

25TH JUNE 2013**REPORT OF THE EAST VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR (VCS) AREA NETWORK****VCS Area Network Progress Report****1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The report provides an update on the work the Area Network has delivered since the last meeting in April 2013, to assist Area Committee deliver action against the Area Committee's work plan.

2. Key Areas of Influence/Achievements

- 2.1 Outlined below is a summary of the key areas of influence / achievements of the East Sunderland VCS Area Network.

Action Taken	Outcome
Forward Plan for VCS Area Network	
The Co-Chairs and representatives of the Network discussed the new proposed work plan handed over by Area Committee in April.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to consider the Forward Plan from both Place and People Area Boards and create a Forward Plan for the Area Network, to contribute towards co-ordinating the sector's support in delivering the Area Priorities for 2013/14. • The Forward Plan will be based on a six month period to complement the Area Boards plans and circulated to the membership of the Network for information and guidance.
Co-ordinating the VCS Area Network	
Co-ordinate the Network to deliver Area Committee priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pro-forma has been circulated around the Network membership, requesting organisations to express an interest towards supporting the delivery of specific area priorities or existing SIB funded projects. • The deadline for returns was the 21st June 2013. • Organisations who have expressed an interest in supporting the Area Committee deliver actions will be grouped and will receive information on specific

	priorities/projects, and where necessary can form working groups of the Network to support the Area Boards in their work plans.
Your Sector, Your Say	
Review of Area Networks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Network representatives hosted a workshop on the 20th June 2013. • The workshop provided an opportunity for all VCS organisations who are based, or deliver services in the East Sunderland area to meet and discuss: i) how they would develop relationships with the council, ii) identify opportunities to work better together and, iii) develop the ability of the Network to engage in the shaping, delivery and review of services in the locality, to offer the best possible public services to local communities. • An update will be provided at Area Committee.

3. Recommendation

3.1 Committee are requested to:-

- (a) Note the report presented by East VCS Area Network.

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