



TEAM DONCASTER STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

28th August 2018

Present: Mayor Ros Jones (Chair), Damian Allen, Cllr Rachael Blake (for items 3b-9), Dan Fell, Cllr Nuala Fennelly, Paul Moffat, Richard Parker, Jackie Pederson, Paul Tanney, Dan Thorpe (representing South Yorkshire Police), Sharon Thorpe and Anne Tyrrell

Also in attendance: Paul Stewart (Doncaster CCG). Lee Tillman and Allan Wiltshire. Jon Gleek (for item 'State of the Borough and DGT Impact Report')

1. **Doncaster Growing Together (DGT) Update**

Partners received a presentation providing an update on DGT programmes and a snapshot of progress. Learning Theme: Thanks were extended to all involved in delivering improvements around our KS2 results: it was proposed that this message should be circulated to staff, parents, carers and pupils. Additionally it was noted that the Sub Regional Improvement Group, led by the Regional Schools Commissioner's Office, had identified absenteeism as a priority.

Draft Inclusive Economic Growth Strategy. This was now subject to further consultation and engagement.

Anti-Poverty Strategy Group – Partner Commitment Sign-Off. All signatures have been added to the partner commitment document. A 6 monthly update on commitments will be requested in due course.

University Technical College. A site appraisal and approval by the DfE; confirmation of funding for the UTC from the Secretary of State; together with Cabinet approval on 31st July 2018 to ensure the land to enable the construction of a UTC will be provided.

i. **Complex Lives Alliance/Town Centre – Joint Town Centre Action Plan**

Partners considered how a spike in homelessness nationally, and other factors such as changes to social support, has impacted on the town, with more people becoming vulnerable. The latest copy of a robust joint town centre action plan is targeting concerns such as begging, rough sleeping, and substance abuse (including the use of the drug Spice). Areas considered included a campaign for an alternative giving scheme; designing out crime and tackling anti-social behaviour whilst encouraging visitors to the town centre; and the co-design of a town centre events programme with businesses. Consideration was given to how all partners can contribute to this important effort to bring about improvements, together with the delivery and reform implications involved in this complex issue, including fragmented delivery arrangements, housing and welfare reform policy, public service budget pressures and changing patterns of drug and substance misuse.

ii. **Team Doncaster Assets**

Currently partners are reviewing their approach to assets, though at different stages and levels; some partnership activity needs to be more fully aligned to wider plans to achieve economies and efficiencies to work better together; the Strategic Estates Group (mainly health focused) is in place; plans are underway to pilot joining up activity; and Integrated Area Based Working is being developed highlighting the importance of Vol/Com sector as a key partner. Whilst the Council's Assets Team will lead the work, because of the level of knowledge and skills needed to take this forward, it will be owned by the partnership. A mechanism to direct the work and oversight to operate in will also be developed.

iii. **Team Doncaster Community Engagement**

Four community engagement principles have been identified to provide the focus for a Team Doncaster approach to Community Engagement: We will listen and understand; We will be inclusive and act with purpose; Doncaster people will inform policy and we will keep people informed; and We will make the most of what already exists in communities and where possible increase community capacity. **Next steps include:** Refining the draft Community Engagement Strategy based upon feedback received; and developing detailed plans for 6 key community engagement strands: *Citizen Voice*: Consultation and co-production tools/enablers; *Volunteering*: Realising the potential of volunteering; *VCF Support*: Package of support for and increasing representation of Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector; *Training and Development*: Training in Community Engagement and Asset Based Community Development; *Driving Social Value*; and *Assets*: Using our Assets creatively to support our ambition.

2. Update on Devolution

It was confirmed that 18 of the 20 Yorkshire authorities supported a Yorkshire Deal. Governance arrangements would be the focus of the One Yorkshire Leaders Meeting scheduled for 20th September 2018. Consideration was also given to the centralisation of services; emerging government proposals; bureaucracy; and Local Economic Partnerships (LEPs).

3. State of the Borough and DGT Impact Report One Year On

An updated State of the Borough (SOTB) assessment for 2018 has been produced. It aligns with the Doncaster Growing Together (DGT) themes of Living, Working, Learning and Caring; comprises indicators taken from the DGT outcomes framework; demographic/population indicators; and a small number of case studies of real life impact. It is a high level rather than a lengthy analytical document. The SOTB assessment was presented alongside an Impact Report based on progress made in delivering the first year of the 'Doncaster Growing Together' (DGT) Plan. This provides examples of our achievements and our future planned activity.

Whilst the SOTB document looks at progress in improving quality of life outcomes and key challenges that remain, the DGT Impact Report has a focus on the solutions to these challenges.

There is also an intention to focus upon a smaller number of outcome measures over the forthcoming year to be identified at roundtable partnership conversations on our priority challenging outcomes.

4. Team Doncaster Annual Partnership Summit - Proposal

Preparations for the forthcoming Team Doncaster Annual Partnership Summit include ensuring the four Doncaster Growing Together themes (Caring, Learning, Living and Working) are reflected in the topics for discussion. As part of the preparations for this event, each theme lead will engage with appropriate VCF forum(s) to host joint-discussion/interactive sessions. These will be:

1. How can we achieve Inclusive Economic Growth in the borough?
2. How can we ensure Doncaster's cultural offer is widely available?
3. How can we ensure Doncaster's HE/FE opportunities are opened up to everyone?
4. How can we work better together to continue to develop integrated area working to support our communities and vulnerable people?

Mining Statue for Doncaster

Partners were reminded of the campaign for a new Mining Statue for Doncaster has launched recently. It is being run through our Spacehive partnered Doncaster Movement, and it is a crowd funding campaign aiming to raise £130,000 over the next four months. More information can be found here:

https://www.spacehive.com/mining_doncaster