

# Proposals for Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Engagement in Surrey Strategic Partnership

## HAVE YOUR SAY

### Preliminary Statement

Surrey's voluntary and community and faith organisations (VCFOs) have a golden opportunity of being involved in the setting up of new assembly linked to Surrey Strategic Partnership which will operate to:

- ✚ Improve the voice of voluntary, community and faith organisations at strategic level
- ✚ Ensure that the engagement of voluntary, community and faith organisations with local stakeholders and strategic partners is effective
- ✚ Strengthen local networking

### What Has Happened To Date

At present there are transitional arrangements in place for engagement in the partnership. These were put in place during 2007 to ensure an improved level of participation until a new process of engagement was developed and agreed by the VCFS.

The National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA) was then commissioned to work with the voluntary, community and faith sector in Surrey to formulate proposals for engagement models for the Surrey Strategic Partnership.

Phase one of the work has been to engage with a broad range of organisations across the county to map current routes for VCFS engagement and to identify aspirations for future models. The desire was to develop systems and processes that fit Surrey rather than try and impose models utilised elsewhere. This work has taken place between June and September 2008. In total over 44 organisations have been involved in this process, the majority from the VCFS but all statutory organisations have also been engaged to ensure any proposal arising from the work has taken their expectations into account.

The result of phase one of this work has been the report *Routes to Partnership* which outlines the proposals for future voluntary, community and faith sector engagement mechanisms in Surrey Strategic Partnership.

Copies of this report can be obtained from:

- ✚ Download from websites [www.surreyca.org.uk](http://www.surreyca.org.uk) or [www.surreycc.gov.uk](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)
- ✚ Email for an electronic copy [surreysurvey@navca.org.uk](mailto:surreysurvey@navca.org.uk)
- ✚ Telephone 0207 819 9488 to receive a copy in the post

## Summary of Proposals

1. Increase VCFS representation on the Surrey Strategic Partnership from 12 places to 21
2. To develop a VCFS assembly for the County of Surrey as a route to select representatives to sit on the Surrey Strategic Partnership
3. To introduce a 1 day compulsory induction programme for all representatives selected by the Surrey VCFS Assembly
4. To recruit an Engagement Officer to support the representatives and ensure effective two way communication through the networks, forums and partnerships and with the assembly e-circulation list
5. To propose all expenses relating to travel, childcare and care are paid for those representatives whose organisation is not already funded by SCC to fulfil these duties
6. To develop an equalities and diversity reference group to act as a resource for representatives to ensure a broad range of views and opinions are facilitated

## What Happens Next?

The proposal report is available for your organisation to comment upon. NAVCA have also set up consultation events for you to come and discuss the proposal in person. This form provides you with:

- ✚ The opportunity to comment upon the Proposal by completing the consultation questionnaire (return the questionnaire by 22/12/2008)
- ✚ And/or book a place at one of the consultation events



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### Consultation Questionnaire on New Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Engagement Proposal

1. Do you support the proposal to develop a voluntary, community and faith sector assembly for Surrey? Yes  No  Don't Know
2. What elements of the new proposal do you think are positive and could lead to effective engagement and representation within the Surrey Strategic Partnership? Such as:
- a. Increased representation on theme boards Yes  No  Don't Know
  - b. Representation on the delivery management group Yes  No  Don't Know
  - c. Formal process to nominate representatives to SSP Yes  No  Don't Know

Comment:

3. What do you think would be key indicators of success of any new community engagement systems in the Surrey Strategic Partnership? Such as:
- a. Participation of representatives at all levels of SSP Yes  No  Don't Know
  - b. Influence of representatives at SSP Yes  No  Don't Know
  - c. A vibrant and diverse voluntary, community and faith sector assembly bringing together opinion, skills and views Yes  No  Don't Know

Comment:

4. Do you feel that the quantity of representatives proposed within the new system is appropriate and achievable? Yes  No  Don't Know

Comment:

5. Do you agree with the idea of having a compulsory induction programme for all representatives of the proposed VCFS Assembly? Yes  No  Don't Know

Comment:

6. Do you agree with the proposal to have a dedicated officer to support representatives, facilitate the gathering of views from other organisations and communities and ensure effective feedback?  
Yes  No  Don't Know
7. Which sector is best placed to host this officer and coordinate the secretariat of the assembly?  
Voluntary Sector  Statutory Sector  Private Sector

Given your choice above which organisation/agency do you feel should host the officer and secretariat?

8. Do agree with the proposal to cover all expenses such a travel, childcare and care for those representatives whose organisations are not already funded to fulfil these duties by Surrey County Council?  
Yes  No  Don't Know

Comment:

9. Do you support the proposal to have an equalities and diversity reference group as a resource for representatives?  
Yes  No  Don't Know
10. Do you feel the 12 identified places proposed on the reference group cover the diversity of Surrey's communities and issues?  
Yes  No  Don't Know

Comment:

11. General Comments please include here:

**Thank You**

Please return the completed questionnaire by 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2008  
By Post to: NAVCA, 91 Hartington Road, London SW8 2HB  
By email to [surreysurvey@navca.org.uk](mailto:surreysurvey@navca.org.uk)  
By Fax: 0207 819 9488

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## HAVE YOUR SAY

### VCFS Engagement in Surrey Strategic Partnership - Consultation Events

There are five opportunities to attend events to have your say about the new proposals for voluntary, community and faith sector engagement in Surrey Strategic Partnership. Please select your option (see choices [A], [B], [C], [D], [E] below), tear off this section of the form and return by post, fax or email.

#### Consultation Event - Booking Form

Option	Day & Date	Venue	Address	Time	Choice
A	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2008	Camberley Theatre	Knoll Road Camberley Surrey GU15 3SY	1.30pm – 4pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2008	Runnymede Centre	Chertsey Road, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 2EP	10am – 12.30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2008	Leatherhead Leisure Centre	Guildford Road, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 9BL	1.30pm – 4pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2008	Harlequin Theatre	Warwick Quadrant Redhill Surrey RH1 1NN	10am – 12.30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2008	Holiday Inn	Egerton Road Guildford Surrey GU2 7XZ	6.30pm – 9pm	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### Booking Details - Please ensure that you complete this section of the form using block print

Name
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Organisation
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Telephone
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Email
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Do you have any special requirements? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes please specify
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Please return the completed booking form before your chosen event  
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