

	Action
<p>1. Welcome, introductions and apologies</p> <p>Present: Amanda McIntyre (AM), rep CEO Group Anita McArthur-Worbey (AMW), Pohwer / Herts Help Christine Wyard (CW), Ascend Deborah Paniagua (DB), Age UK Herts Helen Gray (HG), HCF Helen Mutio (HM), Community Action Dacorum Jeremy Keeley (JK), South Hill Centre, Hemel Hempstead Kat Shepherdson (KS), Team Herts Volunteering Kate Belinis (KB), CDA Herts Kristy Thakur (KT), Herts CC Lynda Tarpey (LT), Connect Hertfordshire (Chair) Marty Perrett (MP), Connect Hertfordshire (minutes) Pam Cousins (PC), Hertsmere DC Paul Kelly (PK), Connect Hertfordshire Reynold Rosenberg (RR), Herts Inter Faith Forum Sue Jessop (SJ), Connect Hertfordshire Tim Parlow (TP), Herts CC</p> <p>Apologies from Cllr Adam Mitchell (Herts CC) Maddy Thompson (MT), Connect Hertfordshire Matt Hughes-Short (MHS), Herts Sports Partnership Sarah Sullivan (SS), DRUM Watford Cllr Terry Douris (Herts CC) Tracy Webber (TW), Herts CC</p>	
<p>2. Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting on 10th October 2018</p> <p>Previous Minutes: agreed</p> <p>Matters arising: None.</p>	
<p>3. Project Update</p>	

<p>Performance is on target and ahead of schedule. All outputs will have been achieved by the end of January for the year ending March 2019.</p> <p>Key activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masterclass – Community fundraising Compact Survey analysis and report Voluntary Sector Conference workshops Herts Sports Awards Networks and Networking to develop collaboration New Herts Older People’s Network Additional funding New project: Connecting Conversations <p><u>Voluntary sector conference feedback</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TP and KT gave positive feedback about the day. Was very well attended, engagement and positivity was high. • The success of this conference can be used to build on to make the next one even better. • Constructive VCS engagement in delivery and participation of workshop activities. • Growing appreciation of the power and desirability of cross sector networking and sharing ideas. • Impact of focus on common issues such as loneliness and client need rather than organisational brand. • A request for more key speakers from voluntary sector would be welcomed for the next conference. • KT will provide a breakdown of the proportion of statutory / VCS attendees 	<p>KT</p>
<p>4. Connect Hertfordshire work themes</p> <p>4.1 <u>Integrate work across VCS agendas that contribute to Health and Wellbeing</u></p> <p>Hertfordshire Compact Forum – 22 Jan Programme</p> <p><u>Survey feedback</u> - Overall there is an increasingly positive picture but with still more work to be done, in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simplify the process and the key message. • Increase communication to raise awareness of the Compact, especially around its value and impact. 	

- Encourage greater use of the logo as a positive benefit by organisations that have signed up to the Compact.

Comments:

The first Compact meeting was attended by around 40 people. Question raised: "What's the role of the public sector commissioner when there are disagreements among its voluntary sector partners? Response that commissioners have the ability to reward positive partnership working. Worth raising in the next Compact meeting.

Social Value - AM gave a brief update. Will be running a workshop at the Forum meeting with MT and Ted Maddex on progress made so far and emphasising what we mean by social value.

Partnership - PK and SJ met with HG and KB to prepare the best approach for a discussion on "What does a good partnership look like?" and "What obstacles could get in the way". KT also invited to contribute

Developing Networks and Forums: Herts Older People's Network (Herts OPeN)

is set up to

- Hear from grassroots the key issues and messages from older people and empower the voices of older people in Herts.
- Support the providers of services to older people in their delivery and development, helping share knowledge and experience.
- Promote and develop a better understanding of the current health and wellbeing agenda and its impact on the voluntary sector.

The outputs from the Voluntary sector conference Older People's workshop will be fed into the work of the Herts OPeN. This includes

- a series of demographic information sheets about Loneliness in Herts from the Age UK Heat maps for each district
- Knowledge of neighbourhoods - individual organisations contribution to what's taking place in each district
- the ideas and suggestions for reaching the 21,000 older people at risk of loneliness in Herts

Connecting Conversations

- New project, supporting older people to take a lead in tackling loneliness funded by the Building Connections Fund (BLF / DCMS / Coop Foundation).
- To deliver positive change that really tackles loneliness in older adults then we need to find new ways that move beyond current and traditional approaches.

- Using an approach called Conversational Leadership, older people with lived experience collaborate on an equal footing with community based organisations, statutory providers and commissioners to tackle loneliness in Hertfordshire.

Reducing Inactivity – Herts Service to Sports awards

- PK worked with MHS from Herts Sports Partnership to sponsor an award for disability in sport.
- Also focusing on how to develop learning into best practice, to bring into mainstream activities.

HCC Community Grants

- Now in the 2nd year of running the community grants at HCC.
- There have been 29 applications, lots of engagement with applicants, and will be shortlisting Thursday 24th January. Those selected will be invited to a “friendly panel” for an interview.
- Priority is given to smaller grassroots organisations, essential for smaller projects.

4.2 Increase VCS Contribution to Preventative Services

All Age Personalisation

- LT ran through the paper circulated at the meeting and invited comments to take back to Emma Nichol.
- The personalisation group has been allocated some money from a national package to look at a workforce strategy around personalisation.
 The aim is to ensure that any person in Herts interacting with services receives a “better conversation”. That the person is recognised as the expert of themselves and will be encouraged to share what is important to them, resulting in shared decision making and care tailored to the persons wishes.
- Nothing set in stone regarding this all yet, it’s there to be shaped.
 Suggested ways in which this could be implemented e.g. 12 trainers, 1 per district, leaving 2 spare. Or a pilot in just one area to make the most of the opportunity. Trainers could have a geographic or a matrix specialisation. Herts Help and community navigators are already involved.
- Please all your suggestions to Lynda

4.3 Maximise Resources by enabling opportunities for partnership working

Forthcoming Masterclass

ALL

Steering Group Minutes
Wednesday 16th January 2019 - Focolare Centre, Welwyn Garden City

<p>Business Engagement Masterclass – 30th January 2019. Details will be in the January newsletter, please share.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Forthcoming Events</u> 16 Jan 2019 – Herts Older People’s Network 22 Jan 2019 – Herts Compact Forum 30 Jan 2019 – Masterclass – Business Engagement</p>	
<p>6. AOB None</p>	
<p>7. <u>Next meeting</u></p> <p>Steering Group Thursday 4th April 2019, 9.30 tea and coffee for 10 – 12 meeting Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6JG</p> <p>Compact Forum: Tuesday 22nd January 2019, 09.30 – 12.00 Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6JG</p>	