**Yorkshire North and East District: District Leadership Team**

**9.30am Thursday 14th September 2023**

**Present**: Leslie Newton (Chair), Naomi Prince, Andrew Brown, Emma Crippen, Bridget Bennett, Malcolm Lucas, Ruth Gilson-Webb, Ann Fox, Ben Clowes

**Apologies:** Nic Bentley, Julia Branson and Andy Lindley

1. Welcome, apologies and opening devotions

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially those who were attending their first meeting as part of the DLT, before leading the meeting in opening devotions.

1. Minutes of meeting of 13th July 2023 – paper #1

Minutes were approved

1. Matters arising and carried forward items
   1. JDS

The superintendents are being encouraged to share EDI training dates so that there is a broad offering. Alister McClure has also offered 5 dates for the District during the months October-January. These are currently being organised.

* 1. Hull, Selby Street/Church at Margins Developments

There is no update, other than now that Louisa Haynes (Superintendent) and Helen Hickson (Minister) have started in Hull, there will further conversation in a few months.

* 1. District Policy Consultation

Leslie noted that the Superintendents have expressed their agreement with the proposal to dissolve the DPC. It was agreed that careful explanation of the thinking behind the dissolution of the DPC must be included in the letter to current DPC members which will be sent shortly.

1. Noting of decisions made by email since last meeting

No decisions had been made since the last meeting.

1. Chair’s update (please see appendix 1)

* YN&E Bridge Circuit
* Welcome Services
* Stationing
* Digital NPNP
* NPNP Development
* Learning Network
* Assistant Chairs

1. Update on HIH

The DLT received a verbal update on HIH which included an update on the residents, the financial situation and an update on the property

1. Update on Open Doors/PA – verbal
2. Approval of Safeguarding Policy

Jane joined the meeting to talk the DLT through the safeguarding policy before it was signed

1. DSO arrangements – verbal
2. Grant Funding proposals

The meeting received a paper from Adele providing a forecast of expected projects for the next year, and the cost implications.

The DLT approved proposals 1 and 2, on the paper, but proposal 3 needs some more thought and development.

The DLT asks Nic Bentley to pencil proposal 3 into DAF figures so that we are aware of this going forward.

1. Wellbeing Officer update

The grant funding for Tara’s Wellbeing role runs out at the end of the calendar year, and whilst TMCP indicated that there might be another 2 years of funding available, they are yet to confirm this.

To give Tara some sense of security, DLT agreed to underwrite Tara’s role until August 2024.

1. Youth review report

The DLT received the review that it had commissioned. It noted its appreciation to James Ballentyne and Tom Clayton for their work and the helpful recommendations. It is recognised that the Youth Work takes a significant portion of the District Budget and there needs to be a further conversation in the future about how that can be sustained.

1. Other business

Ryedale Circuit – District Resolutions

The DLT voted unanimously on four resolutions as directed by TMCP

* Local Preacher Extension update: Anne Bell

DLT noted the report sent by Diane Robinson.

* District email upgrade – verbal

The DLT were informed that the District are moving onto a new email system over the weekend of the 23rd of September, meaning that there might be some disruption.

All District staff and officers will receive an outlook inbox where all District emails will be received.

1. The meeting closed with prayer

**Next meeting:**

**November 21st**