

Notes of CCEN Executive Board meeting held on Tuesday 17 February 2009

Present: Ruth Appleton, Anju Bhatt, Charlie Legg, Peter Ward

Also present: Donna Turnbull, Linda Fergusson

Apologies:

1.	<p>Apologies Simone Hensby, Lincoln Lim, Shelagh O'Connor, Neil Roberts, Pat Stack, Hayley Watts,</p> <p>Concern raised that some members had not attended any meetings</p>	<p>LF to send out list of dates and remind members to send in apologies if they cannot attend</p>
2.	<p>LSP Papers</p>	
a)	<p>Election of Vice Chair Members queried who was being nominated – were they asking for nominations – what was our role in this?</p>	<p>DT to investigate this further</p>
b)	<p>Responding together to the Recession DT reported that she had arranged for NR to attend but he may have had problems getting in due to security measures in place.</p> <p>Feeling was that the report (and the seminar) focussed mainly of business and not enough about the other issues.</p> <p>DT informed members that SH had raised the issue of empty premises and businesses – could this be looked at under the assets transfer – also market rent – would premises be available to business below market rent that is expected under any asset transfer to community projects?</p> <p>Report does mention the VCS but mainly as advice service providers, but VCS is much more than this; offers skills progression, jobs, mentoring , service provision, volunteering opportunities etc</p> <p>AB noted that the report focuses on unemployment and j=young people but the recession will mean that there are more people in their 40's and older who lose their jobs and need retraining.</p> <p>CL felt that VAC/CCEN/VCC should be offering support to VCS to help them demonstrate their ability to support volunteers and there should be funding for volunteering directed at organisations that have the capacity to do this.</p> <p>AB talked about the Volunteering Strategy that is being developed by Council, VAC and VCC. Also that responsibility for monitoring LAA National Indicator for volunteering was now with Economic Development Partnership</p> <p>DT Explained that the Community Strategy/ IAA priorities remained the same but that there will be some re-emphasis generated by recession e.g. there is an opportunity for council to work with Housing & Community Agency to focus on social and affordable housing – buying up part built developments that have been hit by recession.</p> <p>CL felt that many VCS organisations had capacity to take on more volunteers if</p>	

	<p>they had help to support this work.</p> <p>CL proposed that CEN/VAC do some research into the funding loss in the VCS as this year is probably when it will kick in. Is there scope through VAC / Change Up to do this?</p> <p>AB mentioned that many small BME groups have already lost their funding through the review of VCS funding last year</p> <p>AB little mention of how recession and unemployment affect health issues and therefore impact on service provision</p>	
c)	<p>LAA 2008 – 2011 Refresh Social Cohesion indicator is local indicator being developed over 1st year LAA is basket of indicators taken from national indicator list .</p> <p>CL VCS play a major role in Social Cohesion – they are the social glue that holds it all together</p>	
d)	<p>Camden Community Strategy – Camden Town Vision DT informed members that the report to LSP does not include any points from the CCEN report. CCEN sent in list of points and case studies to be included.</p> <p>RA mentioned projects for homeless people in the area were being closed and suggested that the VCS input was not included because projects dealing with local issues are being pushed out of the area.</p> <p>Mainly focuses on businesses but what about businesses that employ /serve local people?. Links into recession discussion</p> <p>RA AB asked about the Place Shaping – this was supposed to be about everyone not just business and the council. Who sits on the Place Shaping Board and what are its Terms of Reference etc?</p>	<p>DT to talk to report writer to clarify why CCEN contribution was excluded</p> <p>Point to be raised at LSP</p>
e)	<p>Comprehensive Area Assessment Update CL Begs questions for VCS. VCS need to make some information ready for feeding into process as VCS will not be contacted directly.</p> <p>CL How do VCS ensure that we can present picture of what is happening</p> <p>DT said that when the local authority submitted their information they can also submit addition sources of information from other partners</p>	
f)	Annual Public Health Report	
	Thematic Partnership Updates	
g)	<p>Social Cohesion Forum Meeting DT informed members that SH felt the notes do not reflect what happened at the meeting AB agreed - in particular point 4.2.</p> <p>Members asked for a list of projects receiving Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE) funding their outcomes and impact on PVE and the cohesion agenda. It was suggested that Dominic Clout be alerted to this as he also made the request.</p>	<p>AB said there would be a pre meet of the VCS members of the SCF before the next meeting and this would be one of the issues discussed</p>

	There was more discussion about the SCF and the frustration caused by tokenism and manipulation of information. Also the fact that most VCS members don't say much so it is always the same people raising the issues.	
3.	CCEN Papers	
a)	Minutes & matters arising Minutes were agreed – not matters arising	
b)	Feedback on Comprehensive Area Assessment Seminar Dealt with under item in LSP papers	
c)	Feedback on Camden Town Vision seminar Dealt with under item in LSP papers	
d)	CCEN Funding Donna reported that funding has been extended to end May as the council will not be meeting to discuss the budget until 25th February. However indications are that CCEN budget will be reduced for next financial year. Simone is meeting with Patrick Mesquita and Alison Dixon on Thursday morning after which we should know what size of reduction is being recommended.'	Outcome of discussion to be emailed to members
4.	Information Exchange	PW to email LF with police contact dealing with community safety and Olympics
a)	Next CCEN Seminar – Benefiting from Culture & Leisure Opportunities including London Olympics DT asked members if they knew of any VCS groups we could contact on this – the main Olympics focus in Camden seems to be business opportunities and volunteering – what type of volunteers are they looking for , what contracts etc.	
b)	Compact Seminar – 2 April LF informed members of the Compact Seminar which will be looking at the revised Compact Action Plan	
5.	Any Other Business	
a)	Policy Pledges PW informed members that the police are issuing Policy Pledges – customer charter – which includes things like 1 meeting a month in the community, response to crime in 12 minutes etc. Also new Inspector has proposed a change in shift patterns for Safer Neighbourhood Officers to cover weekends and respond to 999 calls (this is a move back to the old sector system)	PW to email weblink to members
6	Dates of next meeting Linda explained that these were subject to changes especially if the LSP dates changed. Also that some of the CCEN Exec Board dates might change to Seminars as and when we know what is expected of us in the next financial year in relation to contributing to reports at the LSP on the Community Strategy etc.	