

5th October 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 twice since the last Area Committee in June 2015.
- Following the agreed Terms of Reference for the Network the longest serving VCS Network representative stepped down on the 31st of March 2015 and a nomination process was carried out to appoint a new representative. To date no new nominations have been received therefore the nomination process will be carried out again
- The Network has received presentations and information which have included:
 - Details of Activities and Events in the North
 - Details of NEPO Funding Opportunities
 - Community Energy Partnership Opportunity
 - Live Life Well Service
 - Community Mental Health Learning Project

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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