**Minutes of Third Sector Investment Co-production meeting 21st March 2022, Edward Woods Community Centre**

**Attendee list:**

Michael Angus, Baron’s Court Project

Carol Allen, Cat’s Whiskers

Phil Boye-Anawomah, HF Volunteer Centre

Julie Cavanagh, Sands End Adventure Playground

Peggy Coles, H&F Dementia Action Alliance

Fiona Cook, Upper Room

Matthew Dis, H&F Mencap

John Dugdale, Spectra

Abdirashid Fidow, Anti Tribalism Movement

Cheryl Gale, H&F Credit Union

Rory Gillert, Bishop Creighton House

Natalie Glasby, LMP Action

Shad Haibatan, SOBUS

Bridget Harris

Pauline Hutchinson, Maystar Residents Association

Steven Hyndman, Cat’s Whiskers

Simon Jones, Living Well

Jane Lanyero, African Women’s Care

Tania Lewis, Citizens Advice H&F

Sarah Lumgair, People Arise Now

Adam Matan, Anti Tribalism Movement

Jenny Marshall, Open Age

Vivienne Mitchell, Open Age

Steven Montgomery, Doorstep Library

Mick Morell, Bishop Creighton House

Liban Muse, Lido Foundation

Suzanne Noble, Start-up school for seniors

Moya O’Hara, Urbanwise

Rodgers Orero, Riana Development Network

Hawa Osman, Let’s Unite for Autism

Anna Porta, Westway Community Transport

Mellezia Rena, The RENA Initiative

Simi Ryatt, Citizens Advice H&F

Ismail, Said, Anti Tribalism Movement

Kate Sergeant, Alzheimer’s Society

Andy Sharpe, Urban Partnership Group

Katie Shaw, Hammersmith Community Gardens Association

Sue Spiller, SOBUS

Phil Storey, H&F Foodbank

Ulick Tarabanov, London Sports Trust

Sara Taylor, H&F Law Centre

Tina Wood, Shepherd’s Bush Families Association

**And from LBHF:** Johan van Wijgerden, Tara Flood, Kevin Caulfield, Marcus Robinson, Katharina Herrmann

**Agenda covered:**

**A new 3SIF strategy (see slides\)**

* **Background/scene setting**
* **Learning from the pandemic**
* **LBHF priorities**
* **Coproduction (what is it, what are we trying to achieve)**
* **Ambition for what next**

**Discussion Workshops:**

Creating a strategy vision (what difference we want to make)

Identifying priorities

Measuring strategy outcomes

Best ways for 3rd sector orgs to be involved

**The feedback from the Workshops:**

**Important points for the Vision:**

* Becoming stakeholders will help organisations
* Funding and co-production should help the 3rd Sector organisations with their individual aims
* Better understanding of the voluntary sector is needed, what they do, who they impact, what difference they make
* Advocating (promoting) for the organisations within the borough
* We need better way of signposting to services, especially for new residents
* Ensure everyone is included (reducing isolation, alleviating poverty, improving physical and mental health, valuing the community)
* Finds ways to involve residents with decision making, such as regular polling
* Need to think about the council’s relationship with the 3rd sector more widely and beyond funding – link to re-framing the relationship with the 3rd sector paper

**What are the Priorities:**

* Addressing inequality/poverty, physical and mental wellbeing, these are the priorities
* Support organisations with how to measure impact
* Realistic expectations, set against borough targets
* Valuing the community should include ways that strengthen organisation to deliver services and an evaluation process with transparent indicators.

**What should be the Process:**

* Organisations would welcome an easier and faster funding process, with support for those who have little knowledge of how to do it; funding should include core costs, sustainability, accessibility
* Improve communication between organisations and residents to services so they don’t repeat their stories
* Fair, transparent process around connections/open forum of 3rd sector that provides a level playing field of all organisations and avoiding a reliance of historical relationships
* Commit to core costs alongside project delivery
* Accountability and monitoring need to be more effective and to be coproduced with the 3rd sector

**And the Actions:**

* All stakeholders should learn from other councils/organisations and implement what works
* The council can help to coordinate connections between 3rd sector organisations (Directory of voluntary services)
* Could council consider offering to be a non-funded partner in 3rd sector funding bids (going beyond current references)
* Facilitate connections with commissioning officers
* Best local data is needed to understand demographics – the council to circulate what is available

The main topics emerging are:

* ***Showing that we value the community and the third sector***
* ***Inclusiveness, intersections, accessibility and cultural sensitivity - reaching out to the whole community, particularly those who need the most support***
* ***Involve the people using services more and better***
* ***Learn from experience with previous grants and contracts***
* ***Move on from traditional interactions and process, avoid transactional relationships***
* ***Identify a central point/person of access at the council – cross council focus***
* ***Build networks that connect and consolidate, avoiding duplication, creating shared spaces and a directory of voluntary sector services for all to use***

**Our commitment to the voluntary and community sector (Cllr Sue Fennimore)**

**Next steps, timelines and date of next meeting.**

Feedback from attendees was that there should have been more time allocated to the workshops, and that a contact list with details of everyone who attended should be circulated.

The next meeting is proposed to be held on the afternoon of 28th April, at Sands End Arts & Community Centre, Peterborough Road, London SW6 3EZ.

Eventbrite invites and agenda to follow soon.

**The council’s team would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for their time and contributions. We are keen to reach an even wider share of the community at future events, so please share information and invitations with other people from the third sector.**