

## Minutes of VCSE Strategic Partnership Meeting

Held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

At Forest Voluntary Action Forum, Cinderford

### In Attendance:

Chris Brown (CB) – Forest Voluntary Action Forum
Pippa Jones (PJ) – Create Gloucestershire
Matt Lennard (ML) – Gloucestershire VCS Alliance
Sally Byng (SB) – Barnwood Trust
Kobe Francis (KF) – The Music Works
Vicci Livingstone-Thompson (VL-T) – Inclusion Gloucestershire
Tom Beasley (TB) – Active Gloucestershire

### Apologies:

Nicola Simpson (NS) – Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust
Indigo Redfern (IR) – GL11

### Guests:

Jill Parker (JP/Chair) – Gloucestershire VCS Alliance
Rob Fountain (RF) – Gloucestershire VCS Alliance

### Minutes by:

Wendy Kewley (WK) – Gloucestershire VCS Alliance
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*The meeting commenced at 14:45.*

135.	Welcome, introductions and apologies	ACTION
	<p>JP welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Rob Fountain, the new Head of Strategic Partnerships at the VCS Alliance.</p> <p>Apologies were received from NS and IR.</p>	
136.	Collaborative commissioning and developing alliances	
	<p>ML introduced RF adding that he wanted Rob's role to be a resource for the voluntary and community sector and that the Strategic Partnership is a great place to shape the role collectively.</p> <p>There was an energised discussion around partnerships and the commissioning landscape within Gloucestershire and how Rob's role might be able to link up any gaps by fostering closer collaboration.</p> <p>There was a suggestion that we host an event about commissioning practices to which VCSE leaders and commissioners would be invited.</p>	

<b>137.</b>	<b>Updates</b>	
	<p><b>Glos Health and Wellbeing Partnership</b></p> <p>TB gave a positive update on the Glos Health and Wellbeing Partnership (HWP). He had previously shared slides on Development Session Insights.</p> <p>The slides included a summary of reflections stating that relationships within the HWP have deepened and that the next phase is to grow connection and collaboration across the system.</p> <p>However, TB noted that some key people in the Partnership may move on in the next few years, so this might potentially change the situation.</p> <p><b>Clinical Programmes Board</b></p> <p>V L-T reported that the recent meeting with the Clinical Programmes Board spotlighted respiratory services. She mentioned that the meeting also recognised the importance of investing in the areas of highest need and advocated increasing social prescribing.</p> <p>TB and paediatrics were identified as emerging priorities.</p> <p>Financials: £19.5 million deficit going into 2025.</p> <p><b>Enabling Active Communities and Individuals</b></p> <p>JP attended the first meeting of the year and reported that it had been decided to organise the meeting in two parts in future.</p> <p>The first part would centre round free flowing conversation. The second part would be a business meeting with updates from a couple of ILPs in each meeting.</p> <p>JP reported that there seems to be a convergence of ILP priorities around young people’s mental health, preventing frailty, increasing VCSE involvement in projects and making sure that ILPs’ spend is aligned with their priorities.</p>	
<b>138.</b>	<b>Ratifying decisions made at online meetings</b>	
	<p>JP asked Strategic Partnership members to ratify the following decisions made at informal online meetings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed changes to term served by Strategic Partnership members (One term of four years with elections every two years).</li> </ol> <p><b>Decision:</b> this was agreed.  <b>Action:</b> JP to set up consultation with the sector about this.</p>	JP

	<p>2. Draft governance arrangements for ILP reps ready for consultation:</p> <p>JP noted that it had been suggested that for CICs we should ensure that a majority of board members are not related.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> the governance arrangements for ILP reps were agreed with an amendment that for individuals from CICs (and other non-charity organisational structures) their organisation must have a majority of board members that are not related. This would apply to new appointments. It would not affect existing reps.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> JP to undertake consultation with reps about the proposed governance arrangements.</p> <p>3. Appointment of Andy Herbert as ILP rep for Cheltenham.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> this appointment was confirmed.</p>	JP
<b>139.</b>	<b>Minutes of the last meeting 8 April 2024</b>	
	<p>The minutes were approved as an accurate recording of the meeting.</p>	All
<b>140.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	<p><b>Round tables</b></p> <p>V L-T suggested reviewing the questions for the round tables.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> It was agreed to keep them the same, as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What might a change in government mean for your organisation?</li> <li>• Are you ready to scale up?</li> <li>• What can we do collectively?</li> <li>• What would you like to see from the Gloucestershire VCSE Strategic Partnership?</li> </ul> <p><b>Strategic Partnership online meeting</b></p> <p>JP reported that Will Chapman and Hannah Gorf will join the online meeting on 18 June to talk about the Community Wellbeing Service.</p> <p><b>August in-person Strategic Partnership meeting</b></p> <p>JP asked if members would be able to attend the meeting on 5 August at Robinswood Hill Country Park. Everyone except TB can attend, so the meeting will go ahead.</p>	

	<p><i>The meeting concluded at 16:35.</i></p> <p><b>Next full meeting:</b>                  2.30pm 1 July 2024, at Barnwood Trust Overton House, Overton Road,                  Cheltenham GL50 3BN. <a href="#"><u>Find Us - Barnwood Trust</u></a></p> <p><b>Tuesday morning meetings:</b>                  9-10am on 11, 18, 25 June.</p>	
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Acronym Key	
HWP	One Gloucestershire Health & Wellbeing Partnership
ILP	Integrated Locality Partnerships