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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 appointed a third Area Committee Area Network Representative at the April 2015 meeting. The new representative is Bryan Beverly. Bryan is the Community Volunteer Development Officer with the Washington Trust.
- The Network is working to produce its own Washington Area Network work plan. At the April meeting it was agreed to develop proposals to commence drafting the Network's work plan for 2015/16. This will consider the Area Committee priorities for the coming year and will look to encourage partnership working and collaboration. This will be an agenda item at the next Network meeting, anticipated June 2015.

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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