

Whole Essex Community Budget

Strengthening Communities

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Vision

- Essex has strong, resilient communities of active citizens who are willing and able to take responsibility for their own wellbeing, and work together to find local solutions for local problems.



Workstreams

- Broken down into four workstreams
 - Community Builders
 - Volunteering
 - Community Resilience Fund
 - VCS strategy



Community Builders

- Building strong communities by giving the community the tools
- Community Builder trials established – start Sept 13
 - Southend, Harlow and Tendring; initially awarded funding
 - Update regarding new funding and areas
 - ABCD – Asset Based Community Development
- ABCD training
- Thurrock ABCD
- Network meetings



Volunteering

- Research identified gap in 16-24 year olds
- Commissioned research in volunteering
 - 16-24 year group
 - Corporate Culture – Due Aug 13
- Campaign due in Oct 13
- Timebank rollout



Community Resilience Fund

- ECC committed £1m to a Community Resilience Fund
- Looking to come into effect from Oct 13
- Will be managed by a specialist community body that also will manage the grant funding in the future
- Looking to partners contributions in the near future for sustainability



VCS Strategy

- Agree the way the public sector works with the VCS in Essex
- Held 'mixed' workshop in June – over 50 attendees
- Draft strategy open for public consultation



Key Outcomes & examples

- Increased sense of community
- Increase in volunteering
- Improved partnership working
- Improved perception of community life

Making it actually happen on the ground



Partnership working

- Whole system approach needed to make it work
 - LA, Police, Probation, Health, DWP
 - Work together to maximise opportunities and outcomes
 - Sharing of information
- Snowball effect with outcomes – contributory factors to outcomes in other areas



Next Steps

- Business case for 2014/15
- 2 areas of focus
- Funding

