

## ONE Haverhill Partnership Board Meeting MINUTES 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 10:00am

**Present:**

<b>Board Members</b>		
Andy Hunter	AH	Chair and Headteacher, Samuel Ward Academy
Councillor Bruce Davidson	BD	Mayor, Haverhill Town Council
Andrew Bell	AB	Centre Manager, Epicentre
Councillor John Burns	CllrJB	Haverhill Town Council
Ian Gallin	IG	Chief Executive, West Suffolk Council
Helen Cullup	HC	Community Action Suffolk
Patrick Hanlon	CllrPH	West Suffolk Council
Councillor Margaret Marks	CllrMM	West Suffolk Council
David Roach	CllrRC	Suffolk County Council
Andrew Smith	AS	Havebury Housing Partnership
Councillor David Smith	DS	Haverhill Town Council
Henry Wilson	HW	REACH Haverhill
<b>In Attendance</b>		
Lizzi Cocker	LC	West Suffolk Council, Families & Communities
Jane Lomas	JL	Haverhill Town Council, minute taker
Colin Poole	CP	Haverhill Town Council, Clerk
Adelle Stopher	AS	Place Programme Lead for West Suffolk, Public Health SCC
<b>Guests</b>		
Saffron Carter	SC	Community Organiser, REACH
Vicki Marsh	VM	West Suffolk Alliance
Phil Nice	PN	West Suffolk Hospital NHS Trust
Netta Record	NW	Operations Director, REACH
Alan Stinchcombe	CllrAS	Haverhill Town Council
Dr F Watfeh	FW	

Peter Wightman	PW	Director, West Suffolk Alliance
<b>Apologies</b>		
Jon Eaton	JE	Families and Communities, West Suffolk Council
Insp Ben Holland	BH	Suffolk Constabulary
David Ruddy	DR	Director, West Suffolk College
Warren Smyth	WS	Chief Executive, Abbeycroft Leisure

Item		ACTION
1.	<p><b><u>Welcome, Declaration of Interest, Apologies</u></b>            Andy Hunter, Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b>            See above</p> <p>0 members of the public were present</p> <p><b>Declarations of interest:</b>            None.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Previous Minutes &amp; Matters Arising from the meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022:</u></b></p> <p>a) Andy Hunter requested that the minutes be amended to show Andrew Bell (Centre Manager, EpiCentre) and Inspector Ben Hollands (Police, Sudbury &amp; Haverhill Locality Commander) be shown as members, and not attendees.</p> <p>b) No further matters arising.</p> <p>Previous minutes were approved.</p>	CP
3.	<p><b><u>Public Speaking:</u></b>            None.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Future Systems</u></b>            Peter Wightman, Director West Suffolk Alliance, gave an overview of the progress made with regard to Future Systems and the health needs for an ageing population in a challenging financial environment. Working with community feedback, areas have been identified that are working well, that have worked in the past, and that are of concern.</p>	

	<p>With regard to premises in Haverhill, the health centre in Camps Road is scheduled to reopen in June/July 2023. The use of clinical rooms is under scrutiny and where possible services not necessitating a clinical environment will be housed elsewhere, e.g. physiotherapy remaining at the leisure centre.</p> <p>The possibility of a potential Haverhill Hub was discussed to house hospital outpatient clinics and diagnostics to ease pressure on local hospitals. A site has been identified and once the needs have been established, a budget can be put together.</p> <p>Discussion arose around Enhanced Access. Dr Watfeh explained that it is difficult to attract GPs to work weekends and out of hours so the initiative is not working as anticipated.</p> <p>Peter Wightman suggested that a working group should be created to investigate ways of progressing Enhanced Access.</p>	PW
5.	<p><b><u>Haverhill Masterplan</u></b></p> <p>Ian Gallin, CEO, West Suffolk Council informed the meeting that his team has identified four areas of improvement which present achievable outcomes in the next few months:</p> <p>Provincial House: AXA has moved floors and refurbished the first floor. Talks have begun within the commercial and public sectors regarding tenancies for the remainder of the building. This building is not suitable as NHS premises.</p> <p>Jubilee Place: Soft market testing has begun to see who might be interested. Possibilities are retail, housing, the Arts and public realm improvements.</p> <p>Health Hub: land around the leisure centre is a possibility.</p> <p>High Street Improvement Scheme: A range of options is being considered regarding the improvement of enforcing current driving restrictions and pedestrian priority streets.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>UK Shared Prosperity Fund</u></b></p> <p>Ian Gallin, West Suffolk Council talked through the funding stream for Year 2.</p> <p>Year 2 begins on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023 but funding has not yet been received, however Town Centre and High Street Improvements have already launched. Bidding rounds will start after the elections.</p> <p>In order to keep administration costs to a minimum, where possible, funding will be managed through the Community Chest.</p>	

	<p>The process of how West Suffolk Council allocates funding in respect of green spaces was discussed. Ian Gallin suggested that Damian Parker, Greenspace and Heritage Manager might be asked to share how this is decided.</p> <p>Discussion arose around the government’s announcement of County Deal legislation. This is an attempt by the government to give more power over funding on a local level. A requirement is that the funding application needs to be agreed in principle with the government, and a locally elected leader (a single responsible person) identified.</p>	<p><b>CP</b></p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b><u>REACH: Drug and Alcohol research project</u></b> Henry Wilson talked through the findings of the Suffolk Mind questionnaire:</p> <p>There was low knowledge of services within the town. People did not know they can self-refer to professional services, and often thought that they would have to go to Bury St Edmunds for an assessment, although this can be carried out over the telephone. It was also identified that family members may also require support.</p> <p>Turning Point is aware of the need to provide professionals with a flow chart showing the referral system, however Turning Point is under resourced. If staff are sick, the office does not open. Their contract expires in 2024. It was suggested that Turning Point move to a more central location so that they are more visible within the town. It was thought that an Engagement Officer would benefit the town to aid communication and to help join up services.</p> <p>Adelle Stopher, Place Programme Lead for Public Health, shared she had been working with Netta Record to look at the rates data. There are many caveats with this data but it shows referral rates within Haverhill are not as high as other areas of West Suffolk. AS explained however it is important to look at local insight in combination with data, and to bring commissioners into the conversation. AS will speak to the commissioners and bring them into the conversation to look at how we promote referral routes, and explore the wrap around support working with the local assets in Haverhill.</p>	<p><b>AS</b></p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Update on Public Mental Health Programme</u></b> Adelle Stopher, Place Programme Lead for West Suffolk in the Public Health Team, explained that Suffolk Mind is working with Suffolk County Council to identify protective factors around mental health on a Suffolk wide public mental health programme. Haverhill has been identified as one of the key areas and AS said that she will circulate her presentation showing the findings of a recent poll that has been carried out examining whether people believe their physical and emotional needs are being met. Ian Gallin questioned the cost for this project as Mind sits on the Integrated Care Board. Adelle Stopher confirmed that this programme was carried out with one-off funding for the project following the 2021 Annual Public Health Report.</p>	<p><b>AS</b></p>

	<p>Andy Hunter suggested that it might be useful to have some representatives for a panel for ONE Haverhill. AS confirmed that she will forward some information regarding names.</p>	<b>AS</b>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b><u>Haverhill Science Festival 2024</u></b> Colin Poole, Haverhill Town Clerk, presented his idea for a Haverhill Science Festival with a proposed date of: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March to coincide with British Science Week. His report is attached (Appendix 1).</p> <p>The proposal received a positive response. Cllr John Burns is keen to work on the history of technology.</p> <p>Andy Hunter said that Unity would want to be involved, from a schools' perspective. Andrew Smith said that he is happy to contact Suffolk University as he is a governor. Andrew Bell is happy to support the initiative and to promote the event to the public. Cllr M Marks said that she used to be involved in the Cambridge Science Week and is happy to sit on a working group. She suggested obtaining flyers from Cambridge to see what they offer and how it is delivered.</p> <p>Colin Poole will call a task-group together to progress the initiative.</p>	<b>CP</b>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b><u>Reports from Task Groups</u></b></p> <p><b>a) CRIME &amp; ASB (Drug &amp; Alcohol Sub-Group)</b> No report.</p> <p><b>b) HEALTH</b> Lizzi Cocker suggested that there is a possibility of forming a working group which would explore the health and mental wellbeing needs of the over 55s who have lack of inclusion. The working group would look at ways to work with the Start Well initiative and could be called Age Well. Lizzi Cocker said that she will work out a plan to ascertain if this is viable.</p> <p><b>c) EDUCATION, SKILLS &amp; ENTERPRISE</b> No report.</p> <p>Colin Poole, Haverhill Town Council informed the meeting that David Ruddy is leaving his role and we are awaiting a replacement.</p> <p>Andy Hunter will write to Mr David Ruddy thanking him for all his good work.</p> <p><b>d) INTERGENERATIONAL WORKING</b> Andy Hunter referred the meeting to his circulated report. <b>See Appendix 2</b></p> <p><b>e) VOLUNTEERING</b></p>	<b>LC</b>      <b>AH</b>

	<p>Lizzi Cocker and Colin Poole met in January and confirmed that the Haverhill Volunteer Centre is now based at The Link on the high street.</p> <p>Helen Cullup informed the group that a Men’s Shed, located on the Collins Road Industrial Estate has received charitable status. This is a project to support the mental health of men. It is heartening to see conversations starting up, and subgroups branching out, eg a group from the Shed played snooker at the Salvation Army hall.</p> <p>Helen thanked all the Councillors who supported this initiative.</p>	
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>Andy Bell offered to host OHP Board meetings at the Epicentre. All agreed. AB will confirm accommodation for existing Board dates are available.</p> <p>Adelle Stopher confirmed that she will be the link for Healthy Suffolk and Public Health. Andy Hunter welcomed her to the Board.</p>	
<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>29<sup>th</sup> June 2023</p> <p>To be held at the EpiCentre, Haverhill Research Park, Enterprise Way, Haverhill CB9 7LR</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for the attendance. <b>Meeting closed 12:05pm</b></p>	

## Appendix 1

**ONE Haverhill Partnership**  
**30<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

### Agenda Item 5

#### Haverhill Science Festival 2024

Proposed date: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> March to coincide with British Science Week  
<https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/>

I want to float the idea of OHP hosting a Haverhill Science Fair in 2024 to act as a stage for promoting Haverhill to hi-tech businesses, celebrate those already here and promote careers in hi-tech to young people in town. My vision is a week that highlights what is already happening in Haverhill as far as hi-tech industry is concerned, put Haverhill on people's radar by bringing speakers out of Cambridge to talk to school pupils and others, promote STEM and the new Sam Ward 6<sup>th</sup> Form and West Suffolk College.

I think that is an opportunity for multiple partners to get involved in an upbeat project featuring a series of events across the community, education and business.

What might we do?

- The Arts Centre would host shows with a science bent to them. It would be good to get some shows aimed at families such as  
<https://ministryofscience.org/theatre-show/>  
<https://www.amazingbubbleman.com/school-shows/>

I also wondered about getting some radio shows broadcasting from the festival, such as R4's The Life Scientific, but also whether Dara O'Briain would do a show in Haverhill, or get Tim Peake, who is an ambassador for the European Space Agency. Prof Brian Cox and R4's Infinite Monkey Cage Live would be fabulous too.

- As well as a programme of events at the Arts Centre, it would be great to have activity based around STEM topics for pupils at primary schools and something more challenging for the big academies and West Suffolk College, perhaps a day of science-based activity at the Epicentre. For instance, <https://www.crestawards.org/what-is-crest>

Chris Allen [callen@unitysp.co.uk](mailto:callen@unitysp.co.uk) is the lead for science at Unity Schools Partnership and we would ask him to take a lead on school involvement. Also there should be a focus on breaking down perceptions about access into science for a lot of young people – and older people too. <https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/smashing-stereotypes/>

- Businesses hosting "open days" and tours by the likes of the Epicentre, Sanofi, IFF, Cambridge Nanotherm and others to celebrate we are in the Cambridge hi-tech corridor and there is great stuff happening right here already.
- A tech-focussed careers fair

- A business event bringing innovators not yet based in Haverhill to the town, perhaps with keynote speakers to attract them to the event and exhibitor stalls to promote the new homes being built, schools and Haverhill
- Inviting key academics from Cambridge and beyond to give talks on particular science topics would serve to provide interest to audiences but more importantly introduce them to Haverhill.

These are just my suggestions, and the intention is that they spark far better and more ambitious ideas from the partners around the OHP table. We would need to set up a small steering group to pull it all together and get bookings in place as soon as possible, particularly if we want to coincide with British Science Week. Whilst it isn't practical to have a big steering group, it doesn't prevent every partner considering how it could get involved and engaging at the right point. There is some funding available for events around British Science Week but a lot of the activities can be relatively low-cost or be the contribution from different businesses hosting their own events just to coincide with the week.

I also think this would be a good injection of momentum into the arm of OHP, giving a broad platform for most if not all partners to get involved somehow and reboot our public profile.

We can discuss this at a high level on March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Colin Poole**  
Town Clerk



## Appendix 2

### Intergenerational Working: Hands Across Haverhill

An Intergenerational Project to Promote Community Cohesion and Wellbeing

#### Research Base

Research by the National Foundation for Education Research (NFER), the National Youth Agency (NYA) and National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE), commissioned by the Local Government Association (LGA), shows that intergenerational work has a number of positive impacts.

Both young and older people can gain confidence from participating in intergenerational activities. This was related to learning new skills and finding they could succeed in tasks. These skills include participants learning technical skills such as IT, photography and how to operate a video camera.

Young people explained how they developed friendships and soft skills, such as team working, conversation skills and social skills. Projects that focused on activities that relate to the curriculum, such as history and PSHE, suggest there can be positive benefits for academic work. Some young people felt that hearing first-hand about World War II would aid them when they came to study it in history. Others were able to use the artwork produced as part of their GCSE coursework. Lastly, it encouraged young people to improve relationships with their grandparents as they came to a better understanding of older people.

Participating in intergenerational activities reduced the isolation of older people. Older people spoke about a sense of satisfaction and pride when they were acknowledged by the young people they had worked with. Some explained that it would be the start of a wider involvement in other activities, like volunteering in the community.

The research showed that both groups were more likely to speak with younger and older people they never met before. In addition, where projects bring together young and older people from different ethnic groups, there is a potential for cross-cultural understanding to be enhanced.

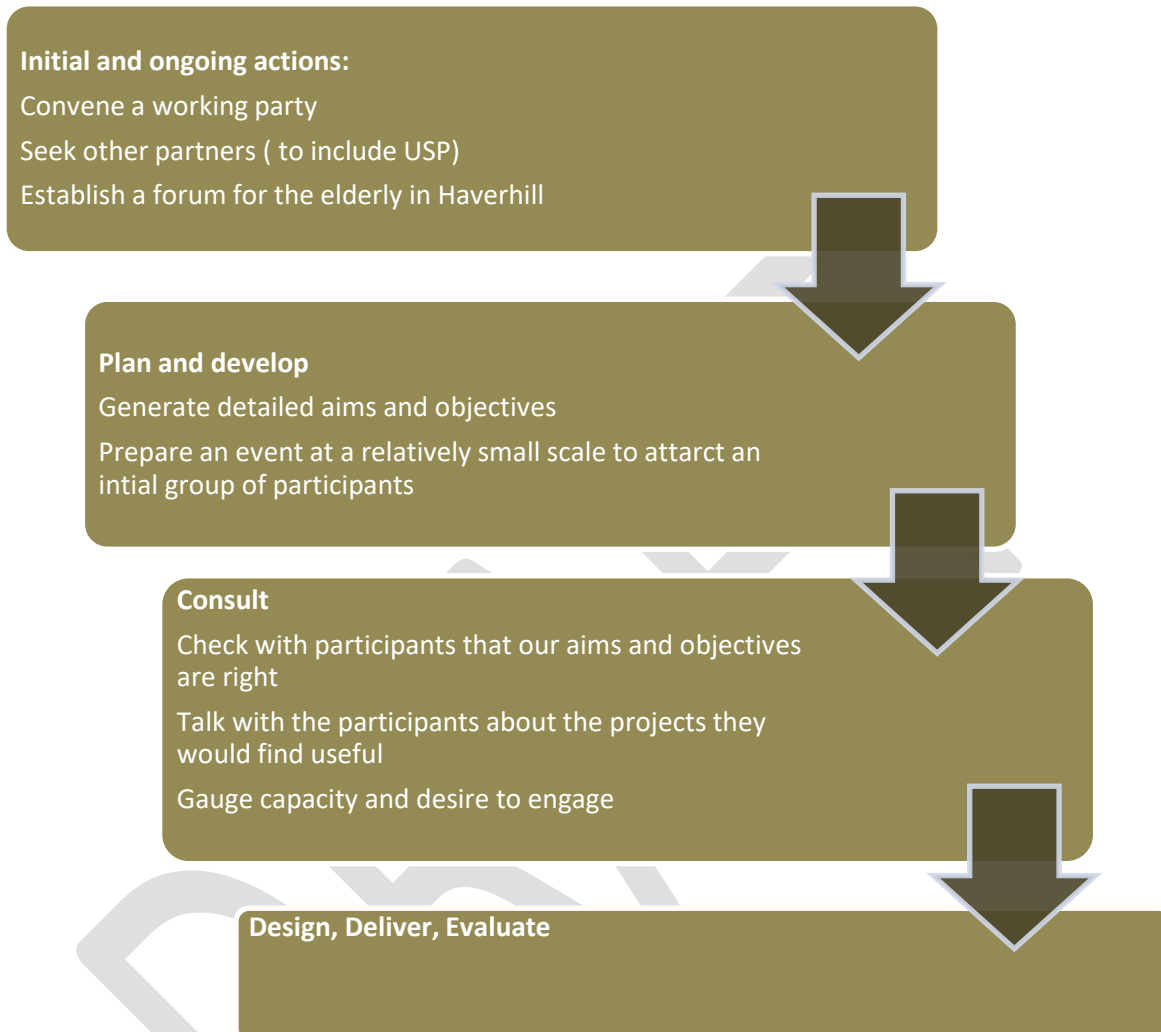
#### Local Context

Haverhill has similar levels of anti-social behaviour compared to other similar communities. ASB tends to be concentrated amongst young people. Cultural diversity in Haverhill is towards the lower end of the range in comparison to other similar communities – certainly below our neighbours Newmarket and Bury St Edmunds. There is no organised forum for elderly people in Haverhill – their communal voice is not heard and their views cannot be sought. Elderly people's perceptions of young people are likely to have been negatively enhanced by a recent death in the town.

#### What is Hands Across Haverhill?

Hands across Haverhill is a commitment to bring together young and old people in our community to strengthen ties, enhance understanding and tolerance, enhance community cohesion, share skills and reduce isolation. The strategic need is identified by all of our experiences in the town and by the research which suggests positive outcomes. The delivery model follows the One Haverhill asset-based approach; this partnership can together deliver a well-resourced and targeted project due to our broad range of partners and their individual resources and contacts.

The specific activities delivered through this project will be co-created with the participants. An initial activity is required to launch the project. The suggested model is below.



### Is Hands Across Haverhill limited to intergenerational work?

Hands across Haverhill is deliberately designed to deliver an intergenerational project. However, if the same branding and team can also deliver other projects of value to the community then they should be considered.

### Timescale

Board Discussion	March 2023
Working party convened	April 2023
Launch event	July 2023
Consultation and design	From September 2023