

The Assembly – Supporting the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector in Surrey

The Audit Commission published its Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) results for public services in England. So what does that mean? What does this have to do with the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector in Surrey? And what does the Assembly do?

The CAA assessment is based on the National Indicators that were agreed by the Surrey Strategic Partnership which has identified 10 priorities covering five key themes.

The key themes are:

- Health & Well-being
- Safer Stronger Communities
- Housing, Infrastructure & Environment
- Children & Young People
- Economic Development

This is where you and the Assembly come in. These five groups each has a panel who get together to discuss and help shape priorities to help Surrey achieve these goals. The Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector have representatives who sit on these panels. Elections for these roles will take place early next year and will be independently moderated by RAISE. The Assembly will then support the elected representatives to represent the VCFS on these panels. This will include feeding back information from these meetings to the sector and feeding in the views of the sector to the representatives. This is a really exciting chance for the sector to have a mandated platform to ensure that the wealth of experience and the hard work done by the sector in Surrey is given the respect it deserves at a strategic level.

We need you to:

Look out for the call for candidates, could you or someone else on your organisation represent the sector – The Assembly will supply support and training.

Vote! – When the voting paper arrives, make sure that your organisation has a say in who represents your views to the Surrey Strategic Partnership.

The full report can be found at: <http://oneplace.direct.gov.uk/pages/default.aspx>

If you have any questions, comments or wish to attend Representation Training to help you decide if you would like to stand in the elections please contact; Hazel Robinson, Assembly Support Manager, Surrey Infrastructure Consortium, email: hazelr@surreyca.org.uk Tel (mobile): 07500 470283