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REPORT OF WASHINGTON AREA COMMUNITY VOLUNTARY SECTOR NETWORK

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report provides an update with regard to the Washington Area Community and Voluntary 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 and reporting back, providing a two-way flow of communication.
- 2.2 Washington Area Network delegates will present a report to each Area Committee meeting informing Members of activity, progress, issues and concerns of the sector.

3. Washington Area Community and Voluntary Sector Network (ACVSN) Progress Report

- The Washington Network will continue to work on developing and supporting the VCS re collaboration, communications, intelligence and mapping.
- The Network has met twice since the last Area Committee
- The Network has focused on ensuring relevant voluntary sector organisations contribute to the discussions and planning with regards to designing and developing appropriate Employability Support Services. John Rostron is attending the People Board Working Group to ensure VCS concerns and proposals are considered as an approach to support local residents is determined
- The Washington Trust Volunteer and Community Support Worker is actively meeting and supporting local groups. An update report is included in the People Board Progress Report.
- The Network is also intending to present an 'Annual Review' to the Area Committee to highlight successful projects and activity which have contributed to delivering the Area Committee's priorities. The Area Reps will have a key role in collecting and collating information and case studies from members of the Network and presenting the report to Area Committee as part of the annual reporting processes.
- The Area Network Reps have also produced a leaflet to promote the Network and the roles of the Reps. It is intended to target those grassroots organisations who might not be aware of the support available and what the Network does. Copy of the leaflet is attached as Annex 1

4. Recommendations

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

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