

## **NORTH AREA COMMITTEE**

26<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### **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 March 2025 & May 2025 at Marley Park Community Fire Station

3.2 The meetings included the following agenda items:

- Community & Corporate volunteering opportunities
- Carer Awareness
- Loan Shark Awareness
- Information on the Sunderland App

3.3 The Network received the North Area Committee Call for Projects for the Castle & Redhill Rangers project and a decision will be made 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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