

MINUTES: Steering Group
Tuesday 20th October 2009
The Ferens Art Gallery, Hull



PRESENT

Tony Cosgrove (Chair)
Francesca Devine
Richard Tuplin
Paul Burnley
John Britton
Barry Schofield
Ben Delaney

Agenda Item 1: Welcome and Apologies for Absence

839. Apologies were received from John Sharp, Gordon Shields, Jonathan Leafe, Paul Litten, Ian Kelly, Richard Brough, Linda Ellis and Nick Pontone.

Agenda Item 2: Minutes

840. Barry Schofield had sent his apologies for the previous meeting which was not noted in the minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th September were then agreed as a true and correct record.

Agenda Item 3: Matters Arising

841. i) Preparation for 24th Quarterly Forum – Ben Delaney explained the agenda for the Quarterly Forum and said the main theme for the event was 'culture'. He said there would be presentations from John Gilbert, Mitch Upfold and Colin Brown on this theme. In addition there would be presentations from the NSPCC, NHS and Hull City Council.

Agenda Item 4: Occupational Health Service for Small & Medium Businesses

842. Janice Chattaway of Agencia Consulting said Hull PCT was developing plans for a free occupational health service for local SMEs. She explained that the service could help small businesses keep their employees healthier which would mean fewer days lost to sickness and could mean fewer people being signed on to incapacity benefit after many years in a particular job. The Service was still under development but initial feedback from businesses had been positive and there were still consultations ongoing.

843. Richard Tuplin said he would support the project as something similar had taken place at the Insurance Partnership with heart monitoring and had proved successful in raising the issue among employees. A discussion was had regarding the promotion of the service and the issue of confidentiality between employer and employee. Janice Chattaway said that there are still practicalities to be worked out but future focus groups would be useful in considering these.

Agenda Item 5: ONE HULL Inductions

844. Ben Delaney explained that there would be an induction meeting for people who are new to ONE HULL or unfamiliar with aspects of its work. The Forum would be supporting this and Business Forum members were being invited to attend the next meeting.

Agenda Item 6: Reports

845. i) ONE HULL Executive Group – Tony Cosgrove said there was work on going to make ONE HULL more accountable and these reforms as well as those of the Earning Partnership were going well.
846. ii) Earning Partnership – there had been no meeting of the Earning Partnership.
847. iii) Business Advisory Group – Barry Schofield said Andrew Hirst, Director of Operations at Hull Forward had spoken at the previous meeting and gave an informative update. The Parking Sub-Committee had met and considered two proposals; to reduce the price of George Street car park and encourage the Savile Street traders to refund the cost of parking tickets to their customers.

Agenda Item 7: Any other business

848. There was no other business.

Agenda Item 8: Dates of future meetings

849. Steering Group: Monday 7th December 2009 at 12 noon.

Quarterly Business Forum: Tuesday 26th January 2010 at 4.30pm