

25th June 2024

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.

2.3 The North VCS Network is made up of over 100 local groups and strategic local/national/regional partners. The network meets on a regular basis to share good practice, support one another and receive regular updates and information sharing.

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

3.1 The North VCS Network met in May 2024 at Marley Park Community Fire Station

3.2 The meeting included the following agenda items:

- Stronger Shores
- Round Table Information Share opportunity

3.3 The Network received the North Area Committee Call for Projects for Youth Activities and applications have been submitted and are currently being assessed with decisions to be made at the June Area Committee

3.4 The Network representatives regularly consult with the Network to ensure that the agenda items reflect their requirements.

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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