



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (City & Regional Partnerships)

Date: 26th February 2009

Subject: Inquiry into the Role of the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) in Council Led Community Engagement

<p>Electoral Wards Affected: All</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <input style="width: 30px; height: 15px; margin-right: 10px;" type="checkbox"/> <p>Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p> </div>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Equality and Diversity</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;"><input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Community Cohesion</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;"><input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Narrowing the Gap</td> <td style="text-align: right; padding: 5px;"><input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </table>	Equality and Diversity	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>	Community Cohesion	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>	Narrowing the Gap	<input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/>
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Board (City & Regional Partnerships)) has now completed its inquiry into the Role of the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) in Council Led Community Engagement.
- 1.2 The Board is now in a position to report on its findings and its conclusions and recommendations resulting from the evidence gathered.
- 1.2 A copy of the draft final report has been circulated to all Members of the Board for comments prior to this meeting and is now attached for consideration at today's meeting, along with a summary of the evidence considered during the inquiry.

2.0 Consultation

- 2.1 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 16.3 states that "where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director prior to finalising its recommendations. The Director shall consult with the appropriate Executive Member before providing any such advice. The detail of that advice shall be attached to the report".
- 2.2 In this case the specific recommendations involve the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods and he has been invited to consult with his Executive Board Member and provide any advice that they would wish to provide at this stage, before the Board Members, finalise their report.

2.3 There have been no comments submitted by the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods and or the Executive Board Member at the time this report was released but any which are received will be circulated to all members of the Board on receipt.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 The Board is requested to:-

- (i) Agree the Board's final report and recommendations having regard to any comments received from Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods and or the appropriate Executive Board Member.
- (ii) Request that the Director formally respond to the Scrutiny Board's recommendations within 2 months of receipt of the Board's report.

Background Papers

None Used