

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 three times since the last Area Committee in June 2017.
- The Network has provided information of services/activities delivered in the North, partnership opportunities, identified needs and gaps in order to inform the work of the People Board in developing the Raising Aspirations and Positive Outcomes Project and supports in the continued delivery of this project.
- The Network has received presentations and information which have included:
 - Details of Activities and Events in the North
 - Details of NEPO Funding Opportunities
 - Details of Grantfinder Funding Opportunities
 - Provided with the opportunity to be involved in Southwick Illuminations Project
 - Received presentations from Moving on Tyne & Wear Employability Project
 - Promoted the SIB funded school holiday activities and supported the delivery
 - Tall Ships Updates on the Trainee and Volunteering Opportunities
 - Grace House Project Update
 - More Than Grandparents Kinship Project Update
 - UK City of Culture Bid Update
 - Invited to the CLLD Launch and held a CLLD Workshop to discuss how to work together to maximise the opportunities for the North.
 - Place Management Enforcement Update
 - Hylton Castle Project Update
 - Young Carers Awareness Raising

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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