

A Strategy for a Thriving Voluntary Community Faith and Social Enterprise Sector in Stockport

Our strategy describes a collective commitment to the Voluntary, Community, Faith, and Social Enterprise Sector (VCFSE) in Stockport over the next 5 years.

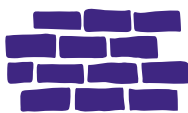
It aims to support the growth, sustainability, and resilience of local VCFSE organisations so they can continue to support stronger, healthier, and more resilient communities.

The strategy will ensure the VCFSE sector is represented in Greater Manchester and locally through membership of strategic boards, strengthen and develop Stockport's Equality Diversity and Inclusion Networks, and embed the VCFSE sector in the design and delivery of our emerging Neighbourhood Working model.



Priority 1: Investment

- We will develop a local investment framework that includes grants and revenue generation from a variety of sources and activities, as well as opportunities for collaboration and interdisciplinary work.
- We will continue to grow more social enterprises and support them to thrive, through social investment programmes such as Proper Good.
- We will increase the number of VCFSE organisations delivering commissioned services by supporting organisations to be commission-ready.



Priority 2: Capacity Building

- We will support the VCFSE sector through workforce development and skills, ensuring funding supports the Real Living Wage commitment, and invest in volunteers to help support economic growth across the sector.
- We will support communities to manage and utilise local spaces and buildings.
- We will support the VCFSE sector to evidence the impact of the work they do and maximise opportunities through social value.
- We will ensure that the sector is supported to make the most of digital opportunities and that they have the infrastructure, skills and networks to be able to do this. This in turn will support climate action ambitions.



Priority 3: Community Power

- We will increase the representation of the VCFSE sector on our strategic boards.
- We will establish a VCFSE Alliance to be an equal partner.
- We will align our commitment to the VCFSE compact with the ambitions of The Greater Manchester VCFSE Accord.
- We will invest in the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Networks to elevate the voice of communities.
- We will work collectively with communities to codesign our services and strategies.
- We will maximise opportunities for volunteering and value the contribution of local volunteers.