

Subject:	Norfolk and Waveney VCSE Assembly update
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Summary:	This report provides an initial overview and update following the appointment of the Chair in May 2021.
Recommendation:	The interim ICS Partnership Board is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report.

Main body of report

The role of the Chair aims to support conversations between the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector with statutory partners, and there are likely to be many streams of work over the coming months. Here is an initial round up of activities:

- The appointment of a Chair provides an opportunity to reflect on the form and model for the Assembly and in the short term we will be looking at how to progress and improve engagement with the sector, with a longer term view on how we can embed the VCSE Assembly into our place and system connectivity. There is a meeting planned in June with NHSE/I ICS and VCSE Partnership teams regarding their support and their understanding of national best practice.
- There is an immediate need to develop a robust communication and engagement strategy to create a shared understanding across Norfolk and Waveney of the Chair role and the Assembly as a whole. I have various meetings with small and large organisations across our geography during the next six weeks to begin the conversations about next steps. As part of this work I will be reviewing the administration support of the Assembly, which this far has been provided by Voluntary Norfolk.
- The work that Community Action Norfolk has been leading on with regard to a developing a Memorandum of Understanding for Shared Ambitions will be one area of focus over the next four to six weeks, initially to review its effectiveness as a document representing the views of the VCSE and then identifying practical and visible short term goals. Working with the Steering Group a new Assembly work plan, addressing the next stage for the MOU development, will be developed.
- Supporting the work of the Norfolk County Council VCSE commissioning principles (Involve, Improve, Simplify, Market Development) which have an overall aim of guiding how organisations work together with the VCSE sector for the benefit of our population, and steer the focus of the full commissioning strategy/framework.
- Assist in the communication of the NHS Charities Together funding, which is £460,000 investment in the VCSE/ health and social care partnerships as part of

statutory partners Covid recovery. This funding is a really good example for CCG's to support new ways of working together in collaboration around the shared prevention agenda.

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Meetings that this report has been, or is going to be, discussed at:	This report has not been presented to any other meetings.