



Doncaster
Council

Update on Social Isolation and Loneliness Alliance

Community & Environment O&S Panel: 17th July 2019

Terms of Reference

Vision

- Doncaster will be the least lonely Place by 2021

Mission

- To ensure that residents of all ages in Doncaster have choices and options that prevent or reduce loneliness and isolation.

Aims

- To **provide a mechanism** through which voluntary organisations can work collaboratively to increase the range of available choices and options for lonely and isolated people.
- To **share learning and best practice** across the stakeholders.
- To **gather and maintain intelligence** about local services, pressures and gaps.
- To **work strategically**, developing new ideas and innovations that address local deficits and that enhance best practice, assets and strengths.
- To **work in partnership with DMBC, DCCG and wider Team Doncaster** partners to embed this priority in local Place based policy development.

Where are we at in terms of developing the Alliance?

- Social Isolation and Loneliness Alliance (name subject to change) formally established after Cabinet approval.
- Funding agreement complete.
- Core membership of VCF organisations engaged including:
 - Doncaster Culture and Leisure Trust
 - Doncaster Mind
 - Age UK Doncaster
 - Doncaster Alcohol Services
 - Doncaster Deaf Trust
 - Live Inclusive
 - XP School
- Several working groups being developed, including: funding/business development, marketing and communications, co-production/project development, impact measurement

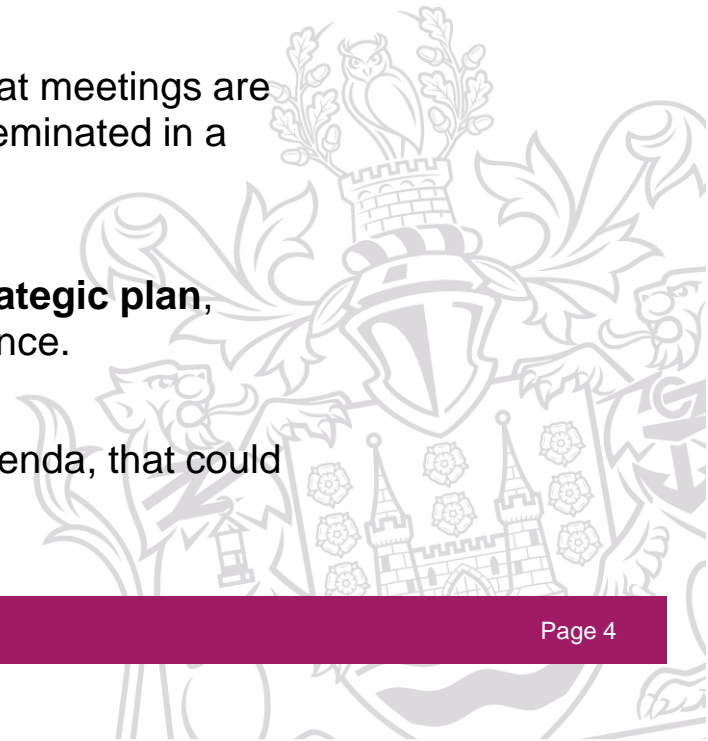


Responsibilities of Lead Organisation

Doncaster Culture and Leisure Trust (DCLT) were voted the Lead Organisation by the other Alliance members.

The main functions of the lead partner are to:

- **Hold and manage allocated funds** of £200k on behalf of the alliance over a 3 year period.
- To lead initiatives to **lever in additional match funding** to grow the investment.
- To **facilitate meetings** for Alliance members, ensuring that meetings are planned, administrated and that relevant papers are disseminated in a timely manner in advance of meetings.
- To help alliance members **develop and implement a strategic plan**, including the gathering and maintenance of local intelligence.
- To **drive and foster a collaborative approach** to this agenda, that could include sharing our resources and assets



Governance

The Lead Organisation must now:

- **Establish a management board** of representatives from itself and the Partners **agree the intervals of meetings.**
- **DMBC will be represented** on the board.
- Agree written **Terms of Reference** setting out the roles and responsibilities of the Board Members, accountability, decision making and business plan arrangements.



Performance and Outcomes Framework

Vision

Doncaster is a place where individuals and communities are resilient, empowered and connected, everyone has the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships regardless of age and circumstances

Outcomes

Increase in identification of lonely or socially isolated people

People feeling noticeably less isolated as a result of engaging with Alliance and its associated activities

People feel better informed about what's out there/and how to access networks if lonely or socially isolated

Measures
(to be developed)

Define how we measure loneliness and social isolation including those people who are not engaged in any services

Develop pre and post evaluative methods – qualitative case studies

Benchmark current IAG and measure increased engagement

Research links

University of Sheffield Centre for Loneliness

- Public Health have made links with the university of Sheffield centre for loneliness to explore potential measures for social interaction and possibly to explore the way the alliance will work as a new entity
- A member of the Social Isolation and Loneliness Alliance recently attended a University of Sheffield event which has enabled the start of a partnership approach
- A meeting to discuss the research proposal further is in the pipeline with Sheffield and Public Health in early September



Research links with York university



Potential application

- Meetings have also taken place with York university around a wider piece of research .This is a research application being led by the University of Oxford, for a funding call about how we can better use 'experience' data in social care to drive service improvement .



Any questions?

