

Notes of Partnership meeting 24.11.23

Marlene Morley (Chair) led discussion on how our sustainability plan could look. When in our final year we'll have about £75k left of Big Local funds and £127k returned loan, and some flexibility with how we want to spend it all (in accordance with our Plan). It's agreed that we want to continue with the paid worker beyond Feb '26. We're in initial discussions with 3SG as to how partnership's work and worker can be sustained.

Discussion regarding Dragons' Den, setting date for 22nd March (want to avoid the school hols). Worker will investigate opportunity to hold in Writhlington hall (but understood that it can get booked up, has some parking but not huge, potential to park at gym/school), with Westfield Community Centre as backup. We'll run a 'general' DD rather than a specifically themed one. Considered raising the winnings, but for this round decided it will still be £500 per winner. Aim to bring in some new dragons this time around, such as Medlock Foundation and Swan Transport (due to their Innovation in Volunteering Award), as well as Quartet, and potentially The Journal, and SV Rotary if they put £500 in again. Aim for a 6pm start. Tea and cake as refreshments.