

MEETING	B&NES HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
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<u>Report summary table</u>	
Report title	Compassionate Communities and Third Sector Group (3SG) Update
Report author	James Carlin, Director of B&NES 3SG
List of attachments	Appendix One: VCSE Position Statement
Background papers	None
Summary	This report includes a verbal update from James Carlin on the developing work of the Compassionate Communities project as well as a broader update on how third sector organisations across B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire are working together.
Recommendations	<p>The Board is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the update • Consider how the HWB can offer support to the Compassionate Communities project as it further develops
Rationale for recommendations	The Board have received previous reports from the Third Sector Group. At its January 2019 meeting, the Board resolved to offer support to the Compassionate Communities project and welcome further progress reports as the project developed.
Resource implications	There are no resource implications arising from this report.
Statutory considerations	N/A
Climate change	The ambition of Compassionate Communities is to empower and support people to look after themselves and each other. This means making B&NES a more sustainable, compassionate and healthy place and giving individuals the confidence to take positive action when it's needed.
Consultation	<p>Compassionate Communities seeks to bring together and make the most of the skills and resources of the Council, education providers, healthcare, 3rd sector, faith community, businesses, residents and volunteers. A number of organisations have signed the Compassionate Communities Charter and further details can be found online here:</p> <p>https://www.3sg.org.uk/pages/compassionate-communities</p>

THE REPORT

- 1.1 As part of this report, the Board will receive a verbal update on the Compassionate Communities project.
- 1.2 The vision of the project is that Bath and North East Somerset is a Compassionate Community in which people are inspired and supported to look after themselves and each other. The ambition is to nurture a grassroots social movement which recognises there are people and organisations supporting each other, who care, are available and can step in as and when needed, with actual or virtual support.
- 1.3 Alongside this, and attached at Appendix One, this report also provides a broader update on how third sector organisations across Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire are working together.

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