

PART A

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting: 20 June 2012
Report of: Committee and Scrutiny Officer
Title: Voluntary and Community Sector Commissioning Framework Task Group

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the latest update on the Voluntary and Community Sector Commissioning Framework Task Group.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 that Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the latest update for the Voluntary and Community Sector Commissioning Framework Task Group.

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3.0 DETAILED PROPOSAL

- 3.1 At the last meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 7 March 2012, Members agreed to the establishment of a Task Group to review the draft Voluntary and Community Sector Commissioning Framework prior to public consultation.
- 3.2 The Task Group was to be established in response to a resolution agreed at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held in December 2011.
- 3.3 It was agreed that the all non-executive Members would be asked if they wished to take part in the review. As there were no further Overview and Scrutiny Committees programmed into the timetable prior to the purdah period, it was agreed that the

appointment of the Task Group membership would be delegated to the Head of Legal and Property Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 3.4 The Committee and Scrutiny Officer emailed all Councillors on 21 March inviting Members to contact her if they wished to be considered for membership of the Task Group. In response to this email seven Councillors responded that they were interested in taking part. Due to the subject matter all Members were reminded that it was necessary to consider whether they had any interests in voluntary or community sector groups.
- 3.5 Following a further email to all Councillors the Head of Legal and Property Services agreed the following membership in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee –
- Councillor Jeanette Aron
 - Councillor Ian Brandon
 - Councillor Sue Greenslade
 - Councillor Stephen Johnson
 - Councillor Anne Joynes
 - Councillor Rabi Martins
- Councillor Jeanette Aron was elected Chair at the first meeting.
- 3.6 Initially it was envisaged that the Task Group would be during May following the elections and prior to the public consultation. However, officers needed time to prepare the initial paperwork for the Task Group and the first meeting was held on 24 May.
- 3.7 The Task Group agreed that in order to ensure the review was given the appropriate consideration it warranted, the Task Group would continue until September. Its final report would be presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on Wednesday 19 September. It would then be presented to Cabinet in October as part of the overall report from Community Services.
- 3.8 Two further meetings have been arranged for 19 June and 11 July and a further update will be given at Overview and Scrutiny Committee's meeting in July.

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 **Financial**

- 4.1.1 The Head of Strategic Finance comments that any costs arising from this work can be accommodated within existing budgets..

4.2 **Legal Issues (Monitoring Officer)**

- 4.2.1 The Head of Legal and Property Services comments that there were no legal implications in this report.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report. If you wish to inspect or take copies of the background papers, please contact the officer named on the front page of the report.

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File Reference

None