

Item 07 - Voluntary Sector Barometer Survey

The attached report was considered by the People & Places Advisory Committee on 1 March 2022. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Voluntary Sector Barometer Survey - (1 March 2022, Minute 42)

The Health and Communities Manager presented the report which updated the Committee on the results of the second barometer survey which tracked the impact of COVID-19 on the voluntary and community sector in the District.

Whilst similar themes from the May 2021 results remained prevalent, there seemed to be the need for the Voluntary Sector Forum to provide the sector with support in the following areas:

- Improving the wellbeing of the sector's leaders, staff and volunteers with training and events;
- Recruitment and training for volunteers.
- Disseminating fundraising and grant streams to the sector;
- Encouraging more collaboration and partnership working;
- Sharing information and support regarding compliance with restrictions and best practice for returning to some face-to-face interactions.

The Committee discussed the report and the difficulties in the voluntary sector reaching out to those residents who did not wish to embrace the digital age or only wanted to use technology for a limited purpose. It was confirmed that face to face help was available from groups including Compaid for residents.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that the report be noted.