**Voluntary Sector Strategy Group**

**18th March 2019**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Present**
- Councillor Nneka Keazor (Chair) – LBE (Cllr K)
- Niki Nicolaou – LBE (NN)
- Shaun Rogan – LBE (SR)
- Sabena Ahmed – LBE (SA)
- Ian Hart – LBE (IH)
- Nancie Alleyne – LBE (NA)
- Andrew Lawrence – LBE (AL)
- Pamela Burke – Enfield Carers Centre (PB)
- Hamida Ali – Enfield Children & Young Persons’ Services (HA)
- Jill Harrison – Enfield Citizens Advice Bureau Services (JH)
- Jo Ikhelef – Enfield Voluntary Action (JI)
- Tim Fellows – Enfield LGBT Network (TF)
- Joanne Drew – LBE (JD)
- Deanna Hobday – LBE (DH)

**1. Introductions and Apologies**

1.1 Cllr K thanked the group for attending the meeting.

1.2 Apologies were received from Ian Davis, Ilhan Basharan, Alan Weinstock, Debbie Gates, Jill Raines Claire Whetstone and Rita Melifonwu.

**2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising**

2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting on 10/12/2018 were agreed as a correct record.

2.2 Matters arising – 7.3 not heard from Sally Sanders regarding feedback for Enfield IT with self-serve issues, bring forward to next meeting.

2.3 JH mentioned that the website is still not fixed, however ICT is working on it.

**3. VSSG Elections**

3.1 An email was sent to board members for representation.

3.2 It was discussed if the permanent membership should be expanded. It was also mentioned that the membership does not currently have any micro organisations.

3.3 NN mentioned that it may be a good idea to include Friends of Parks because Environment have asked SPEC to lead. Friends of Parks have a reach out into the community. EVA sends volunteers to these groups.

TF said he had no objections to this idea and asked if they would have the ability to nominate. NN responded saying they would have the ability to nominate.

3.4 NN asked the board if we should add another disability group given One to One’s resignation and EDA’s difficulty in attending.

3.5 The Terms of Reference state that if you cannot attend, you must try to send a representative.

3.6 It was agreed that the board will provide feedback at the next meeting. **ALL**

**4. Summer Activities/University Programme**

4.1 Cllr K mentioned that there will be a Youth Crime update event on 23 March 2019.
| 4.2 | Tony Theodoulou and SR meeting to discuss activity programme for 11 to 19 year olds |  
| 4.3 | HA mentioned that ECYPS and The Felix Project are involved in the Summer Programme. |  
| 4.4 | SR suggested Summer University Programme be brought to the next meeting | SR  
| 4.5 | JH to send SR a list of trusts who would be willing to fund the programme. | JH  
| 4.6 | PB mentioned that the Carers Centre would like to be involved and will send SR the ‘Enfield Young People in Caring Brochure | PB  
| 4.7 | Cllr K stated that she would like feedback. We have £1M of additional funding to cover 2 years and therefore are looking to do something different. | ALL  
| 4.8 | ECYPS has a 4 week programme for students studying for their GSCE’s Capital FM is holding podcasts at ECYPS. HA to send out details. | HA  
| 5. | **Housing Strategy** |  
| 5.1 | DH to circulate the briefing note. | DH  
| 5.2 | JD delivered a PowerPoint presentation which will be circulated with the minutes. | SA  
| 5.3 | EVA to link with JD as not all groups deal with homelessness. | JI  
| 5.4 | Supported housing for people with Mental Health issues will be included in the strategy. NA mentioned that Adult Social Care are currently working on another outcome for Mental Health. | JI  
| 5.5 | JD to bring back a final version. | JD  
| 6.1 | LGBT are relatively stable but plan to dip into reserves in order to cover what the old core funding was paying for. They have moved some of their services to the Enfield Carers Centre. |  
| 6.2 | EVA have noticed that organisations are using their reserves due to funding cuts, and hope that there will be more funding. They stated that match funding is needed, and they are currently looking at youth centres that are not utilised. They now have 814 organisations on their database. NN to email JI with list/details of available free space. It was suggested that we have an Agenda item on Youth at the next meeting | NN  
| 6.3 | CAB stated that if they get the LBE funding then they will break even. JH also mentioned that Universal Credit is proving to be a challenge for CAB. | SR  
| 6.4 | Enfield Carers Centre is waiting for the Carers Assessment Tender to be available. They have had to stop providing their advocacy service which proved to be difficult for carers. They are still providing benefits advice. They have funding from City Bridge till 2020, and funding from Children In Need. |  
| 6.5 | ECYPS have been using their reserves for a few years and are now down on staff numbers. As a result they have now changed their priorities. They are finding it hard to secure match funding. |  

### AOB & News (Updates from Departments and VCS)

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<td>7.1</td>
<td>Café 311 at Community House has closed, therefore there is no provision for refreshments. NN was considering moving all future meeting to the Civic Centre, but JI kindly offered to provide the catering at Community House for VSSG SA to re-book future dates at Community House.</td>
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<td>7.2</td>
<td>The next 100 Hours volunteering awards event will take place on 28 March 2019.</td>
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<td>As mentioned in point 6.1, LGBT have relocated some of their services to the Enfield Carers Centre on a Tuesday. This has gained a lot of support.</td>
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<td>EVA are looking at a possible Social Prescribing project. They sent out a Cancer Awareness Survey but will circulate it again. JI wanted to make NN aware of the current heating issue at Community House that has been going on for 3 weeks. NN to look into this issue.</td>
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<td>ECYPS – on 15 June the police are holding an event at the Montagu Recreational Centre. They are looking to borrow/hire for tables and chairs.</td>
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<td>The Children’s board/forum have an online safeguarding referral tool which will be going live soon. Education held an Early Help Collaboration Event in December 2018. AL mentioned that they are looking to hold one of these every quarter. The next one is 8th July 2019. The chair has requested AL to show a demo of the safeguarding referral tool at the next meeting.</td>
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<td>SR to put together scope of LBE Poverty Commission.</td>
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<td>Carers Week will be in the second week of June and will be based outside Enfield Town Library.</td>
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Date of next meeting.
Monday, 24th June 2019 from 2pm to 4pm at Community House in meeting room 1.