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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

The West AVCSN has met once since the last Area Committee in March 2015.

- 3.1 The West VCSN continue to deliver activities and services which support the Area Committee priorities of Streetscene and Environmental improvements, Activities for Young People, Health and Wellbeing, Job Prospects, Skills & Training and Activities for older persons to reduce social isolation.
- 3.2 In April, the VCSN received information on the West Area Heritage Walks. The network gave feedback on possible new routes and discussed further opportunities within the community for promoting the walks.
- 3.3 Following the Terms of reference the longest standing VCS Network Representative stood down and the network elected a new representative. The West Area VCS Network would like to thank Anita for all of her help and support she has offered throughout her time as West Area Network Rep. The network successfully appointed a new rep to join Bill and Edna. The network is pleased to welcome on board Joanne Laverick.
- 3.4 At the April meeting the network was presented with the proposals for the 2015-2016 priorities for the West Committee, the network made numerous suggestions all of which have been fed into the 2015-2016 West Area Committee work plans.
- 3.6 The network worked together with the West Area Committee and Partners to deliver a successful Heritage Event in Barnes Park and will be feeding back the legacy to continue to develop heritage projects and groups at a future meeting.

4. Recommendations

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

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