

Progress Update – Voluntary and Community Sector

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3	That an appropriate, willing core funded organisation be identified to have responsibility for provision of a 'volunteering bureau'	SRCGA	August 08 December 08 April 09	A new approach has been devised under the brand name "Viva Volunteers". A modest investment from the Community Development Team has supported the Professional Services Group to develop this initiative. Additional funding to roll the developing programme out is being secured including a contribution of 10k from the Regional Improvement & Efficiency Partnership.	2 - On Track	Viva Volunteers has been launched and is actively operating	1 - fully achieved
4	That the Corporate Directors of DNS and CESC should take forward a response to the Audit Report on Youth and Community Centres, including reference to the status of Ragworth Neighbourhood Centre and that a report should be prepared for CMT and reported back through the scrutiny monitoring process within six months	Joint Working Group	01/01/2009 Review scheduled to complete Dec 09	The EIT review of facilities management began to consider how the Council manages its buildings. Phase 2 will consider this in more detail and Council owned community centres will be part of this phase. In addition, the EIT (Year 2) building asset review will consider whether the best use is made of all Council assets. The CYP Youth Service review will feed into this. A number of the audit recommendations also referred to governance matters, particularly the Council having a consistent approach across CESC and DNS. An officer group is progressing this.	3 - slipped (Revised completion date for report back to Select Cttee?)	An action plan is being developed to implement the recommendations of the facilities management review and a scoping exercise has commenced in preparation for the EIT review of assets'	2 – On Track
6	That the Council should continue to review and resolve governance issues including:	Team Leader- Democratic & Member Services	Apr-09	Further training for Councillors regarding their role on VCS Boards will be devised and delivered.	2 - On Track	Guidance is now given to members of Renaissance and various sub-groups in advance of meetings in relation to declaration of interests.	2 – on track

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to ensure that Members receive appropriate support to fulfil their roles on VCS bodies, including a review of guidance currently issued, and to consider how information regarding the activities of VCS organisations appointed to by this Council may be best brought to the attention of Members; 					<p>Following their appointment to outside body organisations for 10/11, Members will once again be advised of contact details of each organisation they have been appointed; and informed of whether their role is as an executive of; or adviser to, the organisation concerned. Members have also been signposted to the existing guidance available to support them on outside bodies; and in particular to the Checklist to be considered by Councillors before commencing their role with the organisation, and FAQ's re this role. New guidance has also been prepared by the Council's Community Development Team (in consultation with the Council's Risk Management Section) regards insurance arrangements for voluntary sector organisations; and this has been sent out to all relevant outside body organisations with details of the Councillors appointed to them for this year; and a reminder of what information they should provide to members (checklist) upon commencing their duties. Regarding information about the activities of outside body organisations, information is now provided on the Council's website and Intranet of all outside & joint body organisations appointed to</p>	

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						<p>by the Council; which includes contact details for each and, where authorised, web links to the organisations themselves containing the latest information/minutes of their activity.</p> <p>10 Council Core Funded organisations received help and support during 2009/10 alongside 13 Community Centres to resolve problems, improve governance standards and to help those organisations be fit for purpose and sustainable. This work is towards creating the conditions throughout Stockton for a vibrant third sector.</p> <p>A Task & Finish Scrutiny Review of appointments to Outside Bodies, including an examination of how activities are brought to greater attention, is due to commence later this month.</p>	
13	That the council examine the issues in relation to funding and relationships (outlined in page 29 - 30) as part of future work in relation to the core funded organisations	Head of Performance and Partnerships	ongoing	A report concerning the Voluntary Sector Support Fund is on the agenda for Cabinet on November 26th.	2- On Track	Voluntary Sector Core Funding Review for 2010-11 completed and agreed by Council and Stockton Renaissance . Work is under to appoint an independent organisation to look at a draft third sector investment model.	1 - fully achieved