

Agenda item: 

**Title of meeting:** Cabinet

**Date of meeting:** 26 March 2020

**Subject:** Strategic Partnership agreement HIVE Portsmouth & Portsmouth City Council

**Report by:** Director of Culture , Leisure and Regulatory Services

**Wards affected:** All

**Key decision:** No

**Full Council decision:** No

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## 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To outline to Cabinet the proposal of a strategic partnership agreement between The HIVE Portsmouth and Portsmouth City Council.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Cabinet approve the Strategic Partnership agreement and that this agreement is appropriately communicated across each directorate within PCC

## 3. Background

- 3.1 The HIVE Portsmouth was created in December 2018 and is a company limited by guarantee, pending confirmation of charitable status. As well as providing a level of independence, as a not for profit HIVE is eligible for funding and support outside of statutory bodies.
- 3.2 The vision of HIVE is to be trusted by people seeking information, advice, support, services, learning, collaboration and connections. Having clear pathways that people and organisations can access to help communities and individuals be represented and maintain resilience.
- 3.3 It is recognised that the City benefits from having a strong and vibrant Voluntary, community and social enterprise sector (VCSE). In excess of 600 community groups exist within the City, adding strength and social value to the City that cannot be underestimated. HIVE promotes a relationship based on trust and value and advocates that the VCSE must be seen as equal partners alongside statutory bodies in building stronger more connected communities that are key to a person's overall health and wellbeing. HIVE is well placed to build and develop relationships

between all sectors and a core function is the ability to reach groups and people that statutory bodies have limited access to.

- 3.4 The HIVE already has an established strategic partnership agreement with the MCP ( Multi-speciality Community Provider ) consisting of HIVE, SOLENT NHS, CCG and PCN
- 3.5 This document will record that PCC and HIVE Portsmouth are committed to working together to support the VCSE in the City.
- 3.6 The objectives of the partnership are as follows:
- Work towards a shared vision to support the VCSE in Portsmouth to grow and develop within the city, to be resilient and robust and be able to respond to challenges and opportunities
  - promote choices for individuals, communities and professionals as alternatives to traditional approaches;
  - commit to delivery of system outcomes in terms of clinical matters, patient experience and achieving financial balance across the health system;
  - commit to work together and to make decisions on a best to deliver holistic outcomes basis;
  - always demonstrate the end user's best interests are at the heart of our activities
  - adopt an uncompromising commitment to trust, honesty, collaboration, innovation and mutual support;
  - establish a collaborative environment to encourage open, honest and efficient sharing of information, subject to relevant legal compliance;
  - collectively identify, manage and mitigate all risks in performing our respective obligations in this agreement; and
  - co-produce with others, especially those with lived experience, families and representative organisations, in designing and delivering the Service.
- 3.7 This agreement will advocate a set of professional principles, values and behaviours creating an environment in which the work undertaken by PCC and HIVE partnership can thrive and deliver agreed outcomes.

3.8 A partnership consultancy group will be established providing strategic direction, will manage risk and steer the delivery of a programme of projects. The group will comprise of

- The member of Portsmouth City Council's Cabinet responsible for Resources
- The member of Portsmouth City Council's Cabinet with responsibility for area of work being discussed at that time
- 2 x Members of the HIVE Board of Trustees

The group will function as a forum for discussions of issues with the aim of reaching a consensus among the participants.

3.9 The agreement will commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 and will be reviewed annually

#### **4. Reasons for recommendations**

4.1 PCC and HIVE Portsmouth are committed to continued joint working. Through this partnership we can ensure the involvement of our communities in designing better services, identifying gaps and finding innovative solutions to address them. We will work with existing expertise, skill and experience in our city to benefit the wider number of people and will share good practice and promote partnership working to make more efficient use of local resources, increasing support to those that need it.

#### **5. Equality impact assessment (IIA)**

5.1 Attached as appendix.

#### **6. Legal comments**

6.1 The proposed written Memorandum of Understanding captures the strategic objectives and intended ways of working of the partners as described in the body of this report and provides for a simple governance arrangement to facilitate the functioning of the partnership. It further records and binds the parties in a compliant way in relation to statutory requirements concerning freedom of information and the sharing of information/personal data. Any funding and/or services provided to the Hive would need to follow PCC's internal Contract Procedure Rules and any relevant Public Contract Regulations.

#### **7. Director of Finance comments**

7.1 Budget provision for the Hive is included within the Support to the Voluntary Sector activity of the Resources portfolio. The Hive net revenue budget for 2019/20 is £171,900 and for 2020/21 is £131,500.

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Signed by:  
**Stephen Baily**  
**Director of Culture, Leisure and Regulatory Services**

**Appendices: Integrated Impact Assessment**

**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 Cabinet

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Signed by:  
**The Leader**