



HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Thursday, 20th July 2023

REPORT TITLE:	COMMUNITY, VOLUNTARY & FAITH SECTOR REFERENCE GROUP UPDATE
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF LAW & GOVERNANCE

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides the latest updates and proposals from the Community, Voluntary and Faith (CVF) Sector Reference Group. The Reference Group was established as a mechanism to promote the views of the CVF Sector to the Health and Wellbeing Board. Their update is included in Appendix 1.

Appendix 2 provides an updated list of relevant and recent publications including a 2 pages precis on "Space to Thrive" which is 29 pages long on the role of community spaces in supporting the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people and a 3 pages precis on Designing out the Most Severe Forms of Hardship in Local Areas from New Local and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (38 pages), 2023.

These documents will be the main documents used to inform the delivery of the prototypes, the formation of partnerships and the transformations at community level as required in recent legislation and guidance.

The aims and objectives of the development of Community Hubs, agreed with local elected Members, together with an action plan are being developed which will complement and extend the plans for engagement with communities, as already approved by the HWBB, to specific neighbourhoods.

Progress on the CVF Reference Groups areas of work on Family Hubs, Green and Open Spaces, People Plan for Nature and Street Safety in support of the principles and application of working together in partnership to address health and wellbeing in Wirral, are presented.

The matter affects all wards. It is not a key decision.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to note:

1. the continuing progress of the CVF Reference Groups work on Community Hubs, Family Hubs, Green and Open Spaces, People Plan for Nature and Street Safety.

2. the contents of the attached reports, and the continuing involvement and support to the delivery of the Council's approved Health and Wellbeing Strategy and to the continued development of work for engagement with communities and residents.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To enable the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider updates and proposals put forward by the Community, Voluntary and Faith Sector Reference Group.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 No other options were considered as part of this covering report.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board considered a report at its meeting on 29 September 2021 named 'Formation of the Community, Voluntary and Faith Sector Reference Group' which sought to inform the Board's development of a progressive and effective working partnership with the Reference Group.
- 3.2 It was intended that the Reference Group would provide updates to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the work that it was undertaking. The principal aim of the CVF Reference Group is to build and support the development of local community infrastructure, in support of ongoing programmes and plans to meet the health and wellbeing needs of Wirral's communities and residents.
- 3.3 The Reference Group has provided updates on their work on Local Infrastructure Development in Support of Health and Wellbeing needs, based on a plan for the establishment of a prototype study in four wards involving community and family hubs and their work on the full utilisation of open green space in support of health and wellbeing needs.
- 3.4 At the meeting of the HWBB in March 2023 two further areas of work in support of the principles and application of working together in partnership with elected members, communities and residents/young people were presented namely the People Plan for Nature and Street Safety.
- 3.5 The CVF Reference Group have continued to be involved in the further development and delivery of Health and Wellbeing Strategy through participation in the Council's Implementation Working Group and with CVF Sector stakeholders.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 In due course funding will be required for the above programmes.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Any future transfer of land for development of green open space will require agreement on a structured approach.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

- 6.1 There are no direct resource implications arising from this covering report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are no direct risks associated with this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 The establishment of the pilot Community Hubs, agreed with local elected members and the Health and Wellbeing Board should be able to act as a base to facilitate further extensive partnership and stakeholder working prior to and then during to engagement through consultation with communities.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision or activity. There are no equality implications for this report.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no direct environment and climate implications associated with this covering report.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no direct community wealth implications associated with this covering report.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Updated report of CVF Reference Group
Appendix 2 Relevant updated publications

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Health and Wellbeing Board report 29 September 2021 'Formation of the Community, Voluntary and Faith Sector Reference Group'
"Space to Thrive" from the Locality organisation.
"Designing out the Most Severe Forms of Hardship in Local Areas" from New Local and the Joseph Rowntree Foundation

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Report to Health and Wellbeing Board	29th September, 2021
Report to Health and Wellbeing Board	15th December, 2021
Report to Health and Wellbeing Board	9th February, 2022
Report to Health and Wellbeing Board	29th September, 2022
Report to Health and Wellbeing Board	21st December, 2022
Report to Health and Wellbeing Board	23rd March, 2023