

# Age Hub

## 6 October 2016

### Actions and notes

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#### Attendees

- Bridget Evans (BE), Sheffield 50+ – Chair
- Alan C Kewley, Sheffield for Democracy
- Belinda Shiu, Sheffield Chinese Community Centre
- Councillor Jack Scott, Sheffield City Council (SCC)
- Elspeth Lusby Sheffield 50+
- Emma Hinchliffe, Sheffield Futures
- Enid Bensa, Sheffield 50+
- Hardeep Pabla, Healthwatch Sheffield
- Haseena Siddique, BAMER Hub
- Helen Rowe, Sheffield 50+
- Irene Day, Sheffield 50+
- Jane Kemp (JK), SCC
- Jonathan Marsden, Sheffield Fabians
- Kath Housley, LGBT Sheffield
- Laurie Brennan (LB), SCC
- Martin Brighton
- Mike Pettitt, Underbank Unitarian Chapel
- Tony Maltby (TM), Sheffield 50+
- Verity Barrett, Showroom Cinema

#### Apologies

- Ian Proffitt, South Yorkshire Police
- Jill Wales, Stand Alone
- Paul Hohn, BAMER Hub Representative
- Rachel Sanchez, SCC

#### Actions

Share presentation on Devolution – JK

#### Welcome & introductions

- Round the table introductions.
- Cllr Jack Scott (JS) introduced himself to the Hub and gave an overview of his vision for the future of the Equality Hub Network (EHN) and Sheffield as fair city.
  - He said that the time had come to work together.
  - The Council valued the Hubs and that working together would enable us to achieve a fairer city to ensure we fulfil our potential and developing a shared vision for equality in Sheffield.

#### Presentation: “Devolution: what is it and what does it mean for Sheffield”

- LB gave a presentation on Devolution and the new Sheffield City Region.
- See <http://sheffieldcityregiondevolution.org.uk> for a full account.

#### Discussion: Sheffield’s Devolution

- The meeting split into groups of 4 to discuss the effects of devolution on Sheffield. LB asked the groups to:
  - State how the group they are representing / how devolution would affect them as individuals.
  - State 3 things which they felt Devolution would achieve.
- Feedback on ‘How do you think Devolution will affect you/the group you represent?’
  - More nationalism
  - Improvement to transport
  - Skills base increases
  - Loss of focus on things that directly make money e.g. The Arts; community work
  - Carers overlooked
  - More youth clubs

- May get less money/funding in exchange for power
- How will Devolution affect Social Health?
- Will it be reflective of the community/make up of Sheffield?
- Better economy place put Sheffield on the map
- How will the actual outcomes be monitored?
- General questions/statements asked/made following Devolution presentation:
  - Will there be any constraints on the budget awarded?
  - Is what is put in place set for 30 years if so how will a voice be given to young people whom this will affect?
  - How will those communities requiring additional funding be identified, using existing criterion?
  - The combined authority has already been in existence for 2.5 years and there is currently no real evidence of public engagement
  - Will the authorities combined in the new City Regions work together in areas such as housing so for example if someone is homeless in one of area of the CR will they be able to apply for housing available in another?
  - Will there be less focus on community based groups?
  - Will the City Region reflect the demographic population?
  - How will Devolution impact on non-identified carers?
  - Will there be better transport links across the current boundaries?
  - The mayor needs to be non-political.
  - The title Sheffield CITY Region may antagonise those that don't reside in Sheffield should the name not be more reflective of the whole region.

### **Plan for Age Hub Committee elections**

- Rachel Sanchez from the E&I team has sent her apologies.
- TM made reference to JS speech about the way forward. He felt that the wider EHN was making progress, and that with the elections coming up this offered the opportunity for some new people to become involved and for the Age Hub to progress.

### **Information sharing**

- TM advised that the meeting was the end of an era as Bridget Evans was moving on from Sheffield 50+ and her replacement is Janet Skirrow. TM thanked BE on behalf of Sheffield 50+ for all her hard work and wished her well in her new appointment.
- TM advised that all future Sheffield 50+ events were listed in the latest edition of The Voice.
- The EHN Employment and Skills event, Thur 13 Oct, 10am to 1pm, Ponds Forge
- The Human Library event, Mon 17 Oct, 1pm to 4pm, Sheffield Central Library, Carpenter Room

### **Future meeting dates**

TBC