

Bradford & District Community Economic VCS Forum

Notes of the meeting Thursday 20 May 2021

3.00 – 4.30 pm via Zoom

Present: Nasim Qureshi (INCIC) (Co-Chair), Janet Ford (CNet), Sonjia Peers (Hale), Ludi Simpson (Bradford-Shipley Travel Alliance), Paul Stephens (Rooted in Allerton / Climate Action Ilkley), Martin Carter (Manningham Project), Abdul Ismail (individual), Amanda Peters (WYCAS), Carl White (Bread and Roses Co-op), Humma Nizami (Race Equality Network), John Samuel (), Katherine Wyatt (Made in Manningham), Laura Stott (United Response), Liz Hemsley (Connexions), Mary Dowson (BCB Radio), Mel Frances (Trees for Cities), Javed Khan (CNet), Rosie Watson (Peer Talk), Stacey Dove (Incommunities), Alex Spragg (Better Start Bradford), Cassandra Walker (Locality), Anne Hesse (People First), Tahir Shah (Equity Partnership), Fran Innes (DWP), Rachael Memmott (Specialist Autism Services), Soo Nevison (Community Action), Kim Shutler (The Cellar Trust), Ian Brewer (Bradford District Credit Union), James Craig (Baildon and Shipley Friends of the Earth),

In attendance: Cllr Susan Hinchcliffe (Bradford Council), Jamie Saunders (Bradford Council), Michelle Taylor (Bradford Council), Wendy Collins (CNet) (minutes)

Apologies: Shafiq Ahmed (Carlisle Business Centre), Linda Haynes (The Cellar Trust),

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| 1. | Welcome, introductions and apologies | |
| 2. | Declarations of interest | |
| 3. | <p>West Yorkshire Devolution – Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe, Leader of Bradford Council and Chair of West Yorkshire Combined Authority</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The devolution deal was signed a week before the first lockdown, in March 2020. It provides West Yorkshire with £1.8 billion over a 30 year period. This funding is made up of lots of different pots: £38 million Gameshare, free to spend as appropriate; £64 million adult education budget, now commissioned locally, £317 million Transforming Cities Fund, to take cars out of the city centre and pedestrian and cycling facilities; £54 million Brownfield Fund, to enable people to build on brownfield land. • Cllr Hinchcliffe led a West Yorkshire Economic Recovery Board that came up with a economic recovery plan, which has a £1.4 billion ask from government, outside the devolution deal. • Tracy Brabin has been elected as the new West Yorkshire Mayor. • The Mayor chairs the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, and has one vote. The leaders of each of the five councils (Bradford, Leeds, Calderdale, Wakefield, and Kirklees) also have one vote each. • West Yorkshire Combined Authority has been in existence for seven years already, working especially on transport, but also other things. Councils will still run their own Children’s Services, Adult Services, Environmental Services, street cleansing, Neighbourhood Services, etc. WYCA has authority over big ticket items: transport, skills, climate emergency, housing, and enterprise. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the first £38 million, the leaders of WYCA have decided to put £13 million in to skills, some spent at regional level on the Reboot programme, but more than half of it will be delegated to the local authorities, to invest in their own projects around skills and employment; in Bradford that is Skills House. • Investing £7 million in enterprise, with elements being spent on community enterprise development. • Youth unemployment: BMDC officers have been tasked with coming up with a youth offer for every young person in the District, to tackle youth unemployment. Through WYCA funding will come through the skills and enterprise money. • The LEP and WYCA will be merging their panels, so there will be one on skills, one on transport, one on business innovation, one on place and regeneration, and one on climate change. • Climate emergency: there is a need to get people out of cars and into other modes of travel. Better bus and rail services, cycle and pedestrian routes are all necessary for this to happen. • Levelling Up Fund: deadline 19th June and work starting by next March. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/levelling-up-fund-prospectus • The Office of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner has moved across to the Combined Authority, and will sit under the new Deputy Mayor. • Work developing around our response to sustainable development, particularly around clean growth. Wendy and Jamie to liaise on getting this on a future meeting agenda. | <p>Wendy to liaise with Jamie</p> |
| 4. | <p>Minutes of last meeting Accepted as a true and accurate record. Matter arising: Wendy to follow up actions from previous meeting.</p> | <p>Wendy to follow up actions</p> |
| 5. | <p>AOB None</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Future meeting dates (currently held on Zoom) TBA Meeting closed at 4.05 pm</p> | |