

**Agenda Item No:****Report No:**

**Report Title:** Strengthening our Relationship with the Voluntary and Community Sector

**Report To:** Cabinet **Date:** 24 April 2014

**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Rob Blackman

**Ward(s) Affected:** All wards

**Report By:** Scrutiny Panel

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**Purpose of Report:**

To consider the Scrutiny Panel's Report on Strengthening our Relationship with the Voluntary and Community Sector.

**Panel Recommendations:**

- 1 That Cabinet considers the list of recommendations on page 4 of the main report document (Appendix A);

**Officer Recommendation:**

- 1 That Cabinet thanks the Scrutiny Panel for their report on Strengthening our Relationship with the Voluntary and Community Sector.
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**Reasons for Recommendations**

- 1 To enable the District Council to consider whether any changes to its existing policies are necessary in order to strengthen the Council's relationship with the voluntary and community sector.

**Information**

- 1.1 A suggestion was brought to Scrutiny Committee to suggest examining how the Council worked with the voluntary and community sector.
- 1.2 A Scoping report was brought to Scrutiny Committee and a Panel of three councillors was appointed to explore the issue in more detail.

- 1.3 The main background, methodology and findings of the Review can be found in the main report document, as appended to this Report.
- 1.4 Cabinet is asked to consider the Panel recommendations and decide what action they would like to take in order to carry forward.
- 1.5 A progress report would then be made to Cabinet and Scrutiny Committee after six months.

### **Financial Appraisal**

- 2 Dependent on the level of work agreed by Cabinet, most of the costs are officer time.

### **Legal Implications**

- 3 The Legal Services Department has nothing to add.

### **Sustainability Implications**

- 4 I have completed the Sustainability Implications Questionnaire and there are no significant effects as a result of these recommendations.

### **Risk Management Implications**

- 5 No risk assessment is required.

### **Equality Screening**

- 6 These proposals were screened for equalities implications on 6 March 2014. It was deemed that a full equalities analysis was not required as the proposals have only positive impacts on equality.

### **Background Papers**

None

### **Appendices**

- 7 Appendix A: Main Panel Report