

Greenmoor Big Local (serving Scholemoor and Lidget Green)
Summary of Discussion at Community Board meeting with Sally Rawlings,
Head of Big Local - London.
1.30 to 3.00 pm at Bradford Cnet. - 05/02/13

Present: Javed Khan, Nafeesa Yaqoob, Corine Campbell, David Hurdus, Sally Rawlings, Steve Skinner, Abbas Najib, Clive Whittaker, Muppett, Shabir Ellahi, Abid Zaman, Paul Bilton, Barry Clarke, Peter Tate, Abdul, John Hannon.

Apologies: Marbat Hussain, Karen Hodgson, Mazhar Hussain, A.Bilal Khaly, Shamila Khan, Sara Lee.

Chair: Corine Campbell **Note:** These are not minutes but summary of the discussion/briefing by Sally with all participants.

Part One:

The meeting commenced with introduction of each person present.

1. Sally, explained her role – and role of Big Local – one of new ways of regenerating deprived areas – this is complete new – no one has done similar thing before - Guidance notes and many other information on their website - Big Local will require partnership to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and sign a Code of Conduct - Big Local will endorse the partnership – Ten year will commence from the time your partnership is endorsed – Your terms of reference are very important – Must remember the four outcomes of Big Local – Clarified that £1m is an Investment in your area – set your priorities right– bear in mind what other agencies are doing in your area– avoid duplication – but work in partnership – you can review and change your plan if required and are able to justify – You as a group are an unincorporated partnership and you are not taking over any risk or liability – All liability will be upon the locally trusted organisation as they take the financial accountability – they can challenge if you are considering projects that are not in accordance with your agreed remit or your agreed community plan – Any changes must be communicated back to the residents – put your governing documents in order e.g. code of conduct, confidential policy etc. – If you step outside your own rules then the risk is with you – board can consider taking a decision on an individual not performing in accordance with their rules – You must be comfortable with what risks you are taking – Any whistleblowing can be done to Steve or to Big Local – If an organisation is not in the designated area but on the fringes of the boundary and the project may be contributing largely to the benefit of their residents then they may consider their projects – e.g. schools - but it is a local decision – of the community board - examples of projects from other areas – food bank – scheme for renovating equipment – programme of job opportunities – projects that benefit the residents – supporting the local economy – projects that may help individual residents in the area – credit union – could give grant to credit union to lend out to individual residents or to community groups in their local area – helping businesses – growing food – improving pitches – advise to go to networking events organised by Big Local and share knowledge as to what other people are doing in their areas –

On questions about the spent - the decisions will be made by the community board and will be implemented by the locally trusted organisation – finances will be given out to the locally trusted organisation who would be accountable and responsible and will carry out monitoring and submit quarterly reports – You can choose your locally trusted organisation as soon as you are ready to spend your £1m – be flexible – set out your own criteria for a tendering process - there is a lot of work to be done by the community board – not reflected in the terms of reference – clarify the role of the Board in your T and R - Decisions must be done by your community board rather than your advisers – track record is essential for trusted organisations – everyone is going through a learning process – tell us in your quarterly report what you have learnt – what has been done – communication strategy is also very important – very useful to work in partnership with your statutory agencies especially the Council – examples – Yorkshire Water – In communities – Health – Police – Fire and Rescue Service – Clinical Commissioning Groups – Go through local authority ward plans – Health Plans – Community Safety plans etc. -

2. Sally, concluded by saying that as per the information from Big Local representative Steve Skinner, Greenmoor Big Local has made a very good progress and the setting up of the Community Board is a big step towards taking this partnership further along to meet the Big Local objectives.

The Briefing finished at 3.00 pm

All/Brief notes of (3) Community Board Meeting with Sally Rawling/050213)