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Voluntary and Community Sector Joint Representation

Feedback Form

Name.**Maria Damsell**..... Group//Meeting...**N2** Locality
Executive.

Date of meeting**25th March 10**.....

Overall view of meeting and general comments

The North 2 Exec meeting had several members of the Executive group attend including schools, young people's services, social care and BCC Officers.

The key points of discussion were focussed on exploring outcomes for funding and work that would be undertaken in the financial year 2010/11 with a focus on Schools Out and the key North 2 priority Community Cohesion.

Key issues/main points of interest for the voluntary & community sectors

The Key points from the meeting are as follows:

- Schools Out funding for North 2 is £170k to fund activities outside of school day targeted at free school meals young people
- 50% of this amount will be devolved to schools, 40% to be commissioned by Locality Partnership in line with the priorities of schools out and the locality priorities, 10% administered in small projects by the Locality Partnership Manager
- Start up funding for childcare is being reduced but is counterbalanced by the extension of sustainability funding
- Agreed a need to ensure all agencies were represented around table if Exec to be as effective as possible
- Community cohesion is North 2 key priority for this financial year

Key issues of interest for the VS:

- Sustainability funding available to support VCS childcare schemes to become strong and sustainable in the longer term
- Schools Out Funding – VCS have the opportunity to apply within commissioning process to deliver a service
- Community Cohesion – VCS have opportunity to apply to within commission process to deliver on the outcomes once criteria is set
- Ofsted will be carrying out a Safeguarding Inspection in April

Comments and concerns raised by voluntary and community sector representatives:

Emphasised importance of value of working with VCS especially in intergenerational, community cohesion projects and the added value this can bring.

Learning can be gained from existing and past successful projects undertaken by VCS

Key decision/s made:

- 1. North 2 Executive is working to ensure all agencies are around the table in order to be as effective as possible in providing solutions.**
- 2. Delegated responsibility to Locality Partnership manager to recommend outcomes to be commissioned for schools out project.**
- 3. After lengthy discussion, Exec delegated responsibility to Locality Partnership Manager to prepare brief and set criteria for Community Cohesion funding for commissioning.**

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