

APPENDIX 1

REGISTERED PROVIDER LOCAL INITIATIVES 2015/16

Registered Provider	Initiative	Details
Contour	Health Action Group	Contour in partnership with Big Life formed a Health Action Group within its sheltered housing schemes which enables residents to participate in health improvement activities and provides health checks.
Contour	Financial Inclusion Service	Contour's Financial Inclusion Service provides support and advice to its tenants on maximising their income levels. The work carried out by the Service in 2015/16 has helped Contours residents in the borough increase their household income by a total of over £113k
Contour	Rochdale Employment Skills Group	A representative from Contour sits on the Rochdale Employment Skills Group which shares best practice in respect of the provision of employment support across the borough
Regenda	Community Champions Programme	Regenda led a project in the Wardle area of Rochdale which involved partnership working with the Council and other organisations. The aim of the project was to improve wellbeing of residents through training and volunteering and to improve access to opportunities for local residents.
Regenda	Health and Housing	Regenda has worked with Rochdale Housing Initiative to support activity and develop projects around health and housing. This joint work has led to the establishment of a number initiatives in the borough relating to improving health and wellbeing.
Regenda	Petrus	Petrus has formally become part of the Regenda Group and this will enable Regenda to increase its capability to support its communities across the borough.
St Vincent's	Therapy Project	St Vincent's HA in partnership with Rochdale Housing Initiative ran a 12 week therapy project for pregnant mums from the Deeplish Children's centre, The project operated for one full day per week over the 12 week period.

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St Vincent's/Great Places	Holiday Kitchen	<p>The holiday kitchen was held in August 2015 within the Newbold area of Rochdale and was a partnership initiative involving Great Places Housing Group, St Vincent's Housing Association and Rochdale Council. It has been recognised that during school holidays vulnerable and low income families have no free school meals as well as a loss of regular social contact and play opportunities. This can result in financial, emotional and nutritional challenges for affected children. The project aimed to add to children's health and well being through a series of two days per week activities over a four week period. The activity days included healthy foods prepared by the families for the children to eat, drama and craft based activity sessions. Visits were also arranged to a local community allotment to learn about growing vegetables and to Hollingworth Lake, to complete a scavenger hunt.</p> <p>In total 10 families from Great Places participated in the project and it was also noted that the families by attending the project also benefited in increased community cohesion and social integration.</p>
Great Places	Rochdale Diversity Awards	On 26 May 2016 the Diversity Awards were held at Rochdale Town Hall. Great Places Housing Group presented the winners of the 2016 Housing Award to the overall winners Petrus.
Guinness Partnership	Darnhill Festivals	Guinness provided financial contributions for both the winter and summer festivals on the Darnhill estate
Guinness Partnership	Partnership Community Day	Guinness arranged the event to promote local support services. Organisations which attended included Sure Start, the Police, RBH and Petrus.
Rochdale Boroughwide Housing	Community Gardens and Healthy Eating	Development and support of community growing sites and healthy eating projects at 9 sites across the borough
Rochdale Boroughwide Housing	RBH Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Work Experience Placements	RBH ran a training programme providing 3 trade apprenticeships, 11 traineeships and 26 volunteer work experience placements.

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Rochdale Boroughwide Housing	RBH Member Community Funding	RBH established a new funding process to support community organisations to develop projects around work and skills, health and wellbeing, digital inclusion, reducing social and/or financial exclusion.
Rochdale Boroughwide Housing	RBH Community Training Programme	This is an annual volunteer training programme which RBH operates with CVRS. The programme provides a range of accredited training including first aid, paediatric first aid and food hygiene.
Rochdale Boroughwide Housing	Prison Me No Way Programme	RBH in partnership with the Police Crime Commissioners Fund delivered eight 1 day sessions in secondary schools across the borough focussing on crime, anti-social behaviour and personal safety
Riverside Group	Langley Neighbourhood Partnership Launch	The event was held at Burnside Community Centre and was well supported by a number of community groups, organisations and the community. The Langley Neighbourhood Partnership's main aim is to provide an opportunity for community groups, organisations and statutory agencies to come together to share, promote ideas, events and services that will improve the area and support the residents of Langley
Riverside Group	Keep Warm Keep Well	Riverside held a Keep Warm and Keep Well event at 'Your Hub' in partnership with Big Life to raise awareness about keeping fit and well during the cold winter months in addition to health checks. Keep Warm and Keep Well packs were distributed to interested participants on request. Employment and Training, Affordable Warmth and Money Advice was also on offer by Riverside for those needing support.
Riverside Group	Family Food & Fun	The school holiday initiative was delivered by Burnside Community Centre in partnership with Riverside and focuses on providing families a hot meal once a week during the school holidays following a successful partnership funding bid for £3,895 from Church Urban Fund. This was highlighted as one of the Neighbourhood Action Plan priorities last year 'Providing more practical support for families', arising from the impact holidays have on families who are in receipt of free meals with children's progress when they return to school with their lack of nutrition.

		<p>Various services were invited to participate to engage with the families in attendance such as the Employment and Training Officer, Health Trainers etc. Two Riverside volunteers were also involved. To date over 200 meals have been served.</p>
<p>Riverside Group</p>		<p>In the Langley area, 15 volunteers have been recruited and trained. This was done in partnership with staff from Rochdale Community Champions Scheme. Volunteers have primarily focused on the themes of Digital Inclusion, Affordable Warmth, Financial Inclusion and Employment and Training. In addition to supporting and assisting at events and signposting for those who require support.</p> <p>This project has attracted people who have a range of skills. Notable successes include supporting our tenants and residents in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carers allowance (2) - DLA renewal Middle rate (2) - DLA renewal Low rate (1) - PIP High Rate (1) - Support with form filling (8) - Warm Home Discounts (3) - Financial Statements (2) - Backdated ESA Benefit worth £4,000 - Scottish Power Hardship Fund worth £2,000 - £735 overpayment recovered from Scottish Power - In terms of the outcomes for volunteers: - 1 volunteer has secured an apprenticeship. - 4 volunteers have secured employment.