



## **VCSE Strategic Forum, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - Key Points**

Presentation from Taunton Association for the Homeless inspiring for clear approach, strength in holding onto core values and that building sustainability and independence is achievable through social enterprise.

An opportunity for sector to work together on promoting physical activity - Forum and others to follow up with SASP

VCSE & partners asked to promote new Forum website <https://www.somersetcse.org.uk/>

Save the date - Leaders Conference 9th May 'The Future of Social Action in Somerset'

Somerset Health & Wellbeing Strategy - consultation to begin from June 2018. For more information and/or to invite to a forum or meeting contact Catherine Falconer - [cfalconer@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:cfalconer@somerset.gov.uk)

New round of Somerset Commissioning Academy starting later in March - several VCSE organisations attending

Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport - Consultation on the future of Civil Society about to launch. <http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/civil-society-strategy-have-your-say>. Linked to this Forum (through Engage) are negotiating with NAVCA to run a South West consultation event in Somerset - dates and venue will be posted on the Forum website

Somerset Intelligence Network - a one stop shop for information, facts and figures about Somerset. <http://www.somersetintelligence.org.uk>

Look out for info on Naturally Healthy Month May <http://slnp.org.uk/news/naturally-healthy-month-may-2017/>

Wellbeing Zones available for individuals and groups to book at Taunton and Yeovil Libraries Contact [taulib@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:taulib@somerset.gov.uk) or [yeolib@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:yeolib@somerset.gov.uk)