

NORTH AREA VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR NETWORK

Notes of meeting held on: Thursday 24th May 2018 at Marley Park Fire Station, Southwick

Present:

Vivienne Metcalfe – SCC
 Audrey Thompson - Healthwatch
 Paul Marshall – Northumbria Police
 Elaine Harbron – SCC
 Lindsay Williams – NE Sports
 Ann Donkin – Gentoo
 Chris Ranson – Sunderland Carers Centre
 Richard Beck – Fulwell Community Library
 Leigh Ashley Scott – Washington Mind
 Charlotte Hunter - Springboard
 Sophie Hearn – Hylton Castle Project
 Cllr R. Davison - SCC

Cllr D. Wilson – SCC
 Yusuf Meah – SCC
 Cllr S. Foster - SCC
 Victoria Brown–Grace House
 Peter Curtis – NE Sports
 Nicola Wilson–Sunderland Carers Centre
 Emily Tull - SGPA
 Julie Judson – Salvation Army
 Val Armstrong – Sunderland Mind
 Pearl Saddington-Hylton Castle Project
 Lesley Barefoot – HOPS

Apologies:

Taryn Al Mashgari – Environment Agency
 Darren Pike – LAF Team
 Richy Duggan – SCAG
 Graham Wharton – Salvation Army

Ruth Oxley - SNYP
 Carole Davies - SNCBC
 Cllr M. Beck - SCC

1.	<p>Attendees, Apologies, Introductions Introductions took place and apologies registered.</p>
2.	<p>Notes of the Previous Meeting (12.04.18) and Matters Arising Notes agreed as a true record</p>
3.	<p>Additional Agenda Item – Stop Smoking Service – Contract Opportunity Yusuf advised on the current contract opportunity for groups to access who can reach those with the following characteristics: age, gender, ethnicity, occupational groups, socioeconomic status, geographic location, sexual orientation, risk of homelessness, mental health difficulties, learning and physical disabilities and people in contact with criminal justice services.</p> <p>Training will also be provided for VCS organisations who wish to deliver the service, all equipment will be provided and there are no set up costs.</p> <p>Copy of briefing circulated prior to the meeting and with the minutes.</p> <p>1-1 support can be provided for groups to access the opportunity via NEPO – contact yusuf.meah@sunderland.gov.uk</p>
4.	<p>Area Boards Update</p> <p>Since the last network in April the following meetings have taken place :</p> <p>People Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIB project updates from the Community Hub Projects of St. Peters partnership Community Hub at Dame Dorothy (redevelopment of former Caretakers House) and

	<p>Fulwell Community Library</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considered the SIB applications and proposals for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CLLD Match ○ Community Hubs at Redhouse CA and Southwick CA ○ Summer Holiday Activities 2018 in the North including Beach Camp through the Raising Aspirations Project Leads <p>Joint Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the potential priorities for 2018 – 2019 which are to be presented to the Area Committee on 7th June for approval and inclusion in the workplan going forward. Members have picked up the key points from the VCS Network feedback including continuation of support to the Area Network, identifying autism support in the North, identifying support for mental health and wellbeing, ICT provision and access to this provision in the North linked to universal credit. <p>Vivienne also advised a key priority going forward for Area Committee is the recognition of funding provided via community chest and Strategic Initiative Budget (SIB), it has been noted on many occasions that press releases and social media posts are not including acknowledgement of funding received despite this being a condition of the grant and organisations need to be aware of this and ensure recognition is shared as widely as possible.</p>
5.	<p>North VCS Network Representative Vacancy</p> <p>Vivienne advised the network that there is currently a vacancy for a VCS Network. The form and role description will be circulated and all welcome to look at the opportunity and apply. Essentially it is an opportunity for someone to join Ruth and Graham in order to represent the sector and attend Area Committees, encouraging the VCS to raise issues and share key messages to provide the information flow between Area Committee and the Network.</p> <p>If anyone has any queries please contact Vivienne – vivienne.metcalf@sunderland.gov.uk 0191 5614577</p>
6.	<p>Information Share</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunderland Mind Mentoring and Befriending Service – Funding in place for one more year, project is looking for volunteers and also referrals. Establishing groups across the City which can support people. In the North there is a group at Turnbull House in Southwick on a Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00 doing art. Working well with local residents in the North. Discussion was held on all different opportunities people could get involved in to help their mental health and wellbeing including walking, fishing, environment projects, Val advised keen to look at all ideas and hear of local projects which are accessible in addition there is a fishing group that people can get involved in. Referrals can be self, CPN, GP, website with further information - https://www.sunderlandmind.co.uk/ For further information contact Val - val@sunderlandmind.co.uk • HOPs – 10 year celebration to be held June 20th 11.00am – 2.00pm all welcome – taster treatments refreshments, poster circulated, opportunities for craft stalls please contact Lesley – info@healing-sunderland.org.uk • Washington Mind – Mental Health First Aid Courses are available, in addition please check your current information that is included on the Wellbeing.info.org website is up to date or if you want your information included, this site has had 50,000 unique visitors in the last year - http://wellbeinginfo.org/ Also please help promote Reasons2 App information included on website http://www.washingtonmind.org.uk/ • Audrey advised Healthwatch have now moved to HopeXchange. Care Home reports are

	<p>currently going on the website - http://www.healthwatchesunderland.com/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Davison provided information on the currently consultation on walk in/urgent care centres in Sunderland, which impacts on Bunnyhill Centre in the North. - Have your say on the proposed changes to NHS Urgent Care Services in Sunderland. The closing date for comments in Sunday 12th August – follow the link below http://www.sunderlandccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/urgent-care-services/ • Carers Centre Summer Fayre to be held 16th June – all welcome • Friends of Fulwell – Family Camp Out Event to be held 16th June, 20 tents registered to date, will have old fashioned games and family activities if interested please contact Peter Curtis - peter@northeastport.co.uk • Fulwell Community Library – Installing additional shelving 17,500 capacity for books.
7.	<p>Date, Time, Venue of 2018 meetings – Marley Park Fire Station unless otherwise informed:</p> <p>All at 1.00pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th July 2018 • 27th September 2018 • 8th November 2018