

Progress Update – Scrutiny Review of Voluntary & Community Sector

No	Recommendation	Responsibility	Anticipated Completion Date/ Completion Date	Evidence of Progress 20/04/10	Assessment of Progress (Categories 1- 4) 20/04/10	Evidence of Progress 20/07/10	Assessment of Progress (Categories 1- 4) 20/07/10
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	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	The EIT Review of asset will incorporate Community Centre facilities and will report to Cabinet later in 2010/11	2 – On Track
6	That the Council should continue to review and resolve governance issues including: <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; 	Team Leader- Democratic & Member Services	Apr-09 Review scheduled to complete October 10	Guidance is now given to members of Renaissance and various sub-groups in advance of meetings in relation to declaration of interests. 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	2 – on track	T&F due to start week commencing 28 June 2010 – previous update stands.	2 – On Track

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			<p>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 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</p>		
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			<p>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 next month.</p>			
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