



Voluntary Sector Strategy

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Context



- Austerity
- Smaller Local Authority
- Rebalancing of relationship between VCS and Public Sector
- Community capacity building and behaviour change

Background



- Led by Cclr Sue Murphy, executive Lead for VCS
- Series of 3 meetings with reps from VCS, LA and NHS
- Small writing group (VCS, LA, NHS)

Overall Aim



To encourage and promote:

**A vibrant, strong, and thriving
voluntary and community sector**



- Works in every part of Manchester and with every type of community
- Is confident in its expertise and knowledge and can demonstrate the difference it makes
- Strongly represents the rights, needs and wishes of the diverse peoples of Manchester
- Has high levels of collaboration alongside widely diverse views
- Celebrates its history and achievements
- Attracts high levels of non public sector funding
- Makes good use of the freely offered time, skills and expertise of the people of Manchester



The relationship between the public and VCS sectors The way we work together!

Relationships



characterised by:

- Creative dialogue
- Valuing of the independence of VCS orgs
- Acknowledging and using each other's expertise
- Building of long-term relationships outside of formal meetings
- Understanding the constraints and legislative requirements on the public sector
- Creative interaction with the passion and diversity of opinion within the VCS



**Relationships and influence
A Stronger and Developing VCS
Collaborative Processes for Success**

OUTCOMES

Criteria



- Small number
- No or low cost
- Realistic/practicable
- Achievable
- Measurable
- Will make a real difference

Relationships and influence



- **Strong and effective representation from the VCS on statutory boards**
- **Full and early involvement of VCS in key strategic change programmes (such as Living Longer, Living Better) at Manchester and Greater Manchester level**
- **Productive relationships between operational management and other staff in the voluntary and public sectors**

A Stronger and Developing VCS



- **Support from public sector enabling VCS to access high levels of non public-sector funding**
- **Celebration and acknowledgement of the contribution of the VCS**
- **High level of collaboration between VCS organisations**

Collaborative Processes for Success



- **Effective co-design processes to tackle key problems**
- **Commissioning processes (including grants) that foster and encourage productive relationships**



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- 1. Consultation**
- 2. Finalisation**
- 3. Working Group**
 - 1. Prioritisation**
 - 2. Quick wins**
 - 3. Operational plan**



Strong and effective representation from the VCS on statutory boards

EXAMPLE

Setting a Baseline



- Selecting a limited number of statutory boards
- Bringing together Chairs of Boards and VCS reps to decide on set of criteria to indicate strength and effectiveness
- Survey of all members of boards to find starting point

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Action Plan



- Macc to convene quarterly strategic and information sharing forum for VCS representatives
- Macc to run workshop for VCS representatives
- MCC and CCGs to run joint workshop for chairs of state led boards
- Macc and CCGs/MCC to run mentoring and buddy scheme to be put in place for new VCS representatives
- Working group to Identify poorly working state led boards and identify someone to work with the convenor to improve their performance
- Macc and CCG/MCC to celebrate and publicise good practice in running statutory boards.

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Monitoring



Annual stakeholder survey of members of key representative forums in the city to collect data on their perception of the effectiveness of the forum, and of the VCS representatives, and the factors impacting on effectiveness and the change over time.

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