



WEM PARTNERSHIP MEETING 15/09/25

At The Alhambra, Morecambe / Via Zoom / 6 PM

Present: Chris Price (Chair), Yak Patel, Chris Greenwood, Victoria Carter, Johnny Bean (Secretary), Joe Robinson (Development Worker), Kim Ozano (The Stop, Collaborate and Listen Agency, guest)

1. Welcomes/Apologies/Matters Arising/Minutes of the Last Meeting/Conflicts of Interest

- 1.1. **Welcome:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 1.2. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from Kat and Yvonn.
- 1.3. **Matters Arising:** None.
- 1.4. **Minutes of the Last Meeting:** The Minutes of the Last Meeting were reviewed, and approved.
Action: The Secretary to publish the Minutes of the Last Meeting on the WEM website.
- 1.5. **Conflicts of Interest:** No Conflicts of Interest were noted.
- 1.6. **Guest Speakers:** Kim Ozano from the Stop, Collaborate and Listen Agency was welcomed and spoke briefly about her role as an agency working for Local Trust.

2. May Meeting Minutes

- 2.1. It was noted for the minutes that the May meeting of the partnership had been quorate.
- 2.2. Corrections to the May minutes. The Video evaluation was not agreed but should be noted.
- 2.3. Corrections to the May minutes. The mental health report had been abbreviated in the minutes as per normal procedure.

3. June Meeting

- 3.1. **Issues raised at June meeting and outcomes: Note on email vote regarding LTO recommendation:** Following the meeting an email vote was taken to accept the LTO recommendation. The partnership came to an impasse. This was an internal

dispute on which the partners agreed to disagree. The LTO was asked to step in and resolve.

- 3.2. **Note on email vote to proceed with underspend:** Following the meeting an email vote was taken on the use of the Mental Health underspend.
- 3.3. **Minutes to be written up:** The Secretary to action.
4. **WEM Closing out:**
 - 4.1. **Note on partnership numbers.** It was noted that with 2 partners recently leaving and 1 stepping back, we have spoken to Local Trust, who have confirmed that going below 8 partners is not an issue of concern.
5. **Credit Union:**
 - 5.1. **Proposal to support Credit Union.** A proposal was presented to provide a support package of approx £5-£10k to Morecambe Bay Credit Union. A short discussion took place to consider if this could be sited at The Link in the West End.
Decision: Support of £10k was agreed, pending a further conversation to formalise the arrangements.
6. **Feedback on Schools Career project:** Victoria gave an update on the schools career project. Over 100 attendees were present, the event was very positive, and a great experience, with good feedback. It was agreed that it would be good to repeat the event sometime.
7. **Updates:**
 - 7.1. **Solidarity fund.**
 - 7.2. **Unity project.** Hoping to resume meetings (inc. the Neighbourhood Council meeting) following the summer break. Sharon at LDCVS will be contacting everyone to restart the project.
 - 7.3. **NHS confederation / action research.** A second meeting took place at The Alhambra. Following discussion, it was agreed to take on Social Isolation as a topic. An action Plan is being developed, to include data gathering.
8. **AOB**
 - 8.1. **Staff Loyalty.** The Workers left the meeting for the partners to discuss the item privately. Decision to be notified post meeting.
9. **Date of the next meeting.** Monday 13th October, 2025 6pm (via Zoom).