officer who saw us through the bidding stages has left and we are being allocated a new officer.</p>	
9.	<p>Finance and Bank Account update</p> <p>9.1 Debbie said that we had spent some funds, in line with our Plan. We had also paid MALG (Money Advice Liaison Group) for their technical support with the Conference.</p> <p>Debbie to send finance report round directly following this meeting.</p> <p>9.2 Bank account for NFRP: Reported that we don't yet have a bank account as a group, that is fit for purpose. Important to resolve this asap. Debbie said her and Jason had not been able to get a response from HSBC. Emma said she had an email address for Caroline Brown at HSBC in Nottingham who is part of our banking sub group and will forward.</p>	<p>DW</p> <p>JE, DW</p>
10.	<p>Update on Partnership Policies – Martyn Neal</p> <p>There had been no comments on Equalities Policy so Martyn proposed we adopt.</p> <p>Grievance Policy – Martyn flagged up re second person needed to be in the policy as contact for grievances. Jason offered to be in this role.</p> <p>Environmental Policy – being finalised now.</p> <p>Safeguarding – some of this needs further advice Martyn said. Bobby will seek help from NCC Safeguarding.</p> <p>Once all the policies finalised, to be circulated to the group.</p>	<p>BL, MN</p> <p>MN</p>
12.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Talk Money Week is 9-13 November, Dawn reported. Lots of opportunity to promote financial resilience work and financial capability.</p>	<p>All</p>
13.	<p>Date of next meetings</p> <p>Strategy Group: 2pm-4.30pm, Tuesday 17 November 2020. (Commitments follow up to be in for then).</p> <p>Full partnership/ conference participants follow up re commitments progress: 10am-11.30am, Tuesday 9 December 2020.</p>	<p>All to diarise</p>

