

SNB meeting notes 22/05/17

Attendance:

Philip Herlihy – Chair

Board members: Sheridan Mangal, Phillip Dundon. Liz Phillips, Sandra Dacosta, Cllr Jacob Edwards.

YIAG: Wendy Baah, Jhanzab Khan, Ismaaeel Venson, Danial William, Moses Musana

Youth Engagement officer (& note taker): Jane Brueseke (non-voting)

Project reps:

Dez Brown & Leroy Logan – Spark to Life

Tom Ruxton – HEET

Ruth Bashall & Lucia Bellini – Stay Safe East

Meeting was quorate and started at 19.10.

Chair gave explanation of meeting process. This was a SNB meeting specifically for funding applications for proposed projects. Chair allocated 10 minutes to each project; 4 minute summary and 6 minutes questions from board members.

1. Growing Against Violence GAV – project rep not present, Chair read out project summary; 90 minute interactive workshops in schools to year 6. JB highlighted work by Gang Prevention Programme (GPP) partnership offer of workshops in schools – should we have a caveat that GAV, if successful work with the GPP offer, to ensure workshops are ‘on message.’ Board agreed.
SM asked if board could have feedback on GAV’s previous session’s in Waltham Forest schools?
WB said she was aware of other services already in schools also, ie: Junior Citizens & YIAG sessions and asked if there was overlap / duplication?
LP asked if GAV mentions targets, ie number of schools / pupils they can deliver to? Chair responded that according to bid, they will run facilitated days at 11 schools. Chair clarified it is a free offer to schools.
2. Stay Safe East – two reps present (RB & LB)
RB spoke about proposed project, a WF pilot of training for disabled women who experience abuse / violence, which has come from client requests.
LP asked question about court referral process answered by RB
SD asked what you will do differently, RB said SSE is exclusively for disabled people & peer support is crucial, current DV/ DA support is not designed or delivered by disabled people. The project is to complement existing

commissioned services.

3. HEET – one rep present (TR)

TR presented project, Safe at home, target hardening for vulnerable people. LP asked is project / support offer means tested? TR said it is; they target people who can't afford to secure their homes & offer a paid service for those who can.

WB asked what is included in the offer? TR said it is a bespoke service, examples: securing doors, windows, replacing locks, fitting door viewers, intercoms, security lights etc, but does not extend to house alarms.

TR clarified it is a free service for those that need it. But for those who can afford it can shop around. The project adds value to other organisations offering services to victims like Solace & Stay Safe East.

4. Spark to Life – two reps present (DB & LL)

DB & LL presented Custody Suite project. Ran pilot last year that had 56 referrals and would like to run a further 6 month project.

JB asked why apply for only 6 months – DB replied they were aware of restrictions on funding.

Cllr JE asked about support for the 56 referrals from the last project, DB clarified some is still on-going.

SD asked for clarifications on project recipients; are they gang members? DB said no, the project is an embedded service within the Custody suite for all over 18's arrested. There was some further discussion on the Gangs Matrix and classifications of gang nominals.

5. Crying Sons – no reps present, Chair read out application.

JB asked that if funded the project work with GPP partnership and the new LBWF Counter Extremism community co-ordinator as there seems to be overlap.

PD reiterated that the council has recently recruited to the above post and their role seems very similar with this projects aims.

JB further clarified that LBWF Counter Extremism community co-ordinator is also offering free training and awareness-raising sessions to professionals and voluntary and community groups.

6. Neighbourhood watch Hatch Lane, Chair read out application.

This is an initiative he has developed with police NW lead.

LP mentioned NW coordinator Bill Nisbet now retired, and the good work he had done & asked will police provide leaflets for meetings? Chair clarified

there was money for stickers.

SM asked for clarification on process with regards to board votes.

JB asked how it works if successful, chair explained money goes to council & applicant group (police) can invoice for the signs.

7. WF Race Equality Council WFREC - no reps present, Chair read out application: a 40 week project empowering refugees, asylum seekers & immigrants to tackle hate crime.

PD made an observation that it seems to duplicate other services.

LP said there wasn't a project breakdown.

PD asked if this project target was for just 35 people Chair confirmed this was the proposal.

WB said the project seem similar to what Citizen Advice Bureau offer.

JB said it seems like they are applying to fund their actual service?

SD said project seems very wide and doesn't seem to focus on a target group, ie: immigrants / asylum seekers with a gang affiliation or victims of crime.

Project reps were then asked to withdraw so the board can consider the applications.

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Next there was a debate about the process for this part of the meeting, it was suggested that board members vote on which project they would like to award funding to most:

LP nominated Stay Safe East and PD seconded.

Cllr JE nominated Spark to Life and SD seconded.

Chair then invited board members to nominate projects they want to reject first:

PD proposed WFREC and SM seconded

*Chair put this to the vote and the board voted unanimously to reject this application.*

LP nominated to reject Crying Sons and PD seconded.

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Chair then discussed an additional £1000 to evaluate the Spark to Life project. After some discussion he then asked the board to vote on giving S2L £8526.

*The board voted unanimously to give Spark to Life £8526*

The Chair then asked board to vote to fund the Stay Safe East project for the higher amount of funding applied for:

*6 board members voted in favour with 2 abstentions.*

The Chair clarified there was now £11,640 funding unallocated.

The Chair then invited board members to think about another project to reject = board members proposed the Neighbourhood watch project.

*Chair put it to the vote and 7 board members voted in favour of rejecting the NW application with 1 abstention.*

The Chair then accepted a proposal to fund the GAV project but with a caveat that they have to work with existing organisations, ie: the GPP partnership.

*Chair put it to the vote and 9 board members voted in favour of rejecting the NW application with 1 abstention.*

The Chair clarified there was now £7680 of funding unallocated. Board members proposed to give the remaining amount to the HEET project.

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Meeting concluded at 22.00