BOROUGH COUNCIL OF WELLINGBOROUGH

AGENDA ITEM 5

Partnerships & Performance Committee　　　　　**30 September 2019**

Report of the Assistant Director

PRESENTATION BY VOLUNTARY IMPACT NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

1　　Purpose of report

1.1　To introduce the presentation by Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire (ViN) relating to the work the organisation carries out in support of the voluntary sector.

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 Voluntary impact Northamptonshire 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　Voluntary impact Northamptonshire work to support the voluntary and community sector complementing the contract the council holds with Nene Valley Community Action for low level local support. ViN also have an intermediary role, supporting and facilitating joint working between voluntary and community groups and with statutory bodies; and helping to ensure that the interests and concerns of the Voluntary and Community Sector are properly represented.

6.5 As part of this wider facilitation and liaison role, ViN put a business case to the district and borough councils through the county Chief Executives group to carry out a piece of work to ensure that the voluntary sector will be effectively engaged during the Local Government Reform (LGR) programme. This was agreed in principle by all the chief officers.

6.6 A grant of £7140 was agreed as the Borough Council of Wellingborough's contribution specifically for this LGR work under an urgent action agreed by the Chairman of the Resources Committee on 16 May 2019 on and resolved by members of the Resources Committee at their meeting on 19 June 2019. Members of the committee suggested that ViN be encouraged to attend a meeting of the partnerships and performance committee to give a presentation of their work.

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
The provision of contracts with the voluntary and community sector help the council to meet its strategic needs, such as the reduction in numbers of homeless, helping people back into work and the reduction of benefit claims.

9 Risk analysis
There is a risk that if contracts are not delivered as intended, outputs will not be met. This is mitigated by regular reviews, and presentations to committee.

10 Implications for resources, stronger and safer communities, and equalities
Strategic contracts and partnerships with the voluntary and community sector contribute towards the council's priorities, offering support in the community to help individuals and communities to help themselves.

11 Author and contact officer
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12 Consultees
None.

13 Background papers
There are no background papers to this report.