

Housing and Local Government planning meeting

Thursday 3 September 2020, 2pm-3pm, Microsoft Teams

Minutes

Attendees

- John Gallanders, AVOW
- Mari Tudur, Grwp Cynefin
- Amanda Everson, CWVYS
- Jocelle Lovelle, Wales Coop
- Chris Johnes, Building Communities Trust
- Helene Hayes, Citizens Advice Cymru
- John Puzey, Shelter Cymru
- Iwan Thomas, Planed
- Lee Ellery, Coproduction Network for Wales
- Sean O'Neill, Children in Wales
- Noreen Blanluet, Coproduction Network for Wales
- Peter Williams, Development Trusts Association Wales

Introductions

Ben noted date of 28 October for Ministerial Meeting and need to send papers in well ahead of that.

Revolving Loan Fund

Jocelle reminded the group of the October 2019 Ministerial Meeting which looked at community-led housing. Wales Coop have met with officials since then to talk about Financial Transaction Capital as part of this work and believe a model similar to the Revolving Loan Fund in England would be beneficial. Her paper is a snapshot of a business plan, showing that FTC funding could kickstart this sector, and eventually the model would pay for itself and the money could be paid back to Welsh Government.

Actions

- *Jocelle to send business plan to Dave to circulate to group.*
- *Jocelle to add paragraph highlighting key points to top of paper before submission to officials ahead of Ministerial Meeting.*

Community recovery

Chris introduced his paper. He wanted to get a picture that community organisations have provided a lot of capacity during Covid in local areas. In the recovery, local and Welsh Governments should recognise that community organisations still have a key role to play.

John noted the significant variation across Wales in engagement between councils and the third sector.

Noreen commented that Wales Audit Office are looking at how lockdown has changed coproduction. She noted that engaging with the sector is not always the same as engaging with citizens.

Helene commented that at the March Ministerial Meeting, the Minister expressed frustration about the lack of good practice travelling across local authorities. This point needs to be reflected back to local authorities and WLGA.

Chris said he will make additions to paper looking at how PSBs engage with the sector and take a more proactive approach to good practice, plus that civil servants should look at developing a community strategy.

Iwan said there is a need to promote what the sector does to the statutory sector.

John said topics going through the PSB structure should go back through sector structures to provide a broader voice, rather than the PSB only hearing from a CVC sitting at the table.

Action

- *Chris to amend paper as above, before sending to Dave to circulate to group for comment.*