

People and Communities Committee

Directory of Voluntary Groups in Berwick-upon-Tweed

Background

1. Council needs, on occasions, to consult the local voluntary and community sector (VCS) to inform the development of policy. A good example is the issue of the provision of advice services; another is the issue of hard to reach groups.
2. The VCS infrastructure organizations operating in the town are still configured around the former borough council boundaries that ceased to exist in 2009.
3. It would be helpful if council could develop a directory of VCS organizations that either operate in Berwick, or which specifically offer services to residents of Berwick. The timing is appropriate since such a directory would also be a useful addition to the new council website.

Issues

1. Does the committee consider a Berwick specific directory would be useful to residents of the town?
2. Does the committee endorse the proposal that such a directory should be hosted on the council website?

Recommendation

1. That the committee indicate its views on the topics to council.