

**WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE**  
**21<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

**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 Network**

- 3.1 In Washington the VCS is made up of a wide range of organisations ranging from independent local branches of national charities through to small, totally voluntary, community groups. Collectively these organisations provide Washington residents with a wide range of local services, activities and opportunities and have a significant role within community life here.
- 3.2 At the last meeting the Area Committee agreed on going support for the Washington VCS Network and recognised the priorities and challenges facing the sector as presented in the 2017/18 Area Network Annual Report.
- 3.3 The Network has commenced discussions with regards to agreeing its own work plan to address those priorities and challenges for the forthcoming year. Attached as **Annex 1** is the proposed 2018/19 Work Plan which includes detail of progress and proposals as discussed at the Network meeting in May. The Network will report progress and issues regularly via People Board and Area Committee.

**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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