

NALC County Committee  
18 November 2017

Memorandum of Understanding with CAN

1. New members of the Committee may not be aware of the formal arrangements between the Association and Community Action Northumberland [CAN]. The memorandum of understanding was prepared in November 2015 and runs for three years from 1st April 2016. A copy is enclosed.
2. In essence I am employed by CAN and they provide some administrative support. My role, however, is entirely to work for the Association and not for CAN. Historically the two organisations were very close and shared the same chief officer, David Francis.
3. The Committee is asked to consider how it wishes to carry out the review of the memorandum of understanding. Members may consider it appropriate for the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and the Honorary Treasurer to meet with their CAN counterparts not only to review the operation but also any changes which could be made to assist the Association.
4. There are advantages to having a host organisation, not least that there is some cover during holidays or absence to ill health or work commitments such as meetings. Whilst the office used by CAN is by no means ideal, it is difficult to see how alternative accommodation could be found within the scope of available finance.
5. **Subject to the Committee's views, it is recommended that the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and the Honorary Treasurer are authorised to meet with CAN and make recommendations regarding the arrangements with CAN to a future meeting of the Committee.**

Stephen Rickitt  
9 November 2017