

Report to the York Health and Wellbeing Board on the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Strategy

Background

This is a three year strategy to maintain a thriving voluntary, community and social enterprise sector in York. York CVS has been working with voluntary and community sector representatives and officers from City of York Council to prepare this draft strategy.

The aim of the strategy is;

- to demonstrate how we can work together to maximise the impact of the voluntary sector and partners
- to outline the role of the voluntary sector as a strategic partner, service deliverer and key player in ensuring the voice of community representation is heard.

The strategy will sit alongside the Compact, which sets out principles for working together. The national Compact has been used as a guide to refresh the York Compact.

The strategy will include some practical actions that can be undertaken to achieve its goals.

Outcomes

The strategy has five Outcomes;

1. People getting involved
2. Policy development
3. Infrastructure and support for the sector
4. Commissioning
5. Mapping and use of assets

It will complement existing key documents including

- WOW City Action Plan 2011-2015
- Council Plan 2011-2015
- Fairness Commission Report 2012
- Health & Wellbeing Strategy
- York Compact
- City Economic Strategy

Next steps

- Agree final wording; comments to angela.portz@yorkcvs.org.uk by Friday 22nd March.
- Sign off the strategy via CYC processes and the Voluntary Sector Strategic Forum.
- Agree accountability measures and processes for actions.

Action required by Health and Wellbeing Board

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to support this draft document in principle.

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are invited to discuss how their individual organisations could

1. Support actions contained in the strategy
2. Sign up to the York Compact

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Annex 1- Three Year Strategy for a Thriving Voluntary and Community Sector in the City of York.

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