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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 is working to produce its own Washington Area Network work plan.
- The Network held an Extra-ordinary meeting November 25th. It was to host the Annual Budget Consultation with the voluntary and community sector. 4 organisations were represented with a total of 8 attending where a number of issues were discussed and the sector identified their spending priorities in the context of the Council's anticipated budget cuts for the 2016/17.

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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