

Partnership Meeting – Thurs 30th March

Decisions:

- Small Fund – Mardons Social Club (see attached). Directors have considered the application, and their recommendation to the Partnership is to provide Mardons with the requested grant because their project will help them to develop sustainability, which fits with a core priority in our Plan. Partnership approved.
- Small Fund – additional funding for Off The Record ... We granted them £720 last year (match funded by Hope House GPs) to provide 192 hours of counselling/listening services at Hope Centre Surgery. This was to enable them to provide a service locally whilst their usual delivery space – MSN Town Hall - was unavailable. They've been informed that the town hall is still unavailable and unlikely to be available until July or later. They have asked if the Partnership would consider further funding to enable them to continue to provide sessions from Hope House Centre. Partnership recommended that a Small Fund application from Off The Record would be viewed favourably.
- Journal Adverts – Partnership recommended that we continue with Journal adverts, provided the cost remains reasonable.
- Chair – best practise would be to have someone who isn't a director of the soon to be Locally Trusted Organisation.

Info:

- Dragons' Den Update

Currently have 11 applications in, with at least 2 more anticipated by the deadline on Friday.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS AT THE EVENT – Setting up from 4pm, starts at 5:30pm.

- Loan Update

RTC have put in application. Key Fund are now assessing. If all goes smoothly: the recommendation should come from KF soon, then, if low risk as anticipated - Ptn approve and notify Local Trust – Ptn confirm terms of loan to KF - then LT move fund to KF - then KF provide loan to RTC. RTC would pay back loan plus interest by Mar 2025.

- Foodies Club Update

The CIC and RTC are in discussion with Mercy In Action, who would like to take the club on

(technically setting up a new one). If all goes smoothly the timescale will be for change in next couple of months.

- Green Spaces Update

The green spaces team met a few weeks ago to discuss options for our investment, and how we can influence other stakeholders to focus resources in our area. Early days and we'll report back at the next full partnership meeting (28th April, 1:30pm)

- LTO Update

Both the Chair of the Partnership and the Chair of the CIC have spoken with the Local Trust assessor, as has the worker. The assessor will make a report to Local Trust, including any recommendations/requirements for the Partnership and the CIC. Local Trust will be in touch with us to discuss these further and decide on the next steps.