

West Sussex County Council

Proposed Executive Decision for **21 February 2019** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 4 March 2019**

The following proposed decision has been endorsed by the Cabinet Member and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period unless the call-in procedure is activated.

Decision Title & Ref No:	Contract arrangements for Voluntary Sector Infrastructure (VCSI) SSC10 18/19
Cabinet Member responsible for Decision	Ms Kennard - Cabinet Member for Safer, Stronger Communities
West Sussex Plan priority	A Strong Safe Sustainable Place
Electoral Divisions	All Divisions
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	<p>As part of the County Council's commitment to building stronger and more resilient communities it recognises the vital role played by the voluntary and community sector in developing a healthy and dynamic civic society across West Sussex.</p> <p>To evidence this commitment a set of clear Partnership Principles to reset the relationship between the Authority and the voluntary and community sector (VCS) were agreed in 2018.</p> <p>To sustain and strengthen the role played by the VCS within the many communities of West Sussex the County Council has worked with the providers of local voluntary and community sector infrastructure services, the District and Borough councils and representatives from Health to develop a fit for purpose model to ensure adequate support and advice is available to support and enable the continued growth of dynamic and effective voluntary organisations across the county.</p>
Decision	<p>The Cabinet Member has approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) the Voluntary & Community Sector Infrastructure (VCSI) Alliance proposal to provide VCSI in West Sussex in support of the objectives of the 2017-22 West Sussex Plan;2) the award of a grant of £206,070 per annum to the VCSI Alliance for a period of three years from April 2019; and3) the continuation of a funding partnership with District & Borough Councils to support VCSI

	provision in West Sussex via a formal 'Declaration of Intent' Partnership Agreement document.
Interest and nature of interest declared	None
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Background Papers	See report for details