

SELF RELIANT & THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Sustainability of the Voluntary / Community Sector

■ Background

- A lack of volunteers – problems recruiting volunteers. More training for volunteers required.
- All voluntary organisations have highlighted this issue as being an ongoing problem for their organisation. This results in a lack of skills but existing helpers may also require some training to improve their skills. The kinds of skills gaps identified so far are child protection, behaviour management, marketing & PR and fundraising.
- There may also be gaps in provision to meet local needs.

■ Location Whole area

■ Actions and Responsible Agency

- Carry out a mapping exercise of voluntary & community organisations and gain a better understanding of existing services, skills needs and gaps and the type of training required. Two types of training need to be considered – generic skills and specific.

Responsibility Voluntary sector

- Undertake a campaign to highlight the benefits of volunteering.

Responsibility Voluntary sector

- Align activity to local community priorities.

Responsibility Voluntary sector

- Produce a strategy for working with the voluntary sector, which includes the role of the CVS.

Responsibility Council for Voluntary Service (CVS)
Voluntary organisations
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

■ Resource

- Local voluntary organisations.
- Council for Voluntary Service.
- Reigate and Banstead Borough Council

■ Timescale 1 - 3 years

■ Outcome Measure/Reporting

- Production of a strategy for working with the voluntary sector.
- Greater understanding of the local need.
- Increases in the number of active volunteers in local voluntary and community groups and improved access to training.
- Increased sustainability and credibility of the voluntary sector.



■ Local Community : What you can do

- Become a volunteer.