



Overview & Scrutiny Committee 8th December 2009

Report from the Director of Policy & Regeneration

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

Update on the Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy 2010 – 2015

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the scope of the Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy at its meeting in June 2009. At that meeting members asked for an update on the development of the strategy and information on the council's relationship with the voluntary sector to be presented to them in December 2009. A briefing note has been provided by officers from Housing and Community Care and this is included as an appendix to this covering report.
- 1.2 When the committee considered this issue previously, it was agreed to invite representatives from the voluntary sector to attend the committee to discuss their relationship with the council and to explore what they would be looking for from the Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy. At the time of writing, Jacqueline Carr from Brent Citizens Advice Bureau and Keith Lunn from the Oxford Kilburn Youth Trust have said they will be able to attend for this item.
- 1.3 The committee should use the time at the meeting to consider the update on the strategy and decide how they want to be involved as this work progresses. The attendees from the voluntary and community sector will provide an insight into working with Brent from a community organisation perspective, which will be useful for the committee when this issue is considered.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee should consider the update provided on the Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy and question officers on progress to date. Members should also take the opportunity to speak to the representatives from the voluntary and community sector on their working relationship with the council and what they will be looking for from the Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy.

2.2 The Committee should decide how it wishes to monitor the development of the strategy in the future and how often it would like updates from officers in Housing and Community Care.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 None

4.0 Legal Implications

4.1 None

5.0 Diversity Implications

5.1 None

6.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)

6.1 None

Background Papers

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