

VOLUNTARY SECTOR COMPACT ACTION PLAN

Communication, Consultation and Participation			
Action	By whom	By when	Comments
Presentation on voluntary sector issues to be made to the VSJLC to assist new members and to update existing members	RC	Ongoing	Reports taken to April, July & September meetings of VSJLC.
Regular articles on the work of the voluntary sector and the VSJLC in Vista and Health and LA publications	RC/BN/HM /UHB	Ongoing	<p>The Council continues to develop its electronic newsletter and social networking sites, and information can be published there. Due to staffing reductions in the Council’s Communications Team, articles must be submitted by the voluntary sector.</p> <p>The council also produces a quarterly Community Development newsletter (on-line only) and articles from the voluntary sector can also be published there.</p> <p>Articles on the work of the voluntary sector can be published in the UHB’s new quarterly magazine “Vital Signs”; contact is Estelle Hitchon.</p> <p>The Older Peoples Strategy Forum, publish and distribute the current information magazine the Herald, and continue to regularly update, develop, and upgrade the Vale OPSF website.</p> <p>The Herald Magazine contains articles on a range of health, social care and wellbeing issues, along with items of interest to over 50’s. Two copies are produced each year and each edition</p>

			<p>is filed in Library of Wales. The Herald will not be posted in the future but left at distribution points.</p> <p>The OPSF website on www.valeopf.org.uk receives approximately 400 hits daily. The site contains information on an eclectic range of issues, events and campaigns and provides links to statutory, voluntary pages and sites of interest.</p>
Report from Integrated Services Board on joint planning of social care.	UHB/PE	Ongoing	<p>A Summit meeting was held on 5th July 2012 with subsequent agreement of a set of high level principles to move towards further integration for health and social care.</p> <p>Consideration is being given to commissioning an analysis of best practice in the UK within the Cardiff and Vale context and accessing funding. The IHSCP will continue for the next six months whilst this work is undertaken.</p>
Structure and reporting lines for subgroups to be confirmed for the two Health, Social Care and Wellbeing work streams (integrating services and public health).	Coordinator facilitator	September 2012	

Partnership			
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Ensure Council's Corporate and Improvement Plans are reported at suitable intervals.	HM/BN	Ongoing	<p>Draft documents presented to VSJLC where timing of meetings allow.</p> <p>Draft Improvement Plan 2011/12 reported July 2011. Final plan reported 5 October 2011.</p> <p>Improvement Plan reported to October 2012 meeting</p>

Establish a timetable for key partnerships to report to the Committee on their work and working arrangements.	CL/Partnerships Manager	Ongoing	Updated report on Health Social Care & Wellbeing partnership presented to VSJLC 13 April 2011.
Report on Castleland Renewal Area	AB	Ongoing	<p>The Castleland Renewal Area was declared in April 2010 and the first year planned actions included the purchase and setting up of a Renewal Area Office, distribution of leaflets to all residents advising them of the new area and a review of housing assistance that can be made available to residents in the new Renewal Area.</p> <p>Recently an area of green space off Coronation Street is to be landscaped following a successful application to the Welsh Government for funding under their "Tranquil, Greener and Cleaner Places grant scheme 2012/13. The project is due to start in Nov. 2012.</p> <p>An assessment of the energy efficiency of the housing stock in the Renewal Area has been carried out. A survey of 327 properties across all house types has been completed and the information collated will be used to establish householder's entitlement to any carbon grants currently available and financial support that will soon be available under the Government's Green Deal.</p> <p>An area of the Renewal Area covering 203 homes has received provisional approval from the Welsh Government for funding under their ARBED programme. The programme is designed to improve the energy efficiency of homes through boiler replacement, use of external wall insulation, solar panels etc. The properties are now being surveyed in order to submit a detailed proposal to the Welsh Government.</p>

			A consultation exercise has also been carried out on the regeneration of Upper Holton Road.
Report on partnership coordination	HI	Ongoing	Posts involved in partnership coordination have been transferred from various Directorates into a new central Corporate Partnership Team in the Chief Executive's Department. The team was formally set up from 1 October and is situated at Barry Fire Station. Report presented to VSJLC April 2011.
UHB Strategic Framework for Working with the Third Sector to be promulgated across all sectors	UHB	July 2012	Framework has been developed in partnership with both Local Authorities and Third Sector. The four strategic themes to be delivered via four existing UHB groups/mechanisms driving forward the UHB agenda
Partnerships to produce six-monthly newsletter to be circulated and reported to VSJLC.	MD	Ongoing	
Report on the new WG Communities First arrangements and their implications for the Voluntary Sector locally.	BG /	Ongoing	
Progress sharing training courses and programmes across the partner organisations	Health / AW / Police	Ongoing	

Funding and Resources			
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Ensure that all appropriate Tender exercises are advertised in Vista	RC	Ongoing	To date we have not received any notifications of tender exercises from partners.
Report on additional funds brought into the Vale by Voluntary Sector	RC	Ongoing	Report to February 2012 VSJLC
Report on progress of three year funding arrangements for Voluntary Sector	CL/HB	Ongoing	VoG Social Services, all SLA's are currently being reviewed and the monitoring arrangements

			<p>are being improved. Once this is complete the length of those agreements will be reviewed although confirmed funding for a three year period is problematic as the Directorate budget is set on an annual basis.</p> <p>UHB Third Sector SLA Review in progress; process to be fully completed by Oct 2012 with the view to align tenure of contracts, where possible, with the UHB 5-yr Strategic Framework and Operational Plans.</p>
Progress joint commissioning development work across LA and UHB, to move to collaborative agreements/single commissioning with Third Sector	PE/UHB	Ongoing	This is an action identified in the UHB Strategic Framework which was developed in partnership with both Local Authorities and Third Sector Initial work has commenced with a group established across both local authorities and the UHB.

Volunteering			
Action	By whom	By when	
Inform VSJLC of progress in involving young people in volunteering.	AS	Ongoing	Presentation delivered July 2010
Inform VSJLC of progress in involving older people in volunteering.	AS	Ongoing	Reported to VSJLC October 2011
Demonstrate that volunteering experiences are worthwhile and promote good practice in volunteering.	AS	Ongoing	Presentation delivered October 2010
Implementation of the UHB Volunteering Framework and Strategy	UHB	ongoing	Volunteering is one of the four strategic themes within the UHB Strategic Framework for Working with the Third Sector. Delivery being lead by the Developing Volunteering within the UHB Group

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