

15 DECEMBER 2014

REPORT OF THE EAST VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR (VCS) AREA NETWORK

VCS PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the East Area Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network.

2. Background

- 2.1 To develop the capacity and influence of the 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 East Area VCS Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

3. East Area VCS Network Progress Report

- 3.1 The East Area VCS Network has met twice since the last Area Committee in October 2014.
- VCS Area Network received presentations on:-
 - Essence Services delivered by Age UK Sunderland and Sunderland Carers Centre in Doxford, which supports individuals and carers of people who have been diagnosed with mild and moderate dementia.
 - Age Friendly City Centre report produced by Sunderland's 50+ Forum.
 - East Sunderland CCG provided an update on integrated team update.
 - Sunderland Partnership provided an overview of the Equality Code of Practice for Sunderland COMPACT.
 - Scrutiny and Area Arrangements updated the Network on the Area Committee's Work Plan Priorities, SIB allocations and available East area funds.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are requested:-
(a) To note the contents of the report presented by the East Area VCS Network.

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