



## Notes on Session 8 - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016

**Present** – Rhona McComskie (RGU), Ann Kain (Aberdeen Foyer), Naida Sneddon (ADP), Roisin Daly (Fed of Rural Partnerships), Roz McCurragh (Scottish Prison Service); Norman Macaskill (LEAD), Keith Anderson (AVA); Avril Nicol (Aberdeenshire Council), Kevin McDermott (Aberdeenshire Council CLD)

**Apologies** – Duncan Abernethy (NESCOL), Aileen Ackland (Aberdeen University); Doug Milne (Area Manager), Clare Harper (WEA)

### 1. Notes of last session and Matters Arising

The notes were agreed as accurate – although the reference to unmet need in South Aberdeenshire relating to ADP should refer to lack of access to a **family** support group.

- **Community Planning Reporting** – Carried over to next session. **Action 1 D M**
- **Workforce development.** – AVA have made progress with this and are arranging an IT placement to support the development of a database and also to support a wider third sector mapping process. Plans are also underway to recruit a marketing student to provide support to third sector organisations – with a suggestion that this might work best around a particular theme.

Rhona noted that the Talent Exchange is coming to the end of its pilot phase and is seeking clarity on the future plans of the University.

**Action 2 RM (RGU)**

### 2. Monitoring

- **CLD Plan** - The draft report on the first year of the CLD Plan had been circulated in advance and was welcomed by the partners. All of the case studies were based on the information provided by partners. Additional case studies are to be submitted on behalf of AVA and the Federation of Local Rural Partnerships to add to the 'Engagement to Empowerment' section. **Action 3 KA and RD**
- **Tracking** – There was a general discussion around how best to track progress against the new four areas for attention - ESOL, Syrian new Scots, Prisoner Reintegration and Reducing Alcohol misuse. Partners agreed that we should first find out what we are already collecting for other purposes which could help measure progress made. **Action 4 K McD to contact partners**

Priority focus	Actions
ESOL	A sub-group of ALCP will work to co-ordinate ESOL. Partners should include the CLD Service, NESCOL and WEA

Syrian new Scots	RGU are updating their 'contextualised admissions policy' to take account of Syrian news Scots in Aberdeenshire and the City. Invitation to SnS to contribute to a future 'dialogue' input at ALCP.
Prisoner Reintegration	Plans to develop an Aberdeenshire pathway as per discussion below from Dialogue session. Foyer are recruiting a number of new ESF posts which will sign-post and co-ordinate provision to enhance employability. They already collect anonymised information on ex-offenders There is already data on the Hanlon system relating to ESF activity.
Alcohol reduction	ADP already collect a robust set of data on alcohol reduction.

- **LLCP Updates** - It was agreed that each of the LLCPS would be asked to continue to report quarterly on progress made using a new standardised reporting template. **Action 5 K McD**
- **Workforce development** – It was proposed that the ALCP mirrors the LLCPS model and has an annual CPD session built into the cycle of meetings. . Aberdeen University are to be approached about potentially delivering a session on some fundamental CLD principles. **Action 6 K McD**
- **Output Tracker** - This had been tabled in advance and the continue delivery of agreed outputs was noted. Keith confirmed that AVA will have an updated Volunteering Strategy in place by April 2017. Partners noted the first LLCPS learner engagement celebration event had gone well, and that volunteers were recognised. Keith sounded a note of caution on the number of volunteer award streams at present, but it was agreed that the LLCPS ones were very much local in focus. However, partners were encouraged to use the Inspiring Aberdeenshire 2017 awards to nominate particular projects or individuals.

### 3. Dialogue - HMP Grampian ( Prisoner Reintegration)

Roz gave the group an overview of current practice regarding prisoner reintegration. On average, 8 people per month are known to be released into Aberdeenshire, of whom half have been actively engaged in prison learning. There are others who have 'no fixed abode' who may also present as homeless on release but as yet these are not trackable by the Scottish Prison Service.

In terms of a strategy for prisoners, HMP Grampian is keen to see support provided pre and post release. They have Through Care support officers to do this – and it is optional for prisoners whether they wish to engage or not. A 'case-conference' type session is held 6 weeks prior to release, and it is at this stage that there is the opportunity for partners to engage with the process.

In the discussions options identified at this stage included links with the new ESF posts located within Aberdeen Foyer which aim to signpost and support people to access services in order to improve their employability. The Foyer also have another post which has a focus on benefits and financial advice. The CLD service could also be involved in these sessions as could LEAD who are about to pilot a 12 week Community Action and leadership programme in the prison.

There was also discussion about the potential for partners to engage in the Health Hub – e.g. Aberdeenshire Council Leisure staff.

Partners felt that given the reported figures it would be possible to ensure that all prisoners who wanted it were able to access a support visit to develop a support plan on release to be delivered in partnership with the Through Care Support Officer. This would likely be the 50% of prisoners who were already engaging with learning. Consideration will need to be given on how to reach the other half who are not currently engaged in learning (although they will be involved in work within the prison).

**Action** – A working group to get together to map a strategic process to support reintegration and to ensure all prisoners are guaranteed a support interview prior to release with a view to developing integrated support on release. Co-ordinate a meeting to include SPS, CLD Service, Foyer and LEAD.

**Action 7 – K McD**

#### 4. AOCB

- **Aberdeenshire Council Alternative Delivery Model (ADM).** – Avril informed partners of the proposal to explore different options for the delivery of sports, libraries and cultural services. Council has agreed that the CLD service will not be part of this potential delivery model.
- **Next Dialogue Topic** – The next input will be on alcohol reduction, Wayne Gault of ADP has already produced a paper on this topic which will be circulated to partners before the next meeting. Naida will ask Wayne to lead the discussion.

#### 5. Meetings Schedule 2017

It was agreed to contact all partners to identify if Friday remained the best day for meetings or if another day suits better. Kevin to survey and have conversations with partners, particularly those who have been unable to contribute consistently. It was also agreed that meetings could be hosted by different partners, with space built in to observe and/or learn more about their work.

**Action 8 KMCD**

### Actions Update

1	Community Planning Update (DM) – carried forward.
2	Clarify status of Talent Exchange at next meeting. ( RM)
3	Provide case studies for CLD Plan year One review (KA and RD)
4	Contact Partners about data already available (K McD)
5	Create LLCP reporting template ( K McD)
6	Approach Aberdeen University about a CPD session for the ALCP (KMCD)
7	Produce draft prisoner reintegration process map – SPS, CLD, Foyer, LEAD
8	Contact partners and produce cycle of dates for 2017 meetings (K McD)

Partnership Outputs	Progress – Nov 2016
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Aberdeenshire CLD Partnership will produce a rolling three year Aberdeenshire CLD plan.</li> <li>2. 17 LLCs will produce and review an annual Network CLD plan.</li> </ol>	<p>First plan submitted 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2015. Reviewed and updated August 2016 –</p> <p>All LLCs have met at least once. CLD Services produced Network Plan for their work.</p>
Transition Outputs	Progress – Nov 2016
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. LLCs consider key transitions provision when identifying local need</li> <li>4. Annual reporting on performance against key transitions – identification of unmet needs</li> </ol>	<p>CLD service staff seminar to share the 4 new four new transition areas for focussed attention identified (ESOL, Syrian new Scots', Prisoners, Alcohol)</p> <p>Draft review on Year One progress tabled for discussion at November ALCP</p>
Engagement to Empowerment	Progress – Nov 2016
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. LCP's to facilitate annual learner engagement/celebration event.</li> <li>6. Pilot of Participatory Budgeting (PB) model in 2016 (ADP Forums)</li> <li>7. Volunteering strategy to be developed by AVA.</li> <li>8. Annual third sector/ civic society conference</li> </ol>	<p>Huntly event held 11 Nov 2016.</p> <p>PB pilot delivered in Fraserburgh and Peterhead. Further funding secured through People's Choice fund – including piloting of 'mini-public' model.</p> <p>To be completed by April 2017.</p> <p>Second AVA conference Nov 2016.</p>
Workforce Development	Progress – Nov 2016
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. One CPD session per year for partners in Local Learning Community Partnerships.</li> <li>10. Launch of first annual ALCP CPD programme in April 16.</li> </ol>	<p><a href="#">North event held Nov 2015</a> CUSP research with Inverurie LLC ongoing. Tapestry Partnership sessions 8 and 9 (out of 10) delivered.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Partners agreed 'Knowing our Communities' theme for 2016/17</li> <li>2. Foyer to pilot access to ALDO online learning portal.</li> <li>3. Dialogue and Deliberation workshop delivered May 2016 (North Alliance/ CPP/ Aberdeen City)</li> <li>4. North Alliance conference on October 5<sup>th</sup> 2016 – Celebrating Inclusion and Good Practice. Workshops delivered by Aberdeenshire staff on Syrian new Scots and PB.</li> </ol>

11. Increase in use of higher education students in CLD activity across Aberdeenshire.

Meeting held with RGU Talent Exchange in June 2016. . AVA taking lead in registering with Talent Exchange with a proposal to host a student to support a range of smaller third sector organisations. Discussions also happening with larger third sector partners to register independently.

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