Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise (VCSE) Advisory Group | *Draft Terms of Reference* February 2022



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Chair

The Leader of the Council

Membership

Membership will be confirmed as the group is established; to include

- Elected members
- > Officers
- VCSE partners
- > Other partners across sectors

Officer Support

- Democratic Support
- Community Connectors
- Economic Development
- Office of the Chief Executive
- > Other relevant services as required

Terms of Reference

The overall goal of this Advisory Group is to consider how the council can play its most effective role, alongside other local partners, in supporting the work of local Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise organisations.

The group will be responsible for determining its own approach and activities, but it is envisaged that these will include:

- 1) Participation in an engagement process alongside both council-supported and other organisations within the Voluntary Community & Social Enterprise sector.
- 2) Deliberation on how the council can support local organisations toward achieving their maximum impact around shared objectives, aligned to the council's 2030 Priorities.
- 3) Consideration of how the council's financial and non-financial resources can be used to enable point 2) above.
- 4) Engagement with other local 'anchor' organisations across public, private and community sectors to consider how a partnership approach could increase the level of support available locally.
- 5) Formulation of principles for the design of a long-term scheme to support partner organisations in a coordinated, consistent way.