

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

ENABLING THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to receive for publication the attached Charter that has been developed with the local voluntary and community sector
- 1.2 The Board is asked to invite the Health and Wellbeing Partnership to publically sign the charter on the rise of this meeting.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The ambition for North Lincolnshire to be the #Best place is a shared ambition across a number of partners including the Voluntary and Community sector (VCS). There are over 800 VCS organisations across the area, ranging from small localised uniform groups such as scouts and guides through to larger regional and national groups such as Alzheimer's society and Action for children.
- 2.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board is committed to working closely with partners across all health and wellbeing initiatives through the health and wellbeing partnership which includes the voluntary sector to achieve better outcomes and consider the sector is pivotal to enabling the following;
 - Communities to be better connected
 - Enable strong communities to build neighbourhoods where people are proud to live, get on well together are safe and support each other
 - Enable people to experience improved wellbeing and prosperity
- 2.4 This developing an enabling relationship with the sector has collaboratively developed a local charter to put the relationship on a clear and transparent footing.

The charter aims to

- Provided a platform for voluntary and community organisations to build relationships with each other, the council and partners
- Ensure the sector is represented when service delivery decisions are made
- Develop a stronger, more equal relationship between the council and the voluntary sector
- Enable voluntary and community sector organisations to come together to
 - share information, experiences and good practice
 - work collaboratively to find solutions to challenges facing the sector
 - start to identify where / how they might join together to seek funding opportunities

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Option 1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to receive for publication the attached Charter that has been developed with the local voluntary and community sector

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3.2 Option 2 Continue to work with the sector to deliver better outcomes

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 Option 1

The collaboratively developed North Lincolnshire VCS Partnership Charter, see Appendix 1, sets out the shared values and principles that the voluntary and community sector and the partnership agree to adhere to while working together to achieve our shared outcomes for the people of North Lincolnshire to be safe, well, prosperous and connected.

Publically signing this charter will demonstrate good relationships with the sector to take forward other initiative for the local resident population.

4.2 Option 2

The organisations across the place of North Lincolnshire all work closely with the sector this charter builds a shared language and standards for that engagement.

5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)

5.1 None

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

6.1 None

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 Not applicable.

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

- 8.1 The North Lincolnshire VCS Partnership Charter has been developed collaboratively with representatives from the voluntary and community sector partnership and various show case events.
- 8.2 These events have been used to seek the wider sector view on the charter and views have been incorporated to the final document attached.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to receive for publication the attached charter that has been developed with the local voluntary and community sector
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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report – none

North Lincolnshire VCS Charter



This Charter has been developed collaboratively between the voluntary and community sector and the members of the Health and Wellbeing partnership. It is intended to be as inclusive as possible and will be kept under constant monitoring and review to measure outcomes, impact and reflect the developing relationship across the sectors.

Whilst this Charter is not a “legal” binding document it will be published as will progress reports demonstrating the support and commitment of all partners.

The partnership ambition for North Lincolnshire is to be the #Best Place to live • work • visit • invest. Collaborative working between all organisations across the Place is key to achieving this ambition and will ensure we deliver our shared outcomes which are for the people of North Lincolnshire to be safe well prosperous and connected.

Charter Values

The signatory partners will adhere to the following values that will underpin the way we behave towards each other:

Equality, Respect, Integrity, Objectivity, Transparency, Accountability, Honesty, Consistency

By signing up to this charter we agree to the following principles

Charter Principles

- subscribe to the belief that by working together we can achieve better outcomes for people
- value the contributions of each organisation and embrace the value of volunteering
- recognise that relationships go wider than commissioning, contracts and grant aid processes
- accept the different environments and legal parameters that the VCS and partner organisations work under and recognise the added value these differences bring
- recognise and value the diversity and strengths of the VCS and partner agencies value everyone’s contribution
- agree to full and meaningful engagement and involve each other in decision making on matters that affect communities

- work together to ensure that hard to reach communities and groups receive the same level and quality of support
- commit to sharing intelligence and information where appropriate in order to ensure effective action is taken to respond to challenges
- commit to encouraging ambition, positivity and promoting the shared ambitions for the area
- working together at the earliest opportunity in the planning and development of future services in order to be as creative and innovative as possible in our joint response to local need and reducing resources
- We will work as a network of community leaders who make things happen and galvanise collaboration between the partners on areas of shared interest

Critical Success Factors

- There will be a whole North Lincolnshire place approach, based on shared priorities; driven by the context of people and place and not individual organisation’s needs or priorities
- There will be a culture of genuine co-operation and collaboration; delivering the shared ambition and outcomes to the people and places of North Lincolnshire
- Information and intelligence is shared where appropriate in order to ensure effective action is taken to respond to opportunities
- The different needs, aspirations and drivers of the communities are recognised and balanced
- There will be involvement and collaboration at the widest possible level through establishing networking opportunities, including online forums and other mechanisms for ensuring that the citizen voice is heard
- All voices and opinions and perspectives are valued equally
- Full and meaningful engagement is obvious through a collective partnership board recognising and respecting the contribution made by all parties in decision making on matters that affect communities