

Report of the Head of Resources

PRESENTATION BY GOODWILL SOLUTIONS CIC

1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To introduce the presentation by Goodwill Solutions CIC.
- 1.2 The presentation relates to the work Goodwill Solutions CIC carries out through the Hemmingwell Community and Skills Centre in support of the council's priorities.

2 Executive summary

None.

3 Appendices

None.

4 Proposed action:

- 4.1 The committee is invited to RESOLVE to note the presentation, and;**
- 4.2 The committee is invited to discuss issues relating to the work of Goodwill Solutions CIC in the Hemmingwell area and identify any matters it RECOMMENDS be reported to relevant policy committees for their attention.**

5 Background

This presentation forms part of the general programme for the Partnerships and Performance Committee, reviewing the work of partners.

6 Discussion

- 6.1 The committee receives presentations from organisations who are either funded by the council, or who play an important part in the life of the borough.
- 6.2 Each presentation gives members an opportunity to learn more about the organisation and its impact on the borough. After the presentation there is a chance to ask questions of the presenter.
- 6.3 If any items of significance arise, members may wish to request a further report from a relevant officer or make a recommendation for action by a policy committee.
- 6.4 As part of the current voluntary sector funding arrangements, the council gives support to local hubs that give access to community services in areas of high vulnerability to crime, unemployment and social isolation within the borough. The council has a contract with Goodwill Solutions CIC to fulfil this brief in the Hemmingwell area through the Hemmingwell Community and Skills Centre.

- 6.5 The main specification is based upon the following requirements:
- (a) To offer a safe, affordable and welcoming space for local community groups to meet and hold events
 - (b) To promote and provide information, advice and guidance on services to enhance the wellbeing of residents living in the most need
 - (c) To encourage people from the surrounding area to participate in activities and take up an active role in the local community

6.6 The contract has a value of £10,000 per annum and runs from April 2016 to March 2018.

7 Legal powers

The Local Authorities (Alternative Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2001 empower the council to establish one or more overview and scrutiny committees. Whilst the council no longer has a designated overview and scrutiny committee, the Partnerships and Performance Committee has been given the role of reviewing and monitoring the performance of council services and services provided on behalf of the council by external bodies. A local authority may invite persons other than members or officers of the authority to attend meetings of such a committee.

8 Financial and value for money implications

There are no such implications arising directly from this report. However, effective review is one of the means by which the council secures effective use of its resources.

9 Risk analysis

A risk table is usually completed for any report setting out a proposed course of action that entails risks at the outset of the project or if the risks change along the way. This is not relevant in respect of this report.

10 Implications for resources, stronger and safer communities, and equalities

There are no direct implications arising directly from this report.

11 Author and contact officer

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12 Consultees

None.

13 Background papers

There are no background papers to this report.