

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Active Partnerships Board Held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020 by Webinar

**Members Present:** Doug Patterson (Chair), Nigel Harrison, Adam Walker, Ali Shipway, Ian Hacon, Mike Sandys, Sue Storey, Adrian Leather, Eamonn O'Rourke

**In attendance:** Lee Mason (Chief Executive & Company Secretary).

### 1. Introductions

#### a. Welcome

Doug welcomed everyone to this additional meeting to check in with everyone and cover off some

#### b. Apologies & Declarations of interest

Apologies were received from Sue Imbriano,

#### c. Board member Updates

- Sue S & Lee had held an intro meet with the new Chair of Lincs.
- Sue S had joined a call to progress diversity in the network.
- Nigel had met with Maxine the new CEO at Durham.
- Ali had been doing a lot on network learning and leadership and as a Quest facilitator helping shape the next round of AP improvement workshops with Sport England and the national team and had also had some calls with Chair.
- Eamon felt LAs were exposed around the growing number of older vulnerable people and therefore an increasing focus on health and wellbeing.
- Adam explained how clients were taking the opportunity and seeking support around future business planning.
- Nigel and Adrian explained how busy APs were supporting LAs local resilience work, supporting economy and health systems and foresee a growing need in mental health.
- Doug felt the current situation will speed up a lot changes in our operating environment.
- Doug noted the time a number of Board members were putting in which is welcomed but shouldn't become burdensome.

### 2. Trustee Appointments

Doug explained the process the Nominations committee had been through to recruit two new Trustees and introduced the recommendations to the Board. Adrian and Sue Storey added their comments.

**Resolution:** The appointments as below were unanimously agreed;

- Dick Federico, Chair of Kent & Medway Active Partnership.
- Amanda Pearce Higgins, Board member at Active Oxfordshire.

**Action:** Doug to confirm appointment with Dick and Amanda and invite to next meeting. Lee & Nicki to forward induction information and trustee forms.

### 3. 2020-21 Operational Plan and Budget

Lee Introduced the paper providing a review of the Operational Plan and Budget agreed at the February Board meeting taking account of the year end position and the implications of Covid-19. The paper had been reviewed by the Finance Committee and the Business Development Group and had their support. Doug, Ian and Adam added their comments. Ian noted that we are in a relatively secure position and whilst there is great uncertainty it was clear the budget would experience swings and roundabouts this year.

It was noted that:

- We had a more positive year end budget position than forecast. Board members were pleased with the positive response from the network to the Convention cancellation and the improved final cost. It was noted that we were providing much of the content by webinar and they were being well received.
- Our Priorities for the year largely remain relevant with the addition of future planning with the network to consider, plan for and influence the 'new normal' as a result of ovid-19. Ali felt there would be new opportunities and we should rive forward plans albeit in different ways.
- We would need to change the way we deliver our plans this year and our key events including the Summer Think tank, AGM / Development Event, and Network Convention, may not be able to go ahead as planned.
- We would need to be flexible and agile in the year given the current uncertainty, closely monitoring and considering the budgetary implications.
- Sue queried the thinking that Subscriptions would be maintained at the planned level. The Board noted that the 2021-2 year and beyond could be more challenging for Partnerships and others and after discussion agreed the approach.
- The business development and workplace movement plans had been discussed with the Business Development Group. They supported the revised plans and discussions were ongoing to reposition as workplaces consider employee wellbeing post-Covid, and Adam was keen we maintained a positive and ambitious outlook.
- Adrian supported the SP proposal but felt it was important it was dome in the right way and APs not competing with deliverers. The Board recognised the wider health sector needs and opportunities arising from the current situation.

The group discussed the proposal to increase capacity to support the network with the social prescribing agenda. Board members agreed this was a high priority and good use of funding.

**Action:** Adrian and Mike offered to support the social prescribing project.

**Resolution:**

- the revised budget was approved noting the need for flexibility and monitoring during the year.
- The investment in capacity to drive forward the network's approach to Social Prescribing was agreed.

### 4. New SE Tackling Inequalities fund through Active Partnerships

The Board were please to note this new fund was being distributed via Active Partnerships. It was noted that it give us an important role in responding to the Covid-19 pandemic and in particular tackling the inequalities that are likely to increase as a result, but is also significant in terms of SE devolving funding and decision making to the network in a way we have long advocated, which in turn builds the value of the Partnerships locally and helps with building local and national partnerships and is well aligned with and will help advance the existing primary role.

The national team will support the effective delivery of the funding and are in discussion with the Partnerships and Sport England to define the role we will play.

Nigel and Adrian noted that whilst the funding was welcome, the level of funding in relation to the task was not significant.

## **5. Future Scenario planning & new Network Development Group**

Lee & Ali updated the Board on the first meeting of the new Development Group and the plans for the group to work with the network to think through, influence and respond to the new normal that is beginning to arise from this unprecedented situation. A scenario planning approach had been proposed and the outcome of the meeting would be shared with Board for further discussion at the June meeting. It was noted that this could link with the release of the Sport England future strategy framework.

## **6. Impact Report**

Lee explained that the Annual member report was currently being finalised and would be circulated with the annual member survey and subscription invoices.

It was noted that it will be important to find the right balance between the Boards desire to explain the added value we provide whilst not being too arrogant and reflecting a network wide perspective.

## **7. AOB**

Next meet 11<sup>th</sup> June, agreed it would be reduced to 1:30-3pm and by webinar.