

## Notes of CCEN Executive Board meeting held on Tuesday 7 July 2009

**Present:** Mukid Choudhury, Sarah Elie, Simone Hensby, Lincoln Lim, Shelagh O'Connor, John Shaw, Peter Ward, Hayley Watts

**Also present:** Donna Turnbull, Linda Fergusson

1.	<p><b>Apologies</b> Nasim Ali, Anju Bhatt, Neil Roberts, Pat Stack</p>	
2.	<p><b>CCEN Papers</b></p>	
a)	<p><b>Minutes</b> Minutes were agreed <u>Matters Arising</u> <b>Item 2c)</b> DT explained that members had received copies of her reports sent to the relevant officer who was dealing with the Community Strategy report to the LSP but that she would be happy to send the overall report out to members by email once she had finalised it. <b>Item 3.6 Carbon Footprint</b> SE had been directed to Kevin Nunan at VAC regarding this and had attended a Carbon Footprint Workshop which she found very useful. After attending the workshop groups got a visit from an assessor who gave some ideas of what steps could be taken to reduce the group's carbon footprint She said her organisations were working through this list. SO also said that her group had gone through this exercise and found it very informative. DT explained that VAC had completed their assessment and received the 'Going Green Mark of Achievement' – a copy of VAC's Carbon Footprint report is on the VAC website.</p> <p>b) <b>Recap from LSP Meeting</b> <b>Comprehensive Area Assessment</b> – issues raised included how this was being carried out – was there any input from CCEN? Where was any mention of disability, environmental issues, social cohesion, volunteering etc. There is a need for it to relate to practicalities <b>Community Strategy report :Benefiting from Culture &amp; Leisure:</b> issue regarding race and culture, access. The report considered high level benefiting but left out the benefits of local community fairs, Mela etc. LSP accepted that these should be looked at. CCEN members also raised the need to link Culture and Leisure with social cohesion and a general point on the structure of the report. <b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Board:</b> CCEN raised the question of where older people sat in this – they were informed that the council is looking at what is already established and how these can link into the Health &amp; Wellbeing Board. The new board has already met once and will have 2 representatives from VCS elected from the Health Inequalities Forum and Health &amp; Social Care Forum. <b>Compact Report:</b> This was well received. The private sector were very interested in the volunteering aspect – especially the idea of matching people to an organisation on longer term as treasurer, adviser etc rather than the spend a day painting a room type volunteering.</p>	<p><b>Hayley to follow this up with Steve Jordan</b></p>

	<p>SE suggested there be a seminar around volunteering to raise the profile SO said that they were very successful at recruiting volunteers who had 6 month placement with certificated training and support. 75% of these volunteers move into paid employment.</p> <p>HW explained that groups were happy to register with the Volunteer Centre for volunteers for regular needs but did not often request volunteers for short term things.</p> <p>HW also stated that the recession has had a major effect on the VCC with many more people wanting to volunteer to keep their skill levels up.</p> <p><b>c) CCEN Workplan</b> DT talked about her tabled paper <b>About the LSP</b>. This was based on a presentation she had given to an organisation and shows how the voluntary and community sector(VCS) engage with the LSP and who the VCS representatives are. It also shows how the LSP, Community Strategy and Local Area Agreements fit together.</p> <p><b>CCEN Seminars</b> This paper would form the basis for a 1.5 hour seminar to be held in September. This would be followed by further seminars focusing on one particular area: Health and Wellbeing, Children &amp; Young People etc. SE said that it would be good if we could link groups to larger organisations who can show how their work links into the various LAA indicators</p> <p><b>d) Policy Assessment.</b> LF spoke about this area of CCEN's workplan. A draft questionnaire has been drawn up to try to clarify our groups link up and get involved in the wider policy issues and how they network. This is one to one outreach talking firstly to those who have attended CCEN seminars in the past and hopefully moving on to groups who have not engaged with CCEN The questionnaire has been piloted with two groups. Results show that, for instance,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• while people know they are working to LAA indicators they are not so clear on specifics</li> <li>• preferred ways of learning are for someone to come and talk to staff team or management committee so everyone learns not just one person attending a seminar or training session</li> <li>• a folder of factsheets with basic information would be welcomed with information on LSPs, LAA's, Community Strategy etc.</li> </ul>	<p><b>It was agreed to remove the Lead Body column as being slightly confusing.</b></p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>LSP Papers</b>	
<b>3.2b)</b>	<p><b>DT took members through the LSP papers</b></p> <p><b>Delivering Camden's Community Strategy LAA Annual Performance Review</b> Members felt that this item was not very useful as most of the performance information is unavailable. Although this is an annual report there should be an updated report as soon as information is available.</p>	

3.2c)	<p><b>Place Survey</b></p> <p>DT stated that this shows that Camden is doing better than other London boroughs but that this does not mean that Camden is doing really well. For example only 36% people feel they can influence decisions in their local area.</p> <p>The Place Survey forms background for the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) for the Audit Commission and is the base on which improvements will be measured by the Social Cohesion Forum.</p> <p><b>SE</b> raised the issue of NI3 civic participation. This is seen by council and Audit Commission as people coming forward to be School Governors, local councillors etc whereas shouldn't this include people who sit on management committees of VCS groups, people who purely voluntary community groups etc ?</p>	
3.3.	<p><b>Comprehensive Area Assessment</b></p> <p>This is a work in progress and is based on the Place Survey and Camden Council own Self Assessment.</p> <p>SO raised the point that the VCS are important to meeting many of the targets – reducing homelessness for example.</p>	<p><b>How much input is there from the Social Cohesion Forum?</b></p>
3.4.	<p><b>Camden Children's Trust Partnership Board progress</b></p> <p>This was formerly the Children &amp; Young People's Partnership Board DT informed members that achievements have been made and a Reward grant of up to £4million is expected. The capital allocation will be through an open grants bidding process in line with priorities of the Children &amp; Young Persons Plan. These one off payments would be ring fenced to protect the VCS. The revenue funding would follow a commissioning process with contracts being for two years.</p>	<p><b>Need for information about this to go out as soon as possible with adequate timescale for bids to be completed and returned</b></p>
3.5	<p><b>Recession Seminar</b></p> <p>No-one in attendance had been to the seminar so no feedback was available</p>	
3.7a)	<p><b>Report on Place Shaping in Camden Seminar</b></p> <p>No –one in attendance had attended this seminar so no feedback was available</p> <p>One of the recommendation to come from this seminar was the setting up of an infrastructure sub group to meet to discuss issues raised by the seminar.</p> <p>SH asked members if they would like to sit on this sub group – as it will focus on the Euston corridor among other areas. SE said she would be the CCEN/LSP representative for this sub group.</p>	
3.7b)	<p><b>Special Social Cohesion Forum meeting</b></p> <p>Concern was raised about the Terms of Reference of this group and the need for it to be more overarching in its remit – including disability, older people etc.</p>	

4.	<b>Information Exchange</b> None (due to time constraints)	
5.	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	None (due to time constraints)	
6	<b>Date of next meeting</b> Next LSP Business meeting is Thursday 9 July at 10.30am Next CCEN meeting timetabled for 15 September and will be a seminar – more information to go out shortly	