

REPORT FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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**BURNLEY, PENDLE AND ROSSENDALE COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY
SERVICE AND BUILDING BRIDGES**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide an update on the work of CVS and Building Bridges in achieving their outcomes of their Service Level Agreements with the Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) To note the progress made.
- (2) To provide future updates on an annual basis.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) To recognise the local work being undertaken by the Community, Voluntary and Faith sector that is being supported by Pendle Council.
- (2) To keep abreast of progress made and bring the two progress reports in line.

ISSUE

Background

1. Pendle Council has a four-year Service Level Agreement (SLA) with Building Bridges, to deliver the Good Neighbours project. This equates to £7,500 per year for a four year period: 2017-21 (see Appendix 1).
2. The Council also has a three-year SLA with Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale Council for Voluntary Service (CVS). This equates to £10,000 per year for a three year period: 2018-21 (see Appendix 2).

3. Both Building Bridges and CVS have provided a performance update, which is detailed below.

Building Bridges

4. An update is provided on activity since the last report was provided in May 2018.
5. A £30,000 grant fund from Pendle Borough Council has been received by Building Bridges Pendle (7.5k per year from 2017 to 2021) to primarily sustain the work of two community-led forums;

Community Cohesion Action Network (CCAN) - This forum consists of representatives from community groups across Pendle with a responsibility to maintain Cohesion as a priority local agenda. Most of our resources in terms of time goes into the function and development of this forum.

The Pendle Forum of Faiths – This forum consists of Ministers, Imams and committee members from both local Churches and Mosques, who engage in dialogue to better understand each other, develop friendships, work together on common social issues and interfaith matters.

6. Community Cohesion Action Network - Progress to date;

- This network has a membership of 43 people from 31 agencies/organisations which represent a cross-section of our community and a good geographical range of our borough. This includes, Community, Education, Police, Health, Housing, Faith, Young People, Refugees and Asylum seekers, older people, Women and BME communities.
- A review of CCAN took place in November last year, as a result we now also;
 - Agree on a theme for all meetings and possible guest speakers invited accordingly. The intention is that themes are selected on the basis of leading to practical things that CCAN members and community groups can act upon for local benefit.
 - Meetings now take place at venues across Pendle and no longer just in Nelson Town Hall. One of our meetings this year in August will be held in a public setting in Nelson Town Centre (outside the Shuttle).
- Members meet regularly and on a quarterly basis with average attendance is around 25 people.
- In-between meetings there is a system in place whereby members can circulate weekly activity and events updates on a fixed day. This helps to sustain a connection and contact in-between our face to face meetings.
- Since our last progress report in May 2018 we have met in;
 - August 2018 – At Nelson Town Hall on theme Community Networking
 - November 2018 – at the Garage (InSitu) in Brierfield on the theme of Pendle Pledge and local identity.
 - February 2019 – at the Victoria Park Pavilion in Nelson on the theme of Community-based Social enterprise.
 - Next meeting will be held at the new BFC Leisure box in May on the theme of young people and cohesion.

Events steered by outcomes of CCAN meetings;

- Good Neighbours Day ward based events which ran in July 2018 and 'Talking Society' events September 2018 in Brierfield Library on Young People and February 2019 in Colne Town Centre on Cohesion and Race.

7. The Pendle Forum of Faiths - Progress to date:

- This forums membership was reviewed in March 2019 and we have 15 people from 11 Churches and 4 Mosques across the borough form the current membership of this forum. The PFF runs very differently to CCAN and the focus is to bring people together for discussion, dialogue and relation-building.
- Regular meetings take place, once every 4 months with an average attendance of 7 people. Additional meetings have taken place between members to further discuss the direction of this forum and to ensure that it is led by the 'Faith community', with BB Pendle as a partner providing essential administration and coordination services.
- Since our last progress report in May 2018 we have met in;
 - June 2018 – At BB Pendle office about planned Peace walk events.
 - November – Social meeting marking Interfaith week 2018.
 - April 2019 – Review of PFF meeting.

- Joint public statements released following recent terror attacks in New Zealand and Sri Lanka.

Events steered by outcomes of PFF meetings;

- Community Peace Walks in June 2018.
- Peace Vigil following New Zealand terror attacks and public conversation using the Talkaoke in Nelson Town Centre in March 2019.
- Positive working links still exist between;
 - St Luke's Brierfield with Brierfield Jamia Mosque - Involvement with annual Faith and Music events in the Brierfield Community Centre.
 - St Paul's in Nelson with Nelson Community Mosque - Regular joint assemblies (1 per school term) at Marsden Primary School and upcoming community event in July.

Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale Council for Voluntary Service

8. This is the first time an update has been provided and relates to the period of the previous quarter (January-March 2019). It is in respect of the four sections of the SLA: Locality work; Volunteering; Funding and Training.

9. Locality: by working closely with the Localities and Policy Unit:

- Support residents' action groups to sustain funding and consolidate governance and promote successful groups and programmes across Pendle
- Extend the CVS umbrella to benefit a wider cross section of community and voluntary groups in the Borough
- Support Groups to secure and make the best use of community assets
- Support the work of Town and Parish Councils Council through advice on asset management, volunteering, identifying funding opportunities and meeting training needs.

Locality	Pendle	Groups supported Building Bridges Pendle – Festival of Culture Little Savoy Picture House Citizen Advice Aspiring Grace Pendle Wellbeing Centre ZA Community Arts Nat West Bank – scams awareness Pendle Dementia Alliance Pendle CANN Pendle H&W Salvation Army Pendle Fusion Meeting
Groups supported	17	
Unique groups	9	
Hours delivered	48	
New start up Groups	1	
Funding support	3	
Final Reports for Eric Wright Charitable Foundation was received and garnered an extra amount of funding for small groups.		

10. Volunteering

- Promote the existing CVS training and volunteer recruitment programme to sustain and increase the current level of volunteers in Pendle – targeting gaps where volunteers are needed.

External Volunteers - Hours

Locality		Pendle		
Volunteer Referrals		41		
Unique Volunteers		23		
Volunteers Placed		4		
Volunteer Vacancies		95		
Organisations Registered		21		
New Organisations		1		
Organisations supported No/Hrs		5/5		
DBS processed		21		
<p>Requests for support around volunteering are increasing. Intense support provided for 7 people enabling them to access further education. 6 individuals also accessed volunteering through our Strengthening Communities programme.</p> <p>CVS representatives attended the Nelson and Colne College Information Event and Pendle Jobs Fair to promote our services and recruit volunteers.</p> <p>We currently have 66 Organisations registered for our DBS Service. We offer extensive ongoing support with the DBS registration process, how to check documentation, completing the forms, eligibility, update service, processing DBS applications and safeguarding.</p>				

Internal BPRCVS Volunteers – No / Hours

Locality		Pendle	
• Communicars		7/440	
• Connectors		4/72	
• Young Carers		4/22	
• Administration		2/156	
• Gannow		N/A	
• Other partnership volunteers		N/A	

CVS volunteers crucial in providing our activities. We appreciate all of them and value their commitment.

The figures above do not include the hours of our committed 15 trustees. These will be collected when the new process starts in May 2019

11. Funding

- Funding events as and when needed to reflect new opportunities
- Chase up and develop bids where Pendle is under-represented in receiving grants from identified programmes

Little Savoy Picture House	Reminiscence Community Cinema	£495.00	Approved
Colne Citadel	Mindfulness For All	£500.00	Approved
Pendle Archaeology Group	Moving Alchaology Forward	£263.94	Approved
Pendle Leisure Trust	The Goodlife Project	£9,994.00	Approved
BFC in the Community	CHAMP	£9,878.00	Approved
Pendle Leisure Trust	CHAMP	£10,042.00	Approved
Women of Whitefield (WOW)	WOW - Summer Club	£4,000.00	Approved
Focus & Fly CIC	Focus & Fly: Lift Off	£3,990.00	Approved
The Magdalene Project	Time to Fly	£3,500.00	Approved
Rumi Spiritual & Educational Centre	BJJ (Brazillian Jiu - Jitsu) in the Community	£3,999.80	Approved
Beingon Purpose	Mindfulness and More - Support for the supporters	£3,304.00	Approved

Understanding Autism North west	Autism Therapy for the autism community of Burnley, Pendle & Rossendale	£ 3,980.00	Approved
Pendle Dementia Action Alliance	Pendle Dementia Hub	£ 1,995.00	Approved
Community Lighthouse Foundation	Grassroot Football	£ 3,288.43	Approved
Cycle Sport Pendle	Coach Recruitment	£2,500.00	Approved
Activities R Us - East Lancs Care Homes	Brighter Days	£3,880.00	Approved
The Parish of Little Marsden, Nelson	Nelson Neighbours	£3,988.00	Approved

12. Training

- Training events in response to need plus follow up for voluntary and community sector groups to address their key needs around governance, fund raising and volunteering
- Regular funding workshops as new funding becomes available – e.g. Heritage Lottery, Awards for All, CCG Community fund.

No group training activity during this period. Funding support needs provided in 1 to 1 sessions. Volunteering training ongoing working through 'Passport to Volunteering' programme.

13. It is also important to note that Pendle Council worked with BPR CVS to attain a presence in Pendle, as well as Burnley. BPR CVS now have an office on Market Square, Nelson (previously occupied by Building Bridges) and held a very popular Open Day in January 2019. This local presence can only seek to further build relationships and enhance support to local people and groups.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	None arising directly from this report
Financial:	The financial contributions are stated in paragraphs 1 and 2.
Legal:	None arising directly from this report
Risk Management:	None arising directly from this report
Health and Safety:	None arising directly from this report
Sustainability:	None arising directly from this report
Community Safety:	The Good Neighbours project in particular supports community cohesion and promotes community safety in Pendle.
Equality and Diversity:	None arising directly from this report

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – SLA with Building Bridges

Appendix 2 – SLA with CVS

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A