Mansfield Place Board

Safe, Healthy, Engaged Communities Restructure Proposal

Background

- The Safe, Healthy and Engaged Communities Subgroup has had a difficult start with a number of people in the Chair position that have withdrawn due to organisational restructures and/or changing priorities and capacity.
- Those that have been attending the limited meetings have not had the capacity or ability to carry actions forward outside of the meeting which means the action plan, whilst written, has not become a live working document and key pieces of work and commitments have not been taken forward.
- The sub-group are the owners of a large number of key actions and their work spans across the whole Making it in Mansfield strategy with key links into other sub-group areas.
- Whilst a new chair of the group will support some actions to be taken forward, the limited capacity of the existing members alongside the lack of voices coming through the current structure directly from our communities means that this is not as impactful as it could be.
- For the sub-group to be as effective as possible the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector (VCSE) need to be a key part of the structure as they are working within communities directly and delivering a number of projects and services that align with what we are trying to achieve.
- To gain meaningful input from these organisations it has been recognised there will need to be work done outside of meetings to hear their voices and ensure that they are embedded across the programme and action plan. This will need a dedicated resource that sits within the VCSE sector to remove barriers and improve communication between the place board and the sector as well as linking up with Public and Private Sector partners.
- Mansfield CVS as an infrastructure organisation have indicated to the board that they do not have the capacity to lead this piece of work, although they remain committed to being part of the subgroup and conversation.
- Ladybrook Enterprises Ltd. a registered charity working across Mansfield and District in various capacities including working together with public, private and other voluntary sector organisations to shape the area have indicated they have the skills and ability to lead this work and drive the agenda forwards.
- In order to do this they would require a small resource allocation to increase capacity to deliver the project whilst not affecting their general charitable work.
- They have also indicated that a discretionary pot of funding, to be used to remove barriers to participation for other VCSE organisations may be required to capture the voices of the communities we serve in a meaningful and accessible way to those organisations that are already working with our communities.

Current Structure

Sub-Group Chair Chair meeting, Lead action plan, develop, report on and monitor group

Active Sub Group Members Key organisations that have capacity and ability to take actions forward **Passive Sub Group Members** Key organisations that currently do not have capacity and ability to take actions forward

Proposed Structure

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Lead Organisation (Working Alongside Leon and Board)

Promote Inclusion in the sub-group across all sectors, visit key VCSE partners that are unable to participate in meetings but are integral to achieving the action plan and allowing us to hear the voices of our communities, coordinate communication to existing and potential sub-group members and key partners and drive the work of the sub-group forwards at pace.

Active VCSE Sub Group Members Key organisations that have ability to take actions forward and bring in voices of our communities

Active Sub Group Members Key organisations that have capacity and ability to take actions forward Passive Sub Group Members Key organisations that currently do not have capacity and ability to take actions forward

Other VCSE Sector Voices Individual Community Members Voices Specific Community Voices (ie communities of faith, geographical, gender or race)

Proposed Structure (Resource Allocation Request)



- Time allocation of 8 hours per week plus travel expenses to design, embed and deliver new structure and action plan and bring in the voices of the communities we are looking to reach
- Requested Resource of £9572 per year plus access to working space and systems if needed
- Discretionary bursary/Involvement pot of money that is easy to apply for and manage and can be used to backfill other work/ allow actions to be taken forward. This is not money to be a part of the sub-group but to remove barriers that may stop VCSE sector involvement.
- Requested Resource of £5000 per year to be managed by a key partner (possibly WNC or lead organisation if preferred).