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REPORT OF WEST AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network.

2. Background

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across the City, Area Networks have been established and delegates represent each Area Network at Area Committee, taking forward issues on behalf of the whole VCS in the area, reporting on area priority delivery by the VCS, and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.
- 2.2 West Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

3. West Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network (AVCSN) Progress Report

- 3.1 The West AVCSN has met twice since the last Area Committee in June 2015. The West VCSN continue to deliver activities and services which support the Area Committee priorities of Health and Wellbeing, Improving Job Prospects, Increasing skills and personal aspirations, Activities for Young People, Heritage and Environment, Greenspaces and Shopping Centres
- 3.2 In the September meeting, the VCSN received information on the Environmental Health with a particular focus on Food Hygiene standards and Tattooists. The VCS were keen to support local traders would check the hygiene standards before ordering supplies and services where possible.
- 3.3 The VCS members were invited along to a Live Life Well Development Workshop in August and also welcomed to the agenda at the September's meeting. The presentation explained the service and the key aspects which included receiving information on how community groups could link in with the Live Life Well Service
- 3.4 The network also received information on a 1 year pilot Community Mental Health Learning project, the presentation was well received and new links were made with groups and opportunities available to the West Area community.
- 3.5 Barclays presented to the network the opportunities available including a coding workshop for young people, tea and teach, life skills and many more opportunities that the VCS could access. The West VCS network was very keen on how they can link with Barclays for future delivery and opportunities for west residents.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested
- To note the contents of the report

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