

## People's Board

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### The Role of St Helens Voluntary, Community, Faith & Social Enterprise Sector in responding to Covid-19

#### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report is intended to provide the People's Board with an overview of the role of the VCFSE sector in St Helens during the Covid-19 response

#### 2. BACKGROUND

In March 2020, working closely with St Helens MBC, the VCFSE sector in St Helens mobilized to support the Borough's response to Covid-19. The Community Response Tactical Group acted as a key source for co-ordination and facilitation for the wider sector efforts in the Borough. Since the start of the Covid-19 crisis locally and under the banner of St Helens Together, the VCFSE sector and Halton & St Helens VCA as part of the sector have been mobilizing to meet local need and demand. The People's Board has previously received papers on the work between St Helens Cares partners and the wider VCFSE sector and this is a demonstration of the role the sector can play with public sector colleagues as part of a Borough-wide approach that encourages and enables the sector to play its part.

#### 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Note the contents of the presentation and attachments**
- **Note the contribution the VCFSE sector has made to the Covid-19 response in St Helens**
- **Note the key role volunteering and volunteers have played**
- **Give consideration to the 7 Recovery Recommendations and how we continue to support the sustainability of the VCFSE sector in St Helens**

#### 4. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Halton & St Helens VCA Impact Report

Appendix 2 – VS6 Recovery Paper

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