



Co-production network meeting notes 11th March 2025

Venue

Observatory House - Council Chambers

Attendees

Marcia, Bestina, Sally, Karen, David, Sue, Bernadette, Marjorie, Kevin, Jordan, Gaye, Mike, David, Jane, Shahanaz, Zhora, Shahnaz, Mohamed.

Apologies

Vickie, Beverley, Vicky, Joycelyn, Dolly

Agenda

Item 1 - Slough Borough Council financial updates

David Coleman-Groom provided an update on the SBC finances. Slough borough council held a meeting on 6th March to approve the budget for 2025/26.

Action:

Adult Social care fee charging consultation will close on 31st March. There's been a low response to survey, so CPN members are requested to continue to promote the [Adult Social Care payments – paying for care and support survey](#) in the community and within the network.

Item 2 - Slough coproduction network survey – Themes

The Slough Coproduction Network (CPN) is committed to continuing to review how members work together to ensure positive impact on adult social care services and the residents of Slough.

The following are the themes derived from the survey and projects feedback.

Involvement:

Many respondents highlighted high level of involvement with the CPN and projects, appreciating the opportunities to contribute, and address any power imbalances and noted areas for improvement.

Community Engagement:

Respondents focused on the importance of community engagement and suggested more efforts to raise awareness and promote the co-production within the wider community.

CPN Progress:

The CPN's progress over the past year was acknowledged, with mentions of successful projects and events, newsletters, information resources and training sessions.

Feedback from project involvement:

The feedback from CPN members was seen as valuable and impactful, with examples of how their input has influenced service changes and projects.

Volunteer Training:

Volunteers found the training sessions useful and rewarding, while others felt they have done the training with CVS as part of their role.

Item 3 - CPN Planning for 2025/26

This summary captures the key points from members survey and as discussed in the CPN review also provides actions for the year 25/26.

What's Working Well

- **Increased CPN Membership:** Efforts to grow the membership has resulted in more members being recruited.
- **Formation of Strategy Steering Groups:** Linking these groups with CPN.
- **Improved Communication:** Enhancing communication channels.
- **Stakeholder Interviews for Leadership Roles:** Ensuring transparency in leadership selection.
- **Partnership Working and Power Sharing:** Collaborating effectively and sharing power has improved.
- **Technology Enabled Care (TEC) and Recycling:** Providing free TEC and community equipment recycling services.
- **Coproduction Newsletter:** Publishing newsletters and developing leaflets such as winter blues, dementia, and safeguarding.
- **ASC Staff Training:** Training Adult social services staff about coproduction to improve people's wellbeing.
- **Autism Coffee Morning:** Hosting events to support the autistic community.
- **Volunteer Celebration Event:** Recognizing and celebrating volunteers.

Areas of Improvement

- **Increase Local Knowledge of Coproduction:** Using newsletters, letters, and social media to boost engagement and profile.
- **Steering Group Cohesion:** Enhancing cohesion within the steering group and increase membership.
- **Recruit Diverse Membership:** Widening diversity of the CPN.
- **Promote Coproduction Network:** Sharing good practices, knowledge, and skills with other bodies and local authorities.
- **Training for Council Departments:** Educating other departments about power sharing.
- **Improve Project Brief/Summary:** Enhancing the clarity and detail of project briefs.

Action for 2025/26

- **Co-production Open Day:** Providing information and attending community events with a coproduction banner.
- **Review Meeting Setup and Location:** Ensuring disabled access and parking.
- **Review Meeting Times:** Supporting working members by considering morning or evening meetings.
- **Collaborate with Community Groups:** Working closely with groups like parks and recreation, foodbanks, and anti-litter societies.
- **First Aid Training:** Offering first aid training sessions.

Item 4 - AOB

World Social Work day

An event was held at the council chambers to mark the world social work day on 18th March Co-production network members attended whilst two members were involved in interview with social workers. You can watch the interview on the links below.

[World Social Work day - Yahya & Gaye](#)

[World Social work day - Geeta & Karen](#)

CPN training resource for ASC staff

[ASC coproduction training](#)

Spring newsletter

Thank you to all who contributed to the coproduction spring newsletter. You can [find the Slough co-production network newsletter on our website.](#)

Next meeting: 8th April 25 on Teams.