

TSPC Covid Recovery Sub Group

18 September 2020

Chair – Claire Bennett – Director of Communities & Tackling Poverty (WG)

Attendees:

Patience Bentu – Race Council Cymru

Catrin James - Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services

Rebecca Woolley – Citizens Advice

Jessica McQuade - WWF

Carl Cooper – Chief Officer Powys CVC

Kate Young –

Anna Nicholl - WCVA

Ben Lloyd - WCVA

Officials:

Chris Buchan

Paul Dear

Aaron Fortt

Jenna Pugh

Notes from last meeting.

All agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting was an accurate note.

Focus for the Group's work.

CB introduced a paper that attempted to capture what how the work of the group will be structured and focused based around a matrix table of key work-streams and key themes against which to view them.

The group held an in-depth discussion to refine and agree definitions and scope for the work-streams and the key themes. This will be reflected in a revised matrix to be issued to the group.

Next steps:

CB proposed that for each of the following 3 meetings the group will concentrate exclusively on one Work-stream and in the context of the key themes answer the following questions:

1. What are the issues/asks/opportunities?
2. Who else is picking up these issues?
3. What might we ask of them?

4. What gap does that leave for the Recovery Group to make recommendations and distil areas for action around?

The group were happy to with CB's proposed approach.

ToR:

CB asked members to review the ToRs and suggest any adjustments that will sharpen and refine them In light of the group's discussion/decisions in order to maximise our impact on recovery process. CB asked for comments to be sent to the Third Sector Team in order that an agreed set can be issued ahead of the next meeting.

Wider Engagement

AN fed back to the group on conversations with the wider TSPC network and coproduction network Wales with respect to how others would be informed of, and involved in, the work of the recovery group. The group were happy with what AN outlined. CB noted that it would become clearer what other stakeholders we would need to bring into discussions as the group works through the Work-streams. CB also felt that the group would feed into other processes (e.g. the work of the Council General) as we go instead of waiting to produce Final reports – the group agreed that this “iterative” way of working was the best way to proceed.

Other Business

CB gave an update regarding the Socio-Economic Duty and explained that officials leading this areas of work were keen to involve the Third Sector from the outset.

CB also notes that there was a ministerial desire to strengthen the Digital strategy (need full title) in the context of the third sector.

Next steps / Actions:

1. Revise the group's work plan. **Action** – Welsh Government/WCVA to refine the matrix in light of the group's discussions and re-issue for comment.

2. ToRs to be revisited. **Action** – All – review ToRs in light of discussion at meeting and suggest changes to Third Sector Team for agreement ahead of the next meeting.
3. The next meeting will focus on the “volunteering” workstream – **Action** – Third Sector Team will provide a set of instructions along with relevant papers to help members prepare for the discussion.

Next meeting date to be confirmed in due course.