

Our Manchester

VCSE Infrastructure Co-design Group

Session 2
28th November 2018

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Recap of last session
 - a. Notes from last session
 - b. Finalise working agreement
3. Strategic context / objectives - Updated
4. The reality and how will we respond
 - a. What we currently do, what needs to continue/improve/stop and how could we respond differently
 - b. Summary of key points, actions and comms
5. Focus of next session - Other key issues and recommendations



Recap of last session

Working Agreement & Givens

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Confidentiality<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ What remains in the room○ Whats is shared - Communications via MCC and and Macc's websites.● Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) - iterative throughout the co-design process.● Declaration of interests.● We listen to each other and we're open and honest.● The focus of the process is on looking forward, not back over the history.● This process is specifically on co-designing the MCC/MHCC infrastructure contract, not the wider system● We will discuss the bigger picture and what may be needed to achieve our objectives, but the co-design is specifically for the MCC/MHCC VCSE infrastructure contract.● Will maintain a focus on the Our Manchester Strategy.	<p>The known givens for MCC/MHCC are listed within the co-design boundary document. The group added...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Desire within MCC/MHCC to have a single infrastructure contract but it is not definitive - The co-design group recommendations will be taken forward to the Our Manchester VCS Programme Board and MHCC Executive.● The contract will be awarded to a Manchester based organisation.● Manchester needs and will continue to have a VCSE infrastructure contract.● Information gathered from the co-design process for the OMVCS Grants Programme on the topic of infrastructure will be used as part of this co-design process. However, we will not be going any further back than this work.● The VCSE sector is already making a massive contribution in the city, and more specifically in meeting the outcomes of the Our Manchester Strategy and the aims and objective of MHCC. This contract will be to support this contribution and enable even more.● Organisations might potentially work together to deliver different elements of the future infrastructure contract, all of the group agreed that that still needs to be a single point of access (for information, advice and guidance).

Summary of key points

- The contract will/should sit within the context of the Our Manchester Strategy.
- The need to have high ambitions for the sector, in line with the Our Manchester strategy, but that objectives of the contract need to be prioritised.
- Debate on whether or not the contract should focus on the Voluntary and Community Sector, not Social Enterprises VCSE - Social Enterprises could potentially be supported and funded elsewhere by business focused departments and organisations.
- The contract should be clear that the infrastructure provider/s is a facilitator and coordinator as well as a provider - the infrastructure provider/s do not necessarily have to be or is always best placed to be the provider of the support to groups.
- Recognition needed within the contract of the differences and complexities of the sector e.g Voluntary Sector is different to the Community Sector. Definitions to be used and it should also be reflected in the offer available to organisations.
- Build in the ability to try different approaches and have the space to fail or try something else.
- The proposed integration of the MCC and MHCC contracts and budgets - MHCC element is a quarter of the budget, it should only have a quarter of the future contract delivery?
- MCC/MHCC commissioners should not rely too much on the infrastructure contract to do MCC/MHCC functions, the infrastructure contract is only a finite amount of resource and cannot provide everything.
- One of more providers could deliver the infrastructure contract but there still needs to be a single point of access (for information advice and guidance) **GIVEN!**
- 'Representation' debated and agreed that this would be discussed further in session 2 as part of the reality - what's happening now.
- Provider/s will have to be agile and flexible in terms of representation and that the provider/s have a strong role in helping VCSE organisations to be able to represent/facilitate leadership within the sector.

Strategic Update

- Support a diverse, thriving, resilient, effective and sustainable VCSE sector in Manchester that:
 - Makes a vital contribution to meeting the outcomes of the Our Manchester Strategy and the aims and objective of MHCC, in accordance with the Our Manchester Principles and MHCC values.
 - Is equitably distributed across geographical communities and across communities of identity.
- Further develop and support the VCSE sector and relationship it has with MCC/MHCC and other key stakeholders in the city.

A VCSE Infrastructure contract that...

- Champions, promotes and celebrates the work of the VCSE sector and the contribution it makes in Manchester, using a variety of methods to demonstrate impact and outcomes.
- Works through listening, building on strengths, conversations, co-design and co-production.
- Works to support and improve the quality of life of Manchester citizens, in its own organisational delivery and through the VCSE organisations it works with.
- Continuously reflects on and promotes that the VCSE is diverse in nature and therefore access to support and opportunities has to be available to small, medium and large organisations based on need, interest and capacity.
- Maximise investment into the VCSE in Manchester – working to increase money and resources through capacity building, engagement and influence.
- Demonstrate strategic links at a local, regional and national level, utilising intelligence and robust analysis of need to inform its work to and with the VCSE and partners in Manchester.
- Enable resources and investment into the VCSE to be aligned to strategic programmes such as the OMVCS Grant Programme and the emerging developments around the MLCO and any future VCSE Strategy for the city.
- Add value to the OMVCS Grant Programme and have a clear relationship with the OMVCS Programme Team and other MCC/MHCC teams as agreed.
- Be transparent, open, honest and accountable.
- Be clear about its offer and what it can and cannot do.

The reality and how will we respond

- What is working well / needs to continue?
- What needs to stop?
- What could be improved / done differently?

Who? What? Where? When? How? Why?



**Summary of key points &
Next session**

Next session: 10am - 12.30pm, 5th December 2018 @ The Art Gallery

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Thank You

