

7<sup>th</sup> December 2015

## REPORT OF NORTH AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the North 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 North Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

### 3. North Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN) Progress Report

- VCS Network will continue to work on developing and supporting the VCS re collaboration, communications, intelligence and mapping.
- VCS Reps are to give both oral and written updates to the Area Committee, as requested.
- The North VCSN has met once since the last Area Committee in October 2015.
- Following the agreed Terms of Reference for the Network the longest serving VCS Network representative stepped down on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2015 and a nomination process was carried out to appoint a new representative. As no nominations were received a second nomination process has been carried out with a deadline of 20<sup>th</sup> November and a selection process to be held at the Network meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December.
- Network request for the VCS to be involved in engagement/networking opportunities in relation to the Seafront regeneration and would wish the Area Committee to consider how to maximise this opportunity
- The Network has received presentations and information which have included:
  - Details of Activities and Events in the North
  - Details of NEPO Funding Opportunities
  - Tesco Community Funding Opportunity
  - HLF Roker Pier Project
  - Opportunity to be involved in the City Council Budget Consultation

### 4. Recommendations

- 4.1 Members are requested
- To note the contents of the report and consider the opportunities and issues raised by the North VCSN

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