Voluntary Sector Forum - Council Update

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Village Planning

- Phase 2 - delivery of the supplementary planning guidance - concludes this year
- Phase 3 - underway with pipeline projects being developed through Community Links working with voluntary and community groups
- Village Planning Fund was launched in June using Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL).
  - The fund will be used to deliver community benefit projects which address the demand that development has placed on an area.
  - E.g. disability access / improving access for community use, building / environmental improvements, equipment
- Next Steps:
  - Public Consultation: 2\textsuperscript{nd} – 27\textsuperscript{th} October 2017
  - Decision: Mid-December 2017
Village Newsletter

- Weekly Village Newsletter launched to 90,000 people
- Mixture of Council and community / service news
- To submit a story go to: https://www.richmond.gov.uk/submit_a_community_news_story
Community Awards 2017

- Awards for residents who have given outstanding service to the community, improved the quality of life for local people or benefited the community through community involvement or volunteering.
- 90 nominations were received and the winners were chosen by a panel made up of the Deputy Leader, the Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport and the Voluntary Sector, a member of the Youth Parliament Members and Council officers.
- 47 local heroes received awards at a Ceremony which took place on Friday 15 September.
Richmond Partnership Conference

- Took place on 7 July 2017 at RFU stadium
- 35 voluntary sector groups attended and 25 joined a workshop on ‘collaborative working across sectors’.
- From the workshop discussion:
  - Growing numbers of SMEs would like to be signposted to support from the voluntary and community sector
  - Requests for businesses to offer business support to the voluntary sector
  - Borough to make better use of space, share work space to assist start-ups/small organisations
- The Partnership will be taking this forward and particularly looking at the digital aspects.
Civic Pride Fund Report

- Now available – paper copies and online shortly
- Highlights what has been delivered through the small grants fund in the last year.
- April 2016 - March 2017: 27 projects - £90k granted
  - E.g. Hampton Hill Business Association – mounting and installing two mosaic plaques in the High Street
  - Digital Works – producing a film and website on the oral history of Eel Pie Island
  - Silverfit – weekly Nordic walking and Tai Chi classes for the older generation
- We continue to welcome your new project ideas that will benefit the communities in the Borough – particularly from village areas which were underrepresented last year.
Commissioning Update
Generalist and Specialist Community Advice Services

- Current contracts end in March 2018
- Richmond and Wandsworth Councils are working together on re-commissioning these services
- A focus group and online consultation took place in both boroughs in July and the findings are being collated to feed into the specification
- The Procurement Board in October will determine the next steps
Commissioning Update

Healthwatch

- Current contracts end in March 2018
- Richmond and Wandsworth Councils are working together on re-commissioning these services
- The current incumbents have been consulted on the services
- The Procurement Board in October will determine the next steps
Community Independent Living Services

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September 2017

Richard Wiles - Head of Commissioning Prevention and Wellbeing Services.
Juliana Braithwaite - Commissioning Officer Prevention and Wellbeing Services.
Community Independent Living Services

- Contract for CILS due to expire 31 December 2017, contract extended to 30 September 2018 to undertake an inclusive stakeholder engagement process on future models
- Cabinet Paper 20 July 2017 - agreement of engagement process to take place

Stakeholder Engagement Activities

- 11 CILS subcontractors, completed meetings with 10
- 6 Neighbourhood Care Groups (NCG), completed meetings with 4 groups
- 24 attended the joint engagement event with RCVS
- 6 focus groups completed with Service Users in different localities – (137 participants) 4 more planned
- Joint collaboration on development of online service user survey
- Closing date for survey 5 October 2017.
- Presentation of Preliminary findings to Community / Voluntary Sector at engagement event supported by RCVS on 21 September 2017
Next steps

- Complete specific piece of work bringing together those involved in information/navigation to work towards a rational categorisation of activities to feed into commissioning and delivery.
- Analysis of findings (online survey and focus groups) clarification.
- 20 October 2017 - Closure of stakeholder engagement programme
- Oct/Nov 2017 - Prepare draft service model and service specification
- Nov/Dec 2017 - Develop procurement proposals for agreement by Procurement Board and Cabinet.
- Jan/Feb 2018 - Procurement process starts
- June 2018 - Contract award
- 1 October 2018 - New contract starts.
Village Planning Fund launched 14 June 2017

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Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

- A new way of collecting contributions from developments towards provision of infrastructure, supporting growth within the Borough.
- Richmond started collecting in November 2014
- Dependent upon the level of viable development in the area.

Neighbourhood CIL (NCIL)

- 15% proportion of levy receipts to be spent on priorities agreed with local community in areas where development is taking place.
- A geographically bound levy which must be collected and spent within the same boundary.
Where are we now?

- This is a pilot – the Council will be evaluating the process and making improvements for the next round which will be early 2018.
- Application period was 8 weeks – during this time Community Links officers supported groups to put together applications.
- Received 35 applications in total – ranging from disability access to buildings, landscaping, websites and equipment.
- An internal officer board has met and validated which projects meet the criteria and will go forwards to the next stage.
The next stage: public consultation 2 – 27 October 2017

- It is a priority for the Council that we understand that level of public support for each of the projects which has been validated.

- Public support will be a decisive factor in the overall decision whether or not to fund the proposal. It is part of a process.

- Consultation will take place online and also in the community

- Once the period of consultation is complete a report will be compiled and joint decision will be made by the Cabinet Member for Community, Business and Environment and the Cabinet Member for Planning and Strategic Development.
A final decision will be announced in mid-December
Please show your support!

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