



TEAM DONCASTER STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

27th November 2018

Present: Mayor Ros Jones (Chair); Cllr Rachael Blake; Dan Fell, Doncaster Chamber; Cllr Nuala Fennelly; Steve Helps, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service; Jo Miller, Doncaster Council; Paul Moffat, Doncaster Children's Services Trust; Shaun Morley, South Yorkshire Police; Jackie Pederson, Doncaster Clinical Commissioning Group; Kathryn Singh, Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust; Paul Tanney, St Leger Homes; and Sharon Thorpe, Dept for Work and Pensions

Also in attendance from Doncaster Council: Lee Tillman and Allan Wiltshire. Chris Marsh (for Doncaster Growing Together – Taking DGT Local) and Saul Farrell (for Update on Education and Skills Commissioners Re-Visit) Dom Jeffrey, National Management Trainee (Observer)

Draft Winter Homelessness Plan and Town Centre Joint Action Plan

Partners were advised of a recent Trax FM article that reflected upon how well partners have worked together to tackle issues in the town centre. Activity ongoing in the town centre has included pop up facilities, provided as part of the Severe Winter Emergency Plan, which resulted in a reduction in the numbers of homeless people.

1. Doncaster Growing Together (DGT) Update

Partners received a presentation providing an update on DGT programmes and a snapshot of progress, including Social Mobility Opportunity Area; and Education Inclusion (Learning Theme); Inclusive Growth Strategy (Working Theme); Complex Lives/Town Centre; Homes for All; Get Doncaster Moving; and Arts, Creativity and Culture (Living Theme) including the importance of arts and culture events such as the successful Museum of the Moon event that had attracted 16,000 attendees; and Doncaster Place Plan (Caring Theme). Partners considered the Post 16 Education Review in the context of, amongst other things, the development of the University Technical College (UTC) and other proposed post 16 provision; our aspirations for inclusive economic growth; and health engagement with Hallcross Academy. An update on the Post 16 Education Review will be presented at a future meeting. It was reported that overall the direction of travel on DGT programmes is positive.

i. Taking DGT Local

The intention of Taking DGT Local is to eventually land an array of activity affecting people in communities, at a local level, that is coherent and deliberately joined up. Some incredible reforms are underway in light of real challenges in terms of the delivery of main stream services, particularly in relation to the lack of funding; and reliance on good will to co-design at a local level. Stakeholder engagement has been carried out and risk assessment sessions undertaken. The next stage will be to prototype in the localities, identified at the meeting including the urban core (where Complex Lives is in operation and the infrastructure and teams are in place), and in the New Year building upon what is already happening with a focus upon demand management for children's social services.

ii. Housing Needs Study

An update was presented at the meeting on the purpose of the housing needs study, some key contextual headlines and the potential next steps. The Housing Needs Study (HNS) is a means of collecting general or specific housing-related need intelligence from a broad section of the Doncaster population to provide:

- a) A greater understanding of the current and future households in Doncaster, together with the current and future housing preferences and requirements at borough, ward and settlement levels; and
- b) Information on the issues and limitations that their current households have or that the market has.

So that our response to housing need either directly (through our own developments or service provision), or indirectly through our facilitation, support and control of the private sector, can be targeted at and where it is most needed across the borough.

iii. Team Doncaster Partnership Structure Review

An update Team Doncaster on the purpose and progress of the Team Doncaster Partnership Structure Review and the potential next steps was presented at the meeting. Partners discussed the importance of making connections: together with proposals to develop a leadership programme to bring together leaders from across the borough to build opportunities for a formal networking space; to develop relationships and assist the flow of activity.

Particular consideration was given to the Doncaster Growing Together programme tests: if they were delivering for Doncaster. Are they urgent; transformational; or requiring a Team Doncaster approach?

2. One Doncaster Review 2018

The Independent Commission for Education & Skills in Doncaster took place in 2016. This resulted in the *One Doncaster* Report that made 30 recommendations for change. These were reviewed in the *One Doncaster Review* with stakeholders from across Team Doncaster participating in the re-visit of the Independent Commissioners on the 3rd and 4th October 2018. There were three core messages arising from the One Doncaster Review 2018:

- a) The scale of progress made on the 30 '*One Doncaster*' Report recommendations has been substantial;
- b) Doncaster is in a 'virtuous circle' of education and skills improvement; and
- c) There is a culture which supports positive transformation but there should be a renewed focus on broadening and strengthening partnerships across Team Doncaster.

Positive messages included consistent and distributed leadership across the wider Team Doncaster partnership; the quality of Early Years provision; evidence of outstanding practice in primary learning; and the contribution of the Partners in Learning (PiL) Research School to the development of 'best practice' in our primary schools. Further areas of improvement, progress and achievement included KS2 attainment; improved attainment at A level; the strong partnership between learning and business, mediated by the Doncaster Chamber of Commerce; and the University City project. It has been recommended that there will be an 'end of programme' impact report published on all thirty recommendations in 2020-21.

The *One Doncaster* process has been nominated for an IU Award for Global Educational Change and is one of only 20 global examples selected.

3. Team Doncaster Partnership Summit 2019

Partners considered an approach to the 2019 Team Doncaster Partnership Summit that may include an innovative approach to the launch of the DGT Impact Report; ensuring it has a clear purpose – to generate ideas; share information; or celebrate achievements; encouraging networking; providing opportunities for community leaders to be connected at a grass roots level; and identifying our strengths in terms how we contribute to all four areas of DGT to make a difference.

4. Devolution Update

Consideration was given to the economic rationale for working at One Yorkshire level; the importance of 'brand Yorkshire'; the context of the post-Brexit landscape; and how devolution would work in practice shaping the governance model for the three levels of a single combined authority for Yorkshire. Partners discussed the need to maintain the profile of devolution, in terms of the national focus, which was currently upon housing post-Grenfell and interruptions created by Brexit negotiations.

5. Doncaster Council – Delivering for Doncaster Booklet (2018-19 Q2 Performance Update)

The Delivering for Doncaster Booklet setting out the Council's performance information for Q2 2018-19 was presented for information. Partners were invited to share their performance information via the Team Doncaster website.

6. Key Partnership Events – Update

Details of key partnership events will be circulated to partners for information; and in future the Team Doncaster Communications Group will be asked to co-ordinate and disseminate this information.