

# Streamlining Investment to the VCS

## Progress So Far...

Overview and Scrutiny  
6 November 2013

# Agenda

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# Introduction

NCC regards the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) as a key partner to delivering a safe, clean, ambitious and proud City

The formal partnership agreement between NCC and the VCS is called the Nottingham Compact Plus Framework

# Terminology

- **Commissioning:** Assesses the needs of Citizens, defines the outcomes needed, and designs services to meet those needs
- **Procurement:** is the process by which services are purchased and is governed by EU regulations

# Terminology continued...

- **Tender:** is the competitive process by which all providers can apply to deliver a service and is governed by EU regulations
- **Grant:** is the competitive process by which VCS providers can apply to deliver a service and is not governed by EU regulations

# Why have NCC streamlined funding to the VCS?

- To provide a clear, transparent and streamlined process for funding
- To support a thriving VCS
- To achieve better outcomes for our citizens

# Supporting a Thriving VCS

- £31m<sub>(approx)</sub> was spent with the VCS in 2012/13
- £29m<sub>(approx)</sub> of this was won by the VCS winning tenders
- £1.7m<sub>(approx)</sub> of this was grant funding to the VCS

# Area Based Grants

- First phase of streamlining investment to the VCS
- Funding spent at an Area level was identified
- Four grant funding streams were brought together
- A service specification was written and advertised
- The VCS were asked to form partnerships and identify a lead organisation to apply for the grant funding
- 7 Lead Organisations were successful
- Contracts began 1 July 2013 for 33 months



# Lead Organisations

Area	Lead	£
1	Right Track Social Enterprise	95,376
2	Right Track Social Enterprise	90,380
3	Groundwork's Nottingham	167,677
4	Castle Cavendish	93,314
5	NG7 Training and Education	103,931
6	The Renewal Trust	432,031
7	No Lead Organisation	7,773
8	Meadows Partnership Trust	122,676



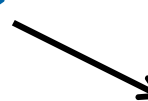
# The Model



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Lead Organisation



Partners



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# Phase 2: Communities of Identity

- The work began April 2013
- Consultation April – June 2013
- 27 July Service Specification advertised
- 22 October closing date for applications
- December awarding of contracts
- 1 April 2014 contracts begin for 24 months

# What is a Community of Identity

Communities can be defined by the place they live whether that be a small neighbourhood or a large city. However many people feel part of communities around shared issues or circumstances, such as ethnic minority, sexual orientation, disability or age and may want to come together and organise city-wide.

Communities of identity are likely to have particular needs and priorities for public services, barriers need to be removed to enable these communities to have power and influence in relation to these. In some cases groups may want to directly deliver services.

In prioritising and resourcing communities of identity, we should focus on those communities experiencing disadvantage or inequalities, for example in relation to race, disability, and those most in need of greater capacity.

# The Equality Act (2010)

- **Equalities Act: Protected Characteristics**
- age
- being or becoming a transsexual person
- being married or in a civil partnership
- being pregnant or having a child
- disability
- race including colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin
- religion, belief or lack of religion/belief
- sex
- sexual orientation

# What was in or out of scope?

<b>In Scope</b>	<b>Out of Scope</b>
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	<b>Age</b>
<b>Refugee &amp; Asylum Seekers</b>	<b>Disability</b>
<b>BME Communities</b>	<b>Communities of Interest</b>
<b>New &amp; Emerging Communities</b>	<b>Geographical Communities</b>

# Funding Criteria

- Identified three priority groups
  - Refugee & Asylum Seekers and New & Emerging Communities
  - Established Communities
  - Gender and Sexual Orientation

# Funding Criteria continued...

- Three priority outcomes
  - Information, Advice and Guidance
  - Building Skills and Confidence
  - Physical and Virtual Space



# Other Phase Two Work

- Voluntary Sector Property and Lease Review
  - One standard contract/agreement
- Fair Funding Formula
  - Agree key factors and priorities
  - Agree a safe timescale

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