

# Refresh of GM VCSE Accord

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# Background

- Original GM VCSE Accord (2017) – 5-year agreement between Mayor of Greater Manchester / GMCA, with the VCSE sector.
- Memorandum of Understanding (2017) between GM Health & Social Care (H&SC) Partnership and the VCSE sector focussed on improving health and wellbeing in Greater Manchester.
- New Accord agreement will **replace** both the original Accord and the H&SC MOU
- January 2020 - the GM VCSE Leadership Group published its VCSE Policy Paper, which focusses on supporting and transforming the sector

# Background

## **New Accord agreement will be informed by:**

- **Reflection** - Learning from the original VCSE Accord and MOU, as well as evaluation of the GM VCSE Engagement Programme
- **Engagement** - structured conversations with key stakeholders from across the VCSE sector in Greater Manchester, as well as officers and politicians representing the GMCA and Health and Social Care Integrated Care System. (*this session is part of that work*)
- **Recent experiences** - our learning and reflections from the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2021 report of the GM Independent Inequalities Commission, the Marmot report 'Building Back Fairer in Greater Manchester', and the creation of the new the GM Integrated Care System

# What is the GM VCSE Accord?

## Purpose:

- A **collaboration agreement** between the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Combined Authority and the Greater Manchester Integrated Care System with the VCSE sector based on a relationship of trust
- Framework which describes VCSE sector role in the Greater Manchester Strategy and future Integrated Care System

## Scope:

- Involvement of VCSE organisations and groups in the development and delivery of the Greater Manchester Strategy, the Integrated Care System Strategic Plan and any strategies which have a GM footprint.
- All projects and programmes led by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and through the Integrated Care System, including collaborative work across districts.
- VCSE sector leadership, infrastructure and support which takes place at a GM footprint.

# What is the GM VCSE Accord?

## Who is involved:

- Three-way agreement between
  - the Greater Manchester Combined Authority,
  - the Greater Manchester Integrated Care System,
  - and the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector in Greater Manchester, represented by the GM VCSE Leadership Group.

## Timescales:

- New Accord agreement will be for period of five years commencing on 1st October 2021

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## Shared Vision:

Good lives for all - to make Greater Manchester one of the best places in the world to grow up, get on and grow old, and in which to invest, do business, study and visit.

- Together, the partners to this Accord agreement want to co-deliver and co-develop the vision and aims of the GMS and co-create:
  - A resilient GM
  - A prosperous GM
  - A healthy GM
  - An equitable GM
  - A vibrant GM
  - A sustainable GM

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## Principles:

Greater Manchester VCSE Leadership Group has set out four aims:

- We are many. The huge number of staff, volunteers and supporters across the sector are a catalyst for change and a connector of people.
- Our role is critical for the economic success of devolution in Greater Manchester but also for the equally important cultural and social devolution that will help build a truly equal region
- We work with other sectors to devise, develop and deliver solutions to some of the most challenging problems faced by Greater Manchester, breaking down barriers and building community confidence and cohesion, and ensure we move from crisis resolution to anticipation and prevention
- We understand our communities because we are an intrinsic part of them. We help drive people-powered change, catalysing social action and bridging the gap that can exist between public services and the people they serve



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## Principles:

GMCA and the GM Integrated Care System commits to supporting the GM VCSE Leadership Group to achieve these aims, and will...

- Employ best practice standards of working with voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations
- Create new partnerships and build on existing ones to encourage diverse voices across Greater Manchester to have an active role in shaping and challenging policy
- Facilitate involvement and engagement of the VCSE sector in the development, governance and delivery of the Greater Manchester Strategy including relevant consultation and co-design, embedding the objectives of the VCSE Policy Paper into the refreshed GMS
- Identify areas within the GMS in which the VCSE sector can take the lead, working in partnership with the public sector
- Facilitate co-creation of services, including the involvement of service users/experts by experience in service design
- Support and drive the cultural change required to enable effective collaborative working
- Carry out community and VCSE sector impact analysis as part of its decision-making, using this to promote a community wealth building approach
- Develop an investment approach based on long-term, core funding to support strategic VCSE capacity and infrastructure in delivering the visions of the GMS and GM Integrated Care System
- Provide funding to support the delivery of the GM VCSE Accord agreement

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## Shared Objectives:

- **Value and maximise the impact from the role of the VCSE sector** in the development and delivery the Integrated Care System Strategy, the GMS and its partner strategies which have a GM footprint.
- **Transform the VCSE sector** by delivering the GM VCSE Policy Paper 2020 , enabling the Greater Manchester VCSE Ecosystem Model which aligns with the arrangements of the Unified Public Services, creating a co-ordinated approach based on people, place and prevention as part of an inclusive, local, and productive economy.
- **Create an effective leadership, support and delivery arrangement** for the VCSE sector at a GM footprint.

# How will this Accord Agreement be delivered?

## **Role of the GM VCSE Leadership Group:**

- Take responsibility on behalf of the VCSE sector to drive forward the Accord agreement and the work to implement it.
- To be fully accountable to the wider VCSE sector of the whole of Greater Manchester for delivery of the Accord agreement

## **Implementation plan:**

- Activities which will deliver the shared objectives set out in the Accord agreement
- 5-year vision and objectives will be underpinned by annual delivery plans - agreed actions, responsibilities, timescales, targets and outcomes

# How will this Accord Agreement be delivered?

## **Funding agreement:**

- Partnership funding agreement between the GMCA, Health and Social Care Integrated Care System and the GM VCSE Leadership Group – for delivery of Implementation Plan.
- Subject to annual review and confirmation of budgets

## **Governance / management arrangements for the Accord:**

- Owned jointly by the GM Combined Authority, the GM Integrated Care System and the GM VCSE Leadership Group.
- VCSE Accord Management Group to review progress made towards the shared objectives and targets set out in the Implementation Plan
- Evaluation and review on an annual basis

## Questions for discussion:

- *Are the purpose and scope of the draft GM VCSE Accord clear? Can you suggest any improvements?*
- *Has this accurately described the potential role of the VCSE sector in a partnership with GMCA and the GM Integrated Care System?*
- *Will this Accord agreement support your work and your ambitions for collaboration between the GM VCSE sector, GMCA and the GM Integrated Care System?*
- *Is there anything that you would remove, change or add into this agreement? Why?*
- *What specific actions / activities should be included in the Implementation Plan that supports this Accord agreement?*
- *Any other comments?*