

**JOINT WORKING CEO'S  
BOLSOVER, CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE  
DISTRICT COUNCILS**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2014  
Committee Room 3, Chesterfield Borough Council

Present

Wes Lumley (BDC/NEDDC)

Jane Foley (BDC/NEDDC)

Huw Bowen (CBC)

Mark Evans (CBC)

Karen Peck, Bill Furness, Rachel Driver, Clive Graham (Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Credit Union) – for item 2.

Action

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Angela Grundy and Steve Lee.

2. CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE CREDIT UNION UPDATE

The Credit Union now had in the region of 2,000 members and was run by 3 full time staff and a team of 25 volunteers. It was reported that the Board of Directors had, reluctantly agreed to raise interest rates for 1%. The increase would be put into place following the move to new premises and when all relevant systems had been updated. 11 Schools were now involved in the Junior Savers scheme.

Credit Union Expansion Programme – as a phase 2 member of the government funded scheme, the Credit Union are required to report monthly performance data to Cornerstone who administer the programme. CNEDCU had consistently reached its monthly growth targets in all areas, loans, deposits and members and was currently awaiting payment for this. Payments for growth are reliant on the project meeting its targets and not individual Credit Unions.

Family Loan Scheme – Since the inception of the scheme in October 2012, CNEDCU had supported local families with just under £436,751 in low cost loans.

Discussion took place regarding the requirement to have 3% in reserves by September. Wes queried sustainability and questioned whether the Credit Union was comfortable with the 3 year business plan to offset the grant. Bill said that he was hopeful however queried if CBC would be willing to convert the loan into a grant to contribute to the reserve

position. Huw advised that it had been a resolution of Council that this be on a grant basis.

**AGREED that the update provided be noted.**

3. NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014 AND MATTERS ARISING

Page 3 – Accommodation – discussions were still taking place with DCC.

Careline Consortium – Huw agreed to set up a meeting with DCC.

Ambition Project – Huw to gain feedback.

**AGREED that the Notes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 be approved as a true and correct record.**

4. DECISIONS OF JOINT BOARD HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014

1. Minutes of Previous Meetings
2. North Eastern Derbyshire Strategic Employment Partnership Update
3. BCN Consultancy Update
4. Joint Scrutiny Panel – Extract from Minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2013 relating to BCN

**AGREED that the Decisions of the Joint Board held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be noted.**

5. NOTES OF JOINT BOARD HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014 AND MATTERS ARISING

**AGREED that the Notes of the Joint Board held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014 be received.**

6. JOINT WORKING PROJECTS UPDATE

*Building Control* – County-wide specification being drawn up to procure consultant to investigate options.

*Audit* – County-wide specification ready to go out to procurement framework.

*Procurement* – CBC to advertise next week for internal team, also in discussions with the Royal Hospital.

BDC/NEDDC signed contract with the Royal Hospital.

7. ITEMS FOR JOINT BOARD

Internal Audit  
BCN  
Credit Union  
SCR Issues/LEPS

8. COMMUNICATIONS

Suggest article on Markham Vale.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 – 1000 hours – BDC

The meeting concluded at 1420 hours.