

Hammersmith & Fulham Third Sector Director's Forum

Date: 16 December 2009 **Venue:** The Lyric, Hammersmith

Organisations Present: CAB, Groundwork, CaVSA, HFVC, UPG, PSLA, Foundations UK, H&F Refugee Forum, Third Age, CITAS, Carers' Centre, The Lyric, Active Planet.

Invited guests: Annette Furley (Audit Commission – lead for CAA inspection in H&F), Sarah Evans (Audit Commission)

1.0 Introduction to CAA and Hammersmith & Fulham results for 2009

Annette and Sarah presented a brief introduction to the CAA and some key messages from the 2009 assessment for H&F.

More information and detail on the H&F area performance is available via the new audit commission website– oneplace. Click on the link below to take you to the site and then choose Hammersmith & Fulham.

<http://oneplace.direct.gov.uk/pages/default.aspx>

2.0 Discussion and issues raised

- CAA assesses the extent to which each local authority area is achieving outcomes against the Community Strategy set by the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP).
- Liaison with the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council, as well as with the LSP are the main mechanisms for information gathering for the Comprehensive Area Assessment in H&F.
- Assessment process relies on existing data that is collected by the statutory bodies in each area and this being assessed against amongst other things the national indicator set.
- Year one provides a baseline against which the process will be refined over time.
- CAA is a live process with assessments being updated at least annually and more regularly as issues arise or situations change.
- H&F achieved one green flag and no red flags.
- The 2010 assessment process for H&F will focus on areas highlighted as challenges from the 2009 assessment.
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- January to March, will be reviewing the use of resources by the PCT and Local Authority. allocated to the 2010 CAA process
- Annette and Sarah will attend the March LSP meetings to discuss the process for year 2 and to highlight the key issues that CAA will focus on next year.

3.0 Follow up actions

- CaVSA to circulate presentation and link to oneplace website
- Invite Annette and Sarah to another Directors Forum meeting during the 2010 CAA process
- Depending on capacity, to explore possibility of themed presentations for VCS organisations on the key challenge areas highlighted for 2010 – health, sustaining crime reductions, climate change
- Agreed key issue is for the sector to be better informed and able to influence and input to the LSP. Therefore need to focus on election of reps to the LSP in January/February 2010. CaVSA to circulate relevant info to help with this.
- Theme for the Borough Partnership meeting in March 2010 is the Third Sector. Need to consider how best to link this with CAA process.

4.0 Future meeting agendas

- 25th February 2010 – guest speaker is Councillor Greenhalgh
 Agreed agenda is that as Cabinet Member for the Third Sector, Councillor Greenhalgh is invited to speak for 10/15 minutes on his view of the role of the sector in Hammersmith & Fulham. Followed by an open question and answer session.
- Possible future agenda is to focus on how to influence regional and sub regional agendas and bodies e.g. West London Working

Dates of Future meetings

Thursday 25 th February 2010 8.30am to 10.30am	Guest speaker – Cllr Stephen Greenhalgh
Thursday 22 nd April 2010	Influencing regional and sub regional agendas e.g. West London Working – TBC
Thursday 8 th July 2010	TBC
Thursday 16 th September 2010	TBC
Thursday 16 th December 2010	TBC