

Report to:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Date:	21 September 2017
Executive Member / Reporting Officer:	Ben Gilchrist, Deputy Chief Executive, Action Together
Subject:	TAMESIDE STATE OF THE VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE SECTOR RESEARCH 2017
Report Summary:	This report provides the main findings of research aimed at improving the understanding of the social and economic impact of the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector in Tameside. The key objective of the research was to provide a comprehensive overview of the sector in Tameside at the start of 2017.
Recommendations:	<p>It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board take note of the research findings and:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share these materials with other leaders and professionals to raise awareness about the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector. Action Together can support further presentations. 2. Provide sustained and coordinated leadership to ensure continued support for, and partnership with, Tameside's voluntary, community and social enterprise sector. 3. Recognise and celebrate this evidence of Tameside's active and vibrant communities and strong base for community action. For example 46 per cent of the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector work to improve health and wellbeing (including mental health) and 33 per cent provide practical community development help to build and strengthen communities and reduce isolation. 4. Consider how to invest both short and long term in the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector's sustainability given the significant and increasing number of groups and organisations using their reserves to ensure that services run, that people are supported and that change happens in communities.
Links to Health and Wellbeing Strategy:	This work has cross cutting relevance to the Health and Wellbeing strategy but in particular the focus on asset based community development, voluntary, community and social enterprise sector involvement and support for person- and community-centred approaches.
Policy Implications:	<p>This evidence should contribute to the development of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Health and Wellbeing Strategy; - Health and Wellbeing Board priorities; - Commissioning strategies and plans; - Care Together implementation.

Financial Implications:
(Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)

There are no direct financial implications arising from the report at this stage.

Legal Implications:
(Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

Any decisions relating to the future level of investment within the Tameside locality voluntary, community and social enterprise sector will be subject to the associated governance arrangements in place within the locality partner organisations.

Risk Management :

N/A

Access to Information :

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