**ISSUES TABLE**

**JOINT FORUM BETWEEN GOVERNMENT**

**and the VOLUNTARY and COMMUNITY SECTOR**

**MEETING 1/ 2019**

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| Issue | Actions | Update  |
| **Programme for Government**Draft PfG and outcomes-based accountability model. Delivery Plans report on indicators across government.**Outcome 4 -** **Drugs Misuse**Drugs misuse pervading all sections of society and co-ordination by government and V&C sector to ensure awareness of and access to suitable resourced services to help those affected. | Maintain a watching brief and identify opportunities to promote outcomes for citizens. Presentation on PfG to be organised for upcoming Joint Forum meeting.Sub Group to lead a work programme with partners across the VCS and government to identify opportunities to turn the curve. | JF members have indicated that the PfG is a high priority in terms of presentations. An update will be sought at a future JF meetingUpdate required. |
| **Funding & Good Governance**Including but not limited to issues such as sustainability, challenges and barriers, access to funding, efficient use of resources, duplication of effort, process and procedures, governance and accountability, HMRC Employers Allowance, Full cost recovery, TUPE under procurement, Addressing Bureaucracy report. | Identify opportunities to promote and improve governance capacity within the sector. Identify opportunities to promote and improve succession planning within the VCS.Meeting held on 17 April to discuss Addressing Bureaucracy report 2013. | On-going VCD scoping study in partnership with NICVA to consider funding approaches. A meeting of a number of Joint Forum members met on 17 April to discuss Addressing Bureaucracy report and assessing the implementation of recommendations of that report. Notes have been written up from that meeting and will be further discussed at VCS group on 16 May.Group to hear presentation from Daniel Holder (CAJ) on the work they have been doing around transparency and accountability of government funding. |
| **Wellbeing Agenda**Department of Health, Trusts and other partners work on wellbeing, community cohesion and quality of life. **Social Prescribing** | Maintain a watching brief on opportunities to promote the wellbeing agenda.  | Future Presentation draft timetable includes DfC Social Strategy lead official.  |
| **Community Planning**Council-led corporate planning models to achieve outcomes in partnership with stakeholders and citizens.  | Maintain a watching brief on community planning and identify opportunities to help inform and promote good practice in and with Councils. Ask SOLACE rep Ryan Black to facilitate a presentation on community planning. | Community planning identified as a priority presentation update. Presentation will be requested at a future Joint Forum meeting on community planning progress across councils. (Autumn)Siobhán meeting with David Cuthbert (Community Planning Officer at BCC) regarding their efforts to strengthen VCSE participation and representation in community planning- will provide an update at VCS meeting.  |

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| **Brexit**Impact of UK’s decision to withdraw from EU.  | Maintain a watching brief and identify opportunities for the Joint Forum to assist planning and transition. Maintain a focus on replacement of EU funding programmes, emerging policy gaps, risks and governance challenges.Members indicated that it would be useful to invite Andrew McCormack along to the next Joint Forum meeting to update on Brexit/no deal planning – however next meeting post March 2019. | Paul Brush (Director of EU Future Relations) to come to the meeting of the Joint Forum in June to update on Brexit preparations and to answer questions from Joint Forum members.  |
| **Policy and Practice**Emerging policy and practice of interest to the Joint Forum – for input and assistance in shaping new thinking; and to help promote new approaches and best practice.  |  | Presentation from Lorraine Griffin (COSTA) on ‘A day in the life of a community workerPresentation from Red Cross on emergency planningPresentation from T: BUC Young Leaders on experiences of engaging with VCS and government |
| **Welfare Reform & Poverty**Ongoing roll out of Welfare Reform locally and its impact on the VCS and citizens.  | Maintain a watching brief on the work of the Cliff Edge Coalition (several members part of this coalition)  | Siobhán and others to keep Joint Forum updated on the work of the Cliff Edge Coalition.* A joint inquiry has been launched by the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and the Work and Pensions Committee into the impact of welfare policy in NI including a focus on policies such as Universal Credit and the two-child limit.
* DFC paper on review of welfare reform mitigations scheme
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