

Item 2 (Paper 1)	Minutes 17/05/18
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For information and agreement	
Summary of Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produce a briefing on Waltham Forest VCS GM • Provide additional advice for BME organisations to engage with Black History Month (could include applying for funds to provide this support) DH • write up the rationale behind a potential merger with Voluntary Action Lewisham and articulating it members and other stakeholders as soon as possible.
Attendees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karin Woodley (KW) • Khosi Manaka (KM) • Matthew Guest (MG) • Jacky Bourke-White (JBW) - chair • Nicola Howard (NH) • Mark Parker (MP) • Maisie Anderson (MA)
Staff in attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gordon McCullough (GM), Truly Johnston (TJ), Deborah Hayman (DH)
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khosi Manaka (KM) • Ruth Driscoll (RD) • Michael Bukola (MB)

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome & Conflicts of Interest

JBW welcomed the trustees to the meeting and asked whether there were any conflicts of interest. KW noted the usual conflict of being CS's landlord. No other conflicts were reported.

Agenda Item 2 – Co-option of new trustees

Maisie Anderson (MA) was welcomed to the meeting and as asked to give a brief overview of her experience and why she would like to join the Community Southwark board. MA described her role previous role as cabinet member for public health in Southwark Council and her experience in policy and public affairs. MA detailed her passion for public health and social regeneration in resolving social inequalities and she felt the VCS has an important part to play in that space.

Trustees thanks MA and following a closed discussion it was unanimously agreed that MA be co-opted on the Community Southwark board.

Agenda Item 3 – Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and then approved.

Agenda Item 4 – CEO report

GM gave an outline of the activities that have been going on since the restructuring process in April and the impact on his time with respect to having a greater focus on Waltham Forest. Trustees asked if this was sustainability; GM responded for the time being but it is not a long term solution.

Action: Trustees asked for additional information/briefing on the VCS Waltham Forest and the need to recruit some trustees from Waltham Forest.

KW raised the issue of Black History Month and suggested CS could provide additional advice for BME organisations to engage with Black History Month (could include applying for funds to provide this support)

MP led a discussion about how CS could focus on other parts of the sector (International Women's Day, Pride, etc) and find different ways to support these annual events. TJ and DH will look into this. KW offered to donate time as a trustee to help with these deliberations.

Agenda Item 4 - Developments in Lambeth and Lewisham

JBW gave the history of how the discussions with Voluntary Action Lewisham came about. KW stated she has good relationships with a Lewisham councillor and can have discussions about a potential merger if necessary. MA asked about any potential risk about how Southwark Council may feel about this development,

It was agreed it would be important to write up the rationale behind this development and articulating it members and other stakeholders as soon as possible.

GM gave an update on where Lambeth was in terms of an invitation to tender for the contract to provide support and leadership functions in the VCS in Lambeth. There has been no movement. GM will update the board as soon as he hears of any further developments.

Agenda Item 5 - Involve

DH led a discussion on how the Involve programme has been refreshed using a freelance model.

MP asked how Involve is linked with other parts of CS. DH outlined how the link with Southwark Giving is beginning strengthened with a much clearer offer for corporate partners.

Agenda Item 5 – Social action

TJ led a discussion on development in the social action following the restructuring exercise in April. TJ covered the faith and health small grants programme which is funded by Public Health. TJ also discussed how the Community Action Network have changed to be much more demand led (in terms of community need) instead of a fixed schedule.

Agenda Item 6 – Budget 2018/19

The 2018/19 budget was approved.

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MG raised the issue of GDPR and GM gave an outline of how CS is

supporting the sector (training and online resources) and how CS is preparing.

MG also raised the Civil Society Strategy consultation and GM assured him that CS were pulling together a sector wide response.

GM mentioned Southwark Stars is likely to be in November 2018 and could be in the Tate Exchange, Once confirmed trustees will be informed.