BRIEFING TO CHADDERTON DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

Working with Community Groups

Portfolio Holder:

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Summary
To brief the District Partnership on the work of the Chadderton Federation of Community Organisations known as Chadderton Together.

Requirement from District Partnership:
What does the author want from the Leadership group?
E.g. early views on what action to take.

Support and acknowledgement for the projects which are carried out in the three Chadderton Wards and help in promoting the opportunities available through this voluntary community asset who’s sole purpose is to bring the community together for mutual benefit.

How to be actioned:

X Report author attending
☐ Discussion item
☐ Presentation

Further information:
The Federation was set up in 2008 and has been working within the community with a variety of groups and organisations to raise funding and to develop projects. Membership consists of a number of voluntary groups and individual representatives of groups from across Chadderton. Most of these groups have received support from Officers and Councillors. The Committee consist of a representative sample from member groups, all being volunteers.
The Federation is now working towards charitable status and has secured the following funding during the past few months.

1. Awards for All have given a grant of £9,770 to support volunteering projects.

2. £5,000 was awarded from the Near Neighbours Fund to support the development of an interfaith forum within the Parish of Christ Church which includes part of Central Ward and South Ward.
3. A £33,000 grant was secured from Community First Funding to support the development of community groups, organisations and activities in North Ward.

The Federation is working in partnership with Voluntary Action Oldham in order to identify other appropriate sources of funding to promote the development of the voluntary sector across Chadderton. This includes the development of an application to Reaching Communities to support Health and Well Being. A similar partnership exists with Groundwork in order to develop a Welfare to Work Project.

The Federation has received a considerable amount of advice and support from Officers and has been able to assist various groups to access the grant system. Particular examples of this success are Hollinwood Rugby League Football Club, Block Lane Tenants and Residents Association, Firwood and District Residents Association and Stock Brook Tenants and Residents Association.

The Federation welcomes new members, supports and encourages volunteers and is keen to help establish new groups and organisations which support activities, develop skills and bring the community together. Any support from the District Partnership would be most appreciated.