

## East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting

18 May 2022

### Key Messages

The following are the key messages from the Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2022 at Bowburn Community Centre, Durham Road, Bowburn, DH6 5AT:

- Jane Bellis welcomed everyone to the East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership Annual General Meeting and Board Meeting, the first face-to-face meeting since before the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Prior to the Election of Chair, the AAP Co-ordinator thanked the outgoing Chair, Allan Blakemore for his commitment to the Board. Cllr Chris Varty and Angela Stobbart were also thanked for acting as Vice Chairs and standing in as Chair when needed.
  - Cllr Chris Varty was appointed as the new Chairperson for 2022/23
  - Angela Stobbart was appointed as Vice Chair (Partners)
  - Allan Blakemore was appointed as Vice Chair (Public Representative)
- Mary Readman, Head of Transactional and Customer Services delivered a presentation on the Poverty Action Strategy and Action Plan.

The [Strategy and action plan available online](#). To 'Have Your Say' please visit <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/Poverty> or email: [povertyaction@durham.gov.uk](mailto:povertyaction@durham.gov.uk)

The closing date for feedback and comments is 26 August 2022.

- The Board approved the following Fun and Food applications –
  - (1) Breakfast Buddies - Trimdon Station Residents Association
  - (2) Bowburn Youth Project – Sport Sessions - DJ Evans Youth Club
  - (3) Summer Fun – Trimdon - Deaf Hill Regeneration Partnership
  - (4) Summer Family Fun Days - Trimdon Grange Community Association
  - (5) Exploring the Outdoors with ATOMS - ATOMS CIC
  - (6) Cookery and Exercise Sessions - Investing in Children
  - (7) Blooming Breakfast - Coxhoe Parish Council

- Board members had received a report providing information on the current position of the various funding streams managed by the AAP, and an outline of the financial resources available to the AAP in 2022/23.

Included within the report were the main findings from the AAP Priorities Survey 2022, which enabled Board members to decide which priorities should be the focus of our work.

The Board agreed that the project call out process continue, and that task group meetings be held online via Teams.

Board members agreed to the continuation of Community Recovery as the priority for this financial year, and further agreed to include the following themes, along with the cost of living/ poverty measures, given the impact rising costs are having on our communities -

- Local environment/ climate change.
- Community safety, including policing issues and road safety.
- Transport; traffic and roads, including transport and connectivity and highways issues.

- There is a vacancy for a public representative on the East Durham Rural Corridor AAP Board. For an application pack or for further information, please email [eastdurhamruralaap@durham.gov.uk](mailto:eastdurhamruralaap@durham.gov.uk),

- Peter Maddison, the Fire representative on the Board had left the Fire and Rescue Service. The AAP team is currently liaising with colleagues to find a replacement.

- *The following Neighbourhood Budget project; was shared with the Board -*

**Name of Scheme:** Kelloe Bowling Green Improvements

**Councillor(s):** McKeon

**Interest Declared:** No

**Amount:** £2,664.00

The Board was happy for this project to go ahead.

- Date and time of next meeting - Tuesday 19 July 2022 – 5.00 pm, Coxhoe Village Hall

### **Subsequent Meetings**

- Wednesday 28 September 2022
- Tuesday 22 November 2022
- Wednesday 25 January 2023
- Wednesday 22 March 2023

Please make every effort to attend and promote amongst your contacts.