

<b>Skills Economy and Growth Scrutiny Commission</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b> <b>Item 4 – Working with the voluntary Sector in Hackney</b>	Item No <b>4</b>
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## **Outline**

Purpose of this item is to look at the Council’s work to reshape its working relationship with the voluntary sector; how this has built on the learning from their partnership working during the pandemic and how this new way of working will support delivery of the Council’s Strategic Plan.

The information from Hackney Council will cover:

- Aspirations of the VCS Strategy and the opportunities and learning presented by the pandemic
- Working in a relational, collaborative, and whole system way
- How this working supports the delivery of the Council's Strategic Plan
- Learning and good practice
- The opportunities and challenges to fully adopting this way of working across the Council and by partners organisations.

Contributing to this discussion will be HVCS (umbrella organisation for the voluntary sector in Hackney) and 2 voluntary sector partners. They will outline their experiences of this new way of working with the Council (e.g. commissioning, grant funding etc.) and how this could be more beneficial to VCS organisations and lead to better outcomes for the sector and residents accessing services/support versus the traditional methods of funding and commissioning for VCS organisations.

### **Report in the agenda:**

To support this discussion the following presentation was provided in advance for background reading.

- Transforming Public Services with the VCS

### **Invited Attendees London Borough of Hackney**

- Claire Whitney, Strategic Lead (Strategic Relationships), Policy and Strategic Delivery

### **Invited Attendees from the Voluntary Sector**

#### **HCVS**

Jessica Lubin, Director of Health Transformation from HCVS

#### **Woodberry Aid**

Euphemia

#### **Shepherd Fold Ministry**

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**Action**

The Commission is asked to note the presentation and ask questions.