



Community Board High Wycombe

Action Group: Recovery & Regeneration

Meeting date: 24 August 2021

ACTION NOTES

Present: Mazamal Hussain, Nathan Thomas, Arman Alam, Mike Dean, Colin Hingston, Chris Woodman, Arif Hussain, Fay Ewing, Joanne Cook, Jacqueline Ford, Rachel Mozley, Matt Knight, Rebecca Nutley, Mahboob Hussain, Melanie Williams, Trevor Snaith , Hannah Tomlin, Gill Harding, Amjad Iqbal, Shanti Priyalatha, Peter Maddox, Jo Belshaw,

Apologies: Lesley Clarke, Jacqueline Roberts, Charmaine Fife

No	Topic	Lead
1	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Matt welcomed everyone to the Recovery and Regeneration action group meeting.</p>	Matt Knight
2	<p>Action Group Aims, Structure and Primary Focus</p> <p>Mike reiterated that the Recovery and Regeneration action group are a subgroup of the main High Wycombe Community Board. The aim of the Community Board is to link everyone together ie. stakeholders, residents, community groups, voluntary sector businesses and the council.</p> <p>Currently there are 40 different organisations that have been linked together.</p> <p>The aim of this group is to tackle the three main areas of focus; food inequality, financial insecurity, and economic regeneration.</p>	Mike Dean

<p>3</p>	<p>Initial Progress and Additional Support Required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p><i>Food Inequality</i></p> <p>The first meeting for this group is on 6 September and will include organisations such as; The Community Fridge, Empower to Cook, Wycombe Food Hub and One Can Trust. These teams will be coming together to establish if there are any gaps in the current service and how they can address them? Also, to determine any obstacles to prevent them being able to continue to provide their support.</p> <p>Following the report by the University of Sheffield highlighting that High Wycombe has the worst food poverty in the country, the feeling is that a lot of people in this town are under the radar. The group need to get access to these people, and need to get the word out, that there is help available. This group are going to focus on the obstacles and service delivery at the moment and one of those obstacles is a lack of information about the real need.</p> <p>Action: Any councillor or organisation with information in more deprived areas to contact Fay or Rachel</p> <p>The map shows three measures of food insecurity for every local authority in the UK. Click on an area and the infobox has a link to a more detailed discussion of the methodology and the data is available open access.</p> <p>https://shefuni.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/interactivelegend/index.html?appid=8be0cd9e18904c258afd3c959d6fc4d7</p> <p><i>Financial Insecurity</i></p> <p>The Bucks Food Partnership group is now feeding into the Financial Insecurity Program. The pilot approach in High Wycombe is being tested. There are four strands to this;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food inequality 2. Benefit access, advice and information, not just Universal Credit 3. Debt support 4. Return to work <p>Each of the strands has a lead which isn't within the authority, but the authority will work with the leads to understand and pull material together. Then every 3-4 weeks have a show and tell in terms of what is happening in these spaces.</p> 	<p>Mike Dean</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Economic Regeneration</i> One of the major issues that needs to be looked at is anti-social behaviour in the town and the impact that it is having on whether people want to come and visit. <p>The first step is a conference call on the 2 September, with the second in command of policing in the area, Gideon Springer and the Community Safety Team, Melanie Williams, Bidco and Jacqueline Ford. They will take an example of each of the issues and see what we can do to make a difference.</p> <p>Action: All – If anyone feels they are not involved, has a passion for any of these areas or has a solution for any of these problems contact Fay or Rachel</p> <p>Matt thanked Mike for his energy in connecting people together, making introductions, meeting people and for making a good basis for what the group are trying to do.</p>	
4	<p>Feedback and Agreed Actions</p> <p>Mahboob asked the question about CCTV being installed in parts of the town which are renowned for drug dealing, etc. The suggestion would be taken to the meeting on 2 September.</p> <p>Action: Matt to contact all the councillors allocated to the group to establish which of the smaller groups they would like to be involved in</p> <p>Trevor asked if data can be shared regarding food poverty, as he is aware of people that are in need who haven't been addressed by the council.</p> <p>This is the information that was sent from Megan at Sheffield https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffoundation.org.uk%2Fwp-content%2Fuploads%2F2021%2F03%2FFF_Impact-of-Covid_FINAL.pdf&data=04%7C01%7Cfay.ewing%40buckinghamshire.gov.uk%7C9e994ef424e24d0724f708d94d054798%7C7fb976b99e2848e180861ddabecf82a0%7C0%7C0%7C637625507903094707%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTil6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0&sdata=3p5Md7csERmFpwWQRipC8Rmjfp9AdirgK5AmqSJULBM%3D&reserved=0</p> <p>Trevor also voiced his concerns about the parking near the ice cream parlours in Frogmore as this is causing traffic issues.</p>	All

<p>5</p>	<p>Urban Harvest</p> <p>This year they are looking to empower the local community to look at nature and also to look at food and the different routes, where people can go to access certain produce that would otherwise go to waste around their local areas.</p> <p>Urban Harvest and Grow Together have been working on a map/trails to publicise in the High Wycombe area, so that the public can access produce and fruits across the harvest season. Then looking at how they can empower people to look at preserving to prolong the life of any food that they may have grown themselves, have access to or have an abundance of.</p> <p>They would also look at how they can empower community groups to look at how they can empower their members, ie. Youth groups, special needs groups, to engage with other community groups to look at urban harvesting.</p>	<p>Rebecca Nutley</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Date of next meeting 21 September 2021: 1830-1930</p>	