

NOTTINGHAM FINANCIAL RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP

**Notes of meeting of NFRP Strategy Group (first meeting of new 'Strategy' version of group)**

**held 1.30pm – 3.30pm, Tuesday 5 May 2020, via Teams**

Present:

Martyn Neal, Advice Nottingham  
 Jason Eaves, NCU  
 James Jones, Experian  
 Ellen Cooper-Tydeman  
 Dawn Cummins, Money and Pensions Service  
 David McCullough, Diocese of Southwell  
 Tim Brown, DWP  
 Bobby Lowen, Strategic Commissioning NCC  
 Sarah Bull, BBO and Economic Development NCC  
 Cllr Rebecca Langton, NCC  
 Emma Bates – in attendance

Observing:

Christine Oliver, Strategic Commissioning, NCC

		Action
1.	<p><b>Introduction</b>                      Emma welcomed everyone to the meeting taking place via 'Teams' and people introduced themselves.</p> <p>Cllr Langton was welcomed having joined the Partnership for the first time and will be part of the Strategy Group going forward (and has been briefed and received the induction papers for the group).</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting</b>                      Agreed</p>	
3.	<p><b>Matters arising</b>                      Agreed to hold off on press release on Marmot review.                      James commented on being part of the MaPS financial well-being group and plans coming out from July on the national response to the COVID situation in terms of financial well-being.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Lottery funding – new</b></p> <p>Emma outlined the new 5 year Lottery funding (circulated) which funds a min two days/ week plus some activity costs.</p> <p>Agreed to start the project formally from 11 May 2020.</p> <p>Noted that we need to reorder the priorities in the bid action plan. The Lottery have said they are happy for us to do so in light of situation, and let them know.</p> <p>Martyn raised the issue of the importance of data and mapping and taking re starting the previous work from last year on data to inform our work.</p>	EB/all

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	<p>James explained about the previous data Experian shared with the Partnership sub group. The data in modelled data though so not ideal for measuring changes, but is useful for targeting interventions.</p> <p>Data on the impact of the pandemic was needed. JJ explained there was data that had gone to Local Authorities. He offered that an analyst from Experian could look to meet and share the data with the group. Agreed.</p>	JJ
<b>5.</b>	<b>Review/ reprioritising of Lottery Action Plan – Year 1 section/ Financial issues currently being seen by front line services during the crisis.</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<p>Emma briefly went through the document circulated, on some of the presenting issues being seen. The group then re-prioritised the Year 1 actions in the Lottery plan, as follows:</p> <p>1. Funding towards credit union development post to increase take up in the outer estates - Agreed to keep. NCU to go ahead with recruitment.</p> <p>2.1 Section on targeting over indebted areas to keep                  2.2 Partly to be deferred but some will be met by publicity plan work below.                  2.3 to keep</p> <p>3. To keep but noting this will just be via existing contacts, new ones and further development will not be possible.</p> <p>4. Keep but tweak dates and detail to reflect the lockdown. Includes use of fin ed materials for MMW in June 2020 now developed for home use. 4.3 training days date to be deferred.</p> <p>5. Keep. AL noted strategic connection was even more important just now. 5.2 Conference will need to be deferred until change in lockdown rules would make it viable/ appropriate. Cllr RL mentioned the ‘Mobilising Civic Society’ work stream which would be especially useful for us to link into when we’re coming out of lockdown. There was also the Council Resilience Hub, led by Chris Henning.</p> <p>6. Keep. MN said he would take this on.</p> <p>Other: Add in - promotion plan on help available as below.</p> <p>Agreed EB to redraft plan for Yr 1 to send to Lottery.</p>	JE
<b>5.2</b>	<p>Promotion of Lottery funding: MN and EB to draft press release on the funding to tie in with the start date and send to Council Comms for sending, via AL, and to group for other use (eg DC will use on LinkedIn) and social media.</p> <p>Use NFRP logo</p> <p>Promote help and money issues on radio – contacts needed</p>	MN, EB AL All

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<p><b>5.3</b></p>	<p>Send info to businesses – SB can get this out (the need to reach taxi drivers was also mentioned).</p> <p>Action: EB to draft comms action plan on the above as an outline for rest of Strategy Group to complete. We will then circulate to wider partnership for comment.</p> <p>----</p> <p>Brief recounting of promotion to date during lockdown included:</p> <p>Circulation of the Arrow to every household in late April, on sources of help during lockdown (eg. food and medicines, jobs, money help). This was really valuable in reaching those without internet access.</p> <p>Radio Dawn – EB had done a session last week</p> <p>The NFRP list of money help sources has been distributed far and wide to resident contacts, SSBC family mentors, partners, vol &amp; comm sector, money hub contacts, etc.</p> <p>Services have been promoting help, on their own websites.</p>	<p>SB</p> <p>EB All</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Data to inform our work and progress</b> JJ agreed to set up a meeting of this group with an analyst at Experian, when possible, regarding data during the pandemic.</p>	<p>JJ</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>Becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation</b> It was agreed we should action this as soon as possible as it could open the door to other funding. MN said he would be happy to take this on as had previous experience, with some professional support. MN to contact NCVS and check what help is available and whether any cost.</p> <p>There were policies needed for NFRP and some drafted already. These include: Safeguarding, Equal Opps, Environmental Policy. EB to liaise with MN and drafts will then be sent to group for approval.</p>	<p>MN</p> <p>EB MN</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b>Nottingham Warm Homes Hub</b> EC-T announced the funding they had won for the Nottingham Warm Homes Hub. This will include free benefit checks for any age group for anyone going through the Warm Homes Hub, by Age UK. E-CT will circulate information.</p>	<p>EC-T</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Contact for Advice Nottingham</b> MN said he would be the contact for AN going forward. Re-recruitment to Hannah’s post would go ahead once possible after the lockdown.</p>	
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Update from Money &amp; Pensions in light of pandemic</b> DC reported that there was a lot of planning going on nationally in MaPS regarding the impact of the pandemic on people financially, and they are talking to Government on the key priorities. This will be made public in due course.</p>	

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	<p>Also, there may be national funding sources that become available to help address the impact.</p> <p>It was felt there was likely to be a peak in the impact in a few months' time.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Any other business</b>                  Cllr RL and AL will identify an operational lead for the group and let us know.</p>	Cllr RL, AL
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b>                  Agreed that in circumstances we needed to meet more often for time being.                  Next meeting to be set for <b>10.30am-12.30pm on Tuesday 2 June 2020.</b>                  Details will follow in due course.</p>	All