

Local Resilience Plan

Summary

Following the recent survey around the impact of the recession on the VCS in Shropshire, a Local Resilience Action Plan has been drafted. There are close links between the Local Resilience Action Plan and the VCSA Annual Action Plan. Some of the activities necessary to build resilience within the sector closely relate to the core activities of the VCSA Board and its Forums of Interest. Other activities are more specific with a strong link to the work taking place to develop and implement the new Compact. There is also a close link to the Beating the Recession Workshop held by the Community Council.

The purpose of this paper is to ask the Board to approve the LRAP (attached) and consider process for monitoring and managing the action plan.

Recommendations/Actions

The Board is asked to:

1. Adopt the LRAP (appended to this paper)
2. Approve the proposal to amalgamate the LRAP and the VCS Assembly annual action plan to facilitate monitoring
3. Approve the proposal to add a standing item to each FOI agenda to ensure that any additional pressures identified, on the local VCS, are brought to the attention of the Board. Actions (3.7)
4. Approve the proposal that a 2nd Recession Survey is completed in May 2010 and the LRAP fully updated following the collation of results. (Action 1.3)

1. Adopting the LRAP

The full Local resilience Action Plan (LRAP) is appended to this covering paper (see appendices 1 & 2). The plan has been based on the responses received from a Recession Survey carried out amongst members of the Assembly earlier this year and the outputs of a workshop held by Assembly members considering resilience issues. The NAVCA framework for developing a LRAP has been used to develop this document.

The **Board is asked** to note in particular, action 1.3, which is the proposal that: a 2nd Recession Survey is completed in May 2010 and the LRAP fully updated following the collation of results from this survey.

In addition the **Board is asked** to support a proposal that a standing item is added to each FOI agenda to ensure that any additional pressures identified on the local VCS are identified and brought to the attention of the Board and also that note is added to the Assembly Board Feedback proformas to remind Representatives to feedback specifically on these issues (see Actions 3.4, 3.6 & 3.7)

Finally, in this section, the Board is asked to approve and adopt the LRAP.

2. Monitoring the LRAP

The ongoing monitoring of the Local Resilience Action Plan is important in order to ensure the plan is implemented and updated as issues change and pressures upon the VCS are identified.

The action plan contains 40 actions many of which are reflected in the VCS Annual Action plan. Progress on the annual action plan is already monitored quarterly by the Board. Rather than monitor two action plans separately, containing many duplicate recommendations it is proposed that the two plans are amalgamated. Not only will this streamline the monitoring process, it will also enable focus on a smaller number of actions specific to the LRAP, intended to support the VCS combat recessionary pressures.

Of the 40 proposed actions, 5 have been completed and are highlighted as green in the attached plan. Of the remaining 35, 16 have been identified as actions already being reported on in the Assembly's Annual Action plan. These 16 actions are identified by a yellow highlight in the 'comments column' of the attached plan. It is proposed that these entries are annotated 'LRAP' in the existing plan Annual work plan for ease of identification during monitoring.

Of the remaining 19 actions, 4 are listed in Table 1 with the recommendation that they need no further specific action at this time (these have been coloured aqua in the attached action plan). A 5th action (5.2) is also highlighted in the table below (& in aqua in the attached plan) with the recommendation that it is added to the current Annual action plan, under the 'compact development' section.

If the recommendations in table 1 are accepted then this leaves 14 actions to be monitored separately (highlighted purple in the attached plan). It is proposed that an addition section 'headed LRAP' be added to the current Annual Action plan to capture these actions. The annual action plan is tabled at each quarterly Board meeting.

TABLE 1

Action	Comment	Proposal
2.3 Develop VCSA promotional materials to develop membership.	Not specifically in current plan –but being developed in response to 2.10, 2.2 & 5.4 of Annual Action plan	Does not need to be identified as a separate action in the annual action plan.
2.8 Recognise that improving performance against NI7 may help the VCS respond to the recession	June Board mtg received & responded to report on NI7 research. Board's response included in paper to Council senior management team.	No further specific action needed.
2.9 Identify link with mental health leads and work together to determine method of sharing information and referral process	PALS coordinator contacted - item has been put in newsletter highlighting counselling services available in primary care. Other resilience plan action points are closely related. (2.7 & 2.10)	No further specific action needed
2.11 Communicate Shropshire issues at a regional level.	Not specifically in action plan – but part of fundamental assembly remit	No further specific action needed