

Gloucester City Council

Grants Forum

Report: Working together with the VCS in Gloucester

16th July 2015

Purpose

1 The purpose of this report is to provide the members of the Grants Forum with an update about work which has been undertaken since the last Forum meeting to explore options to support future working together between the City Council and the VCS in Gloucester.

Background

2 At the Grants Forum meeting in January, the future of the Forum was discussed and it was agreed that further meetings would be held with to discuss the best way to capture a view from the wider VCS in Gloucester about the best approaches to working together with the City Council in the future.

Progress to date

3 Since January, Gloucester City Council, Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods, Senior Engagement and Partnership Officer and the GAVCA CEO, have met to discuss options going forward.

4 These meetings resulted in two meetings organised by GAVCA with the VCS in Gloucester in May and June.

5 The meetings provided the opportunity for colleagues from the VCS in Gloucester to come together to explore how they would like to work with colleagues at the City Council in the future, potential areas of common concern and to consider the best approaches to working together in the future.

6 A meeting has been organised with the new Managing Director Jon McGinty and colleagues from the City Council and the VCS which is to be held on Thursday 23rd July 2 – 5pm.

7 The aim of this meeting is explore and begin to develop common areas to work together on and to consider the best approaches to working together in the future.

Report on Progress

8 A further report on progress to date will be provided at the Grants Forum meeting including the programme for the event with Jon McGinty providing an

opportunity for members of the Grants Forum to consider and comment on progress to date.

Next steps for the Grants Forum

9 It is envisaged that this work will provide the foundations for the City Council and the VCS to develop opportunities to work together on key areas of concern and this will provide a framework for engagement going forward.

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