**Interim Youth Work Board**

**Tuesday, 26 February 2019: 14:00 – 17:00**

**Venue: – Prince’s Trust’s Offices, Cardiff**

**Agenda**

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| **Item number** | **Item** |
| 1 | Welcome |
| 2 | Minutes and Actions from last meeting |
| 3 | Feedback from Conference |
| 4 | Stakeholder Meeting feedback |
| 5 | Developing the Strategy - Board input |

**Attendees**

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| **Attendees – Members** | |
| **Name** | **Role** |
| Keith Towler (KT) | Interim Youth Work Board Chair |
| Dusty Kennedy (DK) | National Partnership Lead - Early Action Together Programme, Public Health Wales |
| Sharon Lovell (SL) | Executive Director for the National Youth Advocacy Service and Vice Chair, Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services (CWVYS) |
| Eleri Thomas (ET) | Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent |
| **Attendees – Welsh Government (WG)** | |
| Donna Lemin (DL) | Senior Youth Work Strategy Manager |
| Michael Maragakis (MM) | Senior Youth Engagement & Progression Manager |
| **Apologies** | |
| Efa Grufudd Jones (EGJ) | Chief Executive of the National Centre for Learning Welsh |
| Joanne Sims (JS) | Blaenau Gwent Youth Service Manager |
| Simon Stewart (SS) | Dean of Faculty of Social and Life Sciences at Wrexham Glyndwr University |

**Item 1** KT welcomed Board members and officials and noted apologies.

**Item 2** The Board agreed that the record of discussions from the residential meeting in January captured the main areas of discussion and contained a set of guiding principles to inform the drafting of the Strategy.

**Item 3:** The Board considered feedback from the Youth Work Conference held on 20 February 2019 in Venue Cymru, Llandudno. The Board focused on comments raised on the day, and feedback received subsequent to the event in relation to the 5 areas of the emerging strategy which were outlined at the conference. It was agreed that this feedback would be considered as part of further development/refinement of the draft strategy. All questions raised by delegates for the Plenary session would receive a written response from a Board member. The Board were pleased with the level of social media activity during the Conference and welcomed the contribution of delegates to the day. The Board asked that the Marketing Group consider its membership to include communication and marketing experts, and that they begin development of a social media plan as part of the an overarching Communications plan to highlight the value of youth work throughout the year. The Board asked for the Marketing Group to feed this back to the next Board meeting.

**Item 4:** KT provided feedback from stakeholder meetings including: the Welsh Local Government Association; the Education Workforce Council; Education and Training Standards; Council for Wales of Voluntary Youth Services (CWVYS). KT had also attended 3 CWVYS regional meetings which he reported as being beneficial to enable him to meet with smaller voluntary sector organisations. KT had also met with Lynne Neagle AM, Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee and advised the Committee would retain a watching brief on this area of work.

**Item 5**: Ongoing engagement of young people in the development of the strategy was identified as a priority. The Board agreed on need for feedback to young people following Stage 1 of the ‘Let’s Talk’ survey, and development of a second stage. SL agreed to co-ordinate a young person’s subgroup to work alongside the Board. Officials asked to programme a schedule of meetings with stakeholders to engage further with the sector on the draft proposals contained within the strategy. The focus of meetings would be to seek feedback, develop shared refinements to the approach, and secure joint actions against each of the key areas of work to ensure sector ownership of strategy delivery.

The Board agreed the need for a stakeholder group to focus on digital approaches to youth work.