Voluntary Sector Forum - Council Update

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Key themes and priorities

- Village Planning Fund
- Commissioning update – CILS
- Purdah
- Digital Strategy / London Tech Week
- Teddington Community Hub
- Health and Care Plan
- Adult Social Care Market Position Statement
- Safeguarding Training
Sixteen projects were successful in their application to Round 1 of the Village Planning Fund.

A total of £826,750 was awarded to community projects across the borough.
Round 2 – changes

Application Period
- Extended from 6 weeks to 8 weeks
- Monday 5 February to Friday 6 April 2018

Support with your application
- Workshop on Thursday 15 March at Richmond and Hillcroft Adult Community College, 6-8pm. Email Lynette.Lawson-Tyers@richmond.gov.uk to sign up.
- Richmond Council for Voluntary Services (RCVS) are offering their application support service to Village Planning Fund applicants.
Criteria Changes

Criteria 1

- **BEFORE:** Must be addressing demand that development places on an area and be for community benefit.
- **AFTER:** Must address the impact of development resulting in an increased number of people living in, or using your local area, and be for community benefit.

Criteria 2

- **BEFORE:** Must contribute to the Village Plans; such as ‘Key Issues – Community Ideas’.
- **AFTER:** Must be aligned with priorities which are identified in the Village Plans.
### Funding available – Round 2

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<td>Twickenham, St Margarets, East Twickenham, Whitton and Heathfield, Strawberry Hill</td>
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<td>Hampton, Hampton Wick, Hampton Hill and Teddington</td>
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Commissioning update - CILS

- The consultation phase has given positive feedback on CILS and the way it has promoted co-operation and partnership between organisations.

- The Council is considering how the future service could be structured to best meet the needs of local people whilst being an achievable model for voluntary organisations. As part of this the Council is also considering how a social prescribing service due to be commissioned in the summer by the CCG could complement this service.

- This will require more time to be built into the procurement timetable, with the next procurement phase starting in June 2018.

- All CILS contracts will be extended to allow for this slower procurement timetable.
Purdah: 20 March – 3 May 2018

- In the run-up to any election there is a period of heightened sensitivity coinciding with the publication of the election notice, commonly known as “purdah”.

- Although the pre-election purdah period does not have a direct effect on Richmond or Council and the day to day business, in order to maintain principles of good governance and to avoid unnecessary conflict with issues of contention at the election, adherence to the rules governing pre-election publicity will apply.
- Digital Richmond Tech Event held last week
- Over 200 businesses and other organisations attended
- Key to this was the Council’s digital strategy, covering themes of connectivity, access to services, skills, infrastructure and more.

- The audience and panel acknowledged the importance of providing digitally accessible workspace to enable the sector to thrive.

- We will be following up on this event with further digital-focussed support, including some skills provision, later this year.
Teddington Community Hub

- The Council is seeking views on a proposal for a new community hub in Teddington that will provide a shared space for services that meet the needs of residents of Teddington and the surrounding villages both now and in the future.

- View the proposal and complete the online survey, open until Saturday 10 March – www.richmond.gov.uk/teddington_community_hub

- There will be further opportunities for organisations and residents to have their say during the formal consultation in summer 2018.
Health and Care Plan

- The Health and Wellbeing Board are beginning to look at a new Health and Care Plan.

- Richmond CVS has been involved in this project so far. Any questions contact Kathryn Williamson KathrynW@richmondcvs.org.uk

- A further update will be given at the next Voluntary Sector Forum.
Adult Social Care Market Position Statement

- Market Position Statements (MPS) are aimed primarily at providers and show supply and demand information in relation to local care and support services together with the commissioning intentions of a local authority. These documents afford providers the opportunity to develop their services to meet the needs of the local population.

- The draft MPS focuses on our key commissioning intentions and approaches, the current state of the local social care market and the outcomes we are seeking for our service users.

- It is valuable to receive feedback on the contents of this document, specifically on whether there are any gaps or inaccuracies in around the areas you represent. **Deadline for comments is 14 March 2018.**

- For queries, please contact Edmund Croall on edmund.croall@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk
Safeguarding Training

- The following courses have availability for this month:
  - Understanding and Managing Childhood Neglect - 12 March
  - Lone worker safety and assessing risk - 20 March
  - Impact of Domestic abuse - 21 March

- Book via the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Training Bookings:
  www.kingstonandrichmondlscb.org.uk/training.php

- Training from the LSCB is free for charitable organisations.
- Further support from Tracey Welding (Coordinator for Richmond LSCB) or Heather Mathew (Strategic lead for Richmond Voluntary Sector).
Volunteering Service – dates for your diary

Forthcoming training:

- Tues 20\textsuperscript{th} March – Volunteering and the Law
- Tues 24\textsuperscript{th} April – Key Trends and Innovations in Volunteering
- Tues 15\textsuperscript{th} May – Supporting Volunteers with Mental Health Needs part 2
- Thurs 7\textsuperscript{th} June – Understanding the Impact of Volunteering and Developing a Framework for Best Practice

Volunteer Fair – Thursday 7\textsuperscript{th} June 12-6pm at RHACC

Annual Trustee Recruitment Evening – Thursday 15\textsuperscript{th} November at RHACC