

## Write up of Big Local Plan 3 meeting 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### **Present:**

Voting Partnership members: Robin Moss, Marlene Morley, Ron Hopkins, Lavinia Corrick, Angie Seaman-Moss, Liam Kirby, Becky Brooks, Elizabeth Derl-Davis

Non-voting Partnership members: Rob Wicke (our worker), Julian Mellor (Local Trust rep and our facilitator for the session)

Non-voting observers: Geoff Fuller, Rupert Bevan

**Apologies:** Sue Hill, Sally Carmac-Bailey, Andrew Morley, Lucy Tudor, Helen Adams, Bev Craney, Emily Merko, Bryan Wallbridge

### **Intro to the session:**

Please see the attached supporting document for more information.

- Robin welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview of the Big Local; who we are, where we've been, where we might be headed.
- Julian provided additional information regarding the context in which we're operating (see key points below).
- We then got stuck into a quiz on the key stats of the area.

### **Key points regarding the programme and our investment plan:**

- The Big Local Programme ends March 2026, any money not spent goes back to Local Trust.
- Our next plan (No3) doesn't have to take us up to March '26 – it's up to the Partnership to decide how long it is.
- Regardless of the length of time of the next plan, it has to include a legacy statement (what will remain in the area from the Big Local investments), an action plan (goals, activities, how much do we want to spend per ½ year), and a costed vision (how much spend per year all the way to March '26).
- Julian took us through the four outcomes of the Big Local programme which our plan has to adhere to:
  - Communities will be better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them.
  - People will have increased skills and confidence so that they continue to identify and respond to local needs in the future.
  - The community will make a difference to the needs it prioritises.
  - People will feel that their area is an even better place to live.
- Support: We have support from our Local Trust rep, Julian Mellor + from our locally trusted organisation, Carers Centre + Local Trust can also provide additional support if requested. Big Local chairs are in process of setting up a support group "The Day After Tomorrow" for Big Local areas beyond 2026. Local Trust have a number of training courses we can tap into.

## **Main discussion:**

Summary of what was said (not chronological!)

### **What do we want to remain beyond 2025/6?**

- CIC
- Dragons' Den

### **To do what?**

- CIC – Identify what is needed from the community. Bring in funds and support for own projects and other groups.
- Dragons' Den – Fund and support community-led projects including on specific issues such as: Environment / Children&YP / Mental health.

### **How will it get the resources to remain?**

- CIC – Generating income from an invested sum\*. Having a project of our own and fundraising for it. Increasing the number of directors.
- Dragons' Den – Generating income from an invested sum. Business sponsorship.

### **What else do we want to do in next plan?**

- Facilitate support around identifying and addressing community needs including mental and physical health, social isolation, poverty, jobs. (Especially a concern for children and young people).
- Supporting the Hope House investment.
- Support the winners of Dragons' Den to develop their projects further.
- Share information to people and groups wanting to do something for the community.
- Be flexible to respond to new information (such as from pandemic) and opportunities.
- Attract additional funding from other sources to build on the work we've already done.

\* *Generating income from an invested sum – ideas...*

- Can we take the lease of Trinity and trade e.g. room hire?
- Do something with Miners Pool plus with SWALLOW and the church?
- Property – purchase and renovate?
- Provide office desk hubs / small business centre
- Energy generation from old pits
- Be a housing association

## **Creating the Plan:**

### CHALLENGES FROM JULIAN:

In finalising the plan we need to be asking ourselves these things...

- What will stop us getting there?
- Are we doing enough / making enough of an impact?
- Should we raise the bar?
- Does anyone really care what we are doing?

### ACTION PLANNING:

Not over the top in detail – keep flexibility.

Keep in mind that Local Trust will ask where is the evidence for what we are doing.

- Clear objectives
- Who, what, when, how
- What outcomes
- Which priorities
- Cost / budget allocations / extra £ required
- Fit with existing themes?

### RISKS:

- Description
- Impact
- Likelihood
- Mitigation

## **It was agreed that the next steps would be:**

- **Write up the meeting and distribute to the Partnership for comment**
- **CIC team to make a Plan proposal to the Partnership for their consideration**