

Agenda item:

Decision maker: Resources Portfolio Decision Making Meeting

Subject: Portsmouth Partnership Improvement Plan Voluntary and Community Sector.

Report by: Mandy Lindley Third sector Partnerships and Commissioning Manager

Wards affected: All

Key decision (over £250k): Yes

1. Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to update members and provide further information about the Partnership Improvement Plan, Contract for Community First for Portsmouth and the draft Voluntary and Community Sector Framework

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Approve the draft voluntary and community sector framework (appendix 1) on behalf of PCC. This will then be subject to a fuller 12 week consultation period with the wider voluntary and community sector (VCS) and brought back for final approval.
- 2.2 Note the paper (appendix 2) prepared by Ian Piper Chief executive for Community First for Portsmouth and invite VCS colleagues present to address.
- 2.3 Members to advise of any further actions required.

3. Background

The funding support for the voluntary and community sector was presented to portfolio meeting on 25th march, it was requested by members that further information be presented with regard to demonstrating the value of the community First for Portsmouth contract and details of the Partnership improvement plan (PIP) and outcomes.

One of the key actions for PCC in the PIP is the production of a voluntary and community Sector Strategy or framework. This is presented now for approval with the intention to hold a full 12 week consultation with the wider voluntary and community sector. The framework incorporates the partnership improvement report, the action plan and the revised compact. The national compact was revised in the autumn of 2009 and reflects the change of relationship between the sectors particularly in the area of commissioning. The previous compact

was approved 8 years ago and had a series of associated codes. The revised version brings all the information into one document. The participants of PIP recommended that the framework and compact should be incorporated into one key document.

4. Reasons for recommendations

4.1 The approval of the voluntary and community framework now is timely as we face difficult times ahead, working together to identify savings but also opportunities for the voluntary and community sector to deliver services in the city.

5. Equality impact assessment (EIA)

A full equality impact assessment will be undertaken as part of the 12 week consultation period.

6. Head of legal services' comments

The City Solicitor is satisfied that it is within the Council's powers to approve the recommendations as set out

7. Head of finance's comments

There are no direct financial implications to bring to Members' attention at this stage. Should any financial implications arise as a result of implementing the framework, these will be raised with Members at the appropriate time.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Portsmouth City Council Voluntary and Community Sector Framework

Appendix 2 Paper from Ian Piper Community First for Portsmouth

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/
rejected by on

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