

Report of:	Executive Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health, Public Protection and Digital Inclusion Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration
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Submitted to:	Executive
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Date:	24 January 2023
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Title:	Final Report of the Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel - The Role of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in Supporting Adult Social Care (with a focus on COVID-19 and Recovery) - Service Response
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Report for:	Decision
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Status:	Public
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Strategic priority:	Vulnerability
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Key decision:	Yes
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Why:	Decision(s) will have a significant impact in two or more wards
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Urgent:	No
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Why:	Not Applicable
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Executive summary

That the Executive approves the attached Action Plan put together in response to the Scrutiny Panel recommendations. In line with the Council's constitution following approval of the councils Green Strategy the recommendations of the scrutiny panel and subsequent action plan now need to be considered by the Executive.

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to consider recommendations by the Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel in their report - The Role of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in Supporting Adult Social Care (with a focus on COVID-19 and Recovery)

Background and relevant information

2. The Scrutiny panel met to consider to consider the role of the VCS in supporting Adult Social Care with a focus on COVID-19 and recovery from the pandemic; from this the attached recommendations were established.
3. The Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel report recommends to the Executive:
 - a) That exploratory work be undertaken to identify opportunities for more collaborative working between the Council and the VCS, particularly in relation to the availability of meeting space. To be undertaken by Spring/Summer 2023.
 - b) That the Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration works with LMT to explore the most effective form of relationship management between the Council and the VCS. To be undertaken by Spring/Summer 2023.
 - c) That a link between the VCS and the Council's Emergency Planning Team be established to assist with policy/practice statement development. To be undertaken by Spring/Summer 2023.

What decision(s) are being recommended?

4. That the Executive approves the attached action plan developed from the Panel's recommendations.

Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

5. It is a requirement that the Executive considers the Scrutiny Panel's report and considers the service area's response to the Panel's accompanying action plan.

The recommendations in the action plan will assist in the delivery of the strategic plan priority to address the causes of vulnerability and inequalities in Middlesbrough and safeguard and support those made vulnerable.

Other potential decision(s) and why these have not been recommended

6. Full details of what the Scrutiny Panel took into consideration when arriving at their recommendations are contained in the Scrutiny report (Appendix 1).

Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)

Legal

7. There are no legal implications identified in exploring the further development of the Council's working relationship with the VCS.

Strategic priorities and risks

8. Developing the working relationship between the Council and the VCS is in support of the Council's strategic priority to address the causes of vulnerability and inequalities in Middlesbrough and safeguard and support those made vulnerable.

Human Rights, Equality and Data Protection

9. Impact Assessments as required will be undertaken when key actions are identified in response to the recommendations.

Financial

10. There are no identified costs at this stage. If costs are identified as the work develops then progression of the work will be subject to suitable resources being identified.

Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)

Action	Responsible Officer	Deadline
See Action Plan	Director of ASC&HI	End July 2023

Appendices

1	Scrutiny Panel Report
2	Action Plan - The Role of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in Supporting Adult Social Care (with a focus on COVID-19 and Recovery)
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Background papers

Body	Report title	Date

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