

## Manchester City Council Report for Information

**Report to:** Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee - 7 March 2023

**Subject:** Our Manchester Voluntary & Community Sector (OMVCS) Fund

**Report of:** Assistant Chief Executive

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### Summary

This report provides Members of the Committee with an update on the Our Manchester Voluntary and Community Sector funding programme for 2023-26. The report describes the steps that have been taken to complete the funding assessment process, and details which organisations will be funded by the programme from 1 April 2023, subject to approval of the Council's annual budget and due diligence.

The report goes on to outline the background and process for developing the Supporting Communities Fund, and details the organisations in scope for it, subject to the same conditions above. The report describes the support available across both programmes for funded groups and for unsuccessful applicants.

### Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the information in the report.

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### Wards Affected: All

**Environmental Impact Assessment** - the impact of the issues addressed in this report on achieving the zero-carbon target for the city

The OMVCS funding programme aims to support VCSE organisations to advance the City's zero-carbon agenda in the operation of their functions. The programme recognises that some VCSE organisations will need support and guidance on how this can be proportionately achieved and seeks to build this into the fabric of the refreshed programme. All applicants to the fund have outlined their zero carbon activities to date and what their plans are to further this priority in the period 2023-26. Support on how to progress this agenda will be available to funded groups throughout the funding period.

**Equality, Diversity and Inclusion** - the impact of the issues addressed in this report in meeting our Public Sector Equality Duty and broader equality commitments

Advancing equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) is one of the three aims of the OMVCS fund, along with promoting health and wellbeing, and addressing poverty. Applicants to the fund were required to identify which one or more of these aims their application is aligned to. Ongoing monitoring of progress through the funded period will enable the Our Manchester Funds Team to assess the combined contribution of

funded groups to this agenda, which will be reported annually with case studies to demonstrate impact. The Our Manchester Funds Team conducted an ongoing Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) throughout the refresh, application and panel processes, to ensure inclusion was built into the programme. The EIA is included as *Appendix 1* to this report.

Manchester Strategy outcomes	Summary of how this report aligns to the OMS/Contribution to the Strategy
A thriving and sustainable city: supporting a diverse and distinctive economy that creates jobs and opportunities	Manchester's VCSE sector generated a total income of around £500 million in 2019-20 and in addition to its paid workforce, created over 160,000 volunteering opportunities, with volunteers giving about 481,000 hours each week, which has been valued at about £242 million per year ( <i>Manchester State of the VCSE Sector report, 2021</i> ). The OMVCS fund plays a critical role in supporting the health and sustainability of the sector and contributes to these outcomes.
A highly skilled city: world class and home grown talent sustaining the city's economic success	The VCSE organisations supported through this funding are run and supported by a diverse range of skilled workers, including boards of trustees, those in paid roles and those providing support voluntarily. In addition to providing work opportunities, many of the funded organisations provide employability support (including but not limited to skills development through volunteering), often working with those communities and individuals requiring specific types of support to benefit from Manchester's economic success.
A progressive and equitable city: making a positive contribution by unlocking the potential of our communities	A critical feature of the OMVCS Fund is to support organisations whose primary funded activity is to work in a strengths-based way with individuals and communities, to maximise their potential and have an active contribution in Manchester. This includes organisations providing activities targeted on a geographical, community or characteristic basis, delivered through a diverse range of supportive approaches.
A liveable and low carbon city: a destination of choice to live, visit, work	OMVCS funded organisations frequently work with residents to celebrate their achievements, contributions and identities. Organisations promote Manchester as a place of choice by celebrating the value and diversity of the City and its people. The programme promotes the City's commitment to be a Real Living Wage City, with all applicants outlining their current progress towards paying the Real Living Wage, and stating their commitment to accreditation under the Living Wage Foundation during the funded period.

A connected city: world class infrastructure and connectivity to drive growth	VCSE organisations have progressed the digital inclusion agenda significantly in the last three years, adapting service delivery to online and / or blended options (accelerated by the response to the coronavirus pandemic), and working with key stakeholder groups to address and remove digital barriers. As a result, some resident groups (i.e. older people, people with English as an Additional Language, people with sensory impairments) are more able to connect with VCSE services than previously. This focus on digital inclusion is reflected in many of the applications submitted to the 2023-26 OMVCS programme.
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Full details are in the body of the report, along with any implications for:

- Equal Opportunities Policy
- Risk Management
- Legal Considerations

### **Financial Consequences – Revenue**

The Our Manchester VCS programme is included in the Council's Budget proposals for 2023/24 presented to Executive on 15 February 2023.

The Supporting Communities Fund is part of the additional investment of £2 million proposed in the Budget for 2023/24 to provide additional targeted support for vulnerable residents and the voluntary and community sector.

### **Financial Consequences – Capital**

Not applicable

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### **Background documents (available for public inspection):**

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents

are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

- Our Manchester Voluntary & Community Sector Refreshed Funding Programme report, Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee, 19 July 2022
- Our Manchester Voluntary & Community Sector (OMVCS) Fund report, Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee, 6 December 2022

## **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 This paper provides the Communities and Equalities Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the assessment process and the portfolio of grantees for the refreshed Our Manchester Voluntary and Community Sector (OMVCS) Funding Programme 2023-2026 (subject to confirmation of the annual budget and due diligence) and the new Supporting Communities Fund.
- 1.2 Manchester is home to a diverse range and growing number of voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations. Over 3,800 organisations make up Manchester's VCSE sector, ranging from small grass-roots groups to large charities with profile and reach beyond the city. The connection between residents and their community organisations is strong, and the VCSE sector in Manchester is of strategic importance to the Council in progressing the aims of the Our Manchester Strategy.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The 2023-26 OMVCS programme is a refresh of the 2018-22 programme. It aims to reflect the themes of the Our Manchester reset (Our Manchester: Forward to 2025), alongside changes to the city and its priorities in the intervening years, including but not limited to the impacts of Covid and the Cost of Living crisis.
- 2.2 The purpose of the programme is:  
  
*to sustain and support a healthy and thriving local voluntary sector in Manchester, so that it can continue to support the city's residents and focus on what the sector excels at*
- 2.3 The programme has three aims which applicants were invited to align their bids against, which support:
  - equality and inclusion
  - health and wellbeing
  - poverty action
- 2.4 The fund for 2023-26 is operating on the same budget as it was in 2018; £7.2 million over three years (£2.4 million a year). It is positive that the Council has maintained its commitment to VCSE investment despite very significant financial challenges, but this is also challenging for VCSE organisations given the rising costs and demand pressures for the sector since 2018. This has been reflected in the high number of applications and increased amounts applied to the fund for this year.
- 2.5 The refreshed fund was developed through an extensive engagement and co-design process, undertaken in the spring and summer of 2022. The engagement process is detailed in the Our Manchester Voluntary & Community Sector Refreshed Funding Programme report, considered by this committee at its 19 July 2022 meeting.

- 2.6 The refreshed OMVCS fund builds in measures to reflect Council commitments around zero carbon and the Real Living Wage agendas. It also includes priorities to increase funding to organisations and activities in North Manchester as well as to Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic-led / focused organisations, compared to the 2018-22 programme.

### **3.0 Application Process Overview**

- 3.1 The fund launched on 1 September 2022 and closed on 10 October. In the build-up to this, the Our Manchester (OM) Funds Team hosted several open and targeted information events. These were attended by 175 VCSE representatives. Of these, 48 individuals described their organisation as being Black, Asian & Minority Ethnic-led.
- 3.2 Support available throughout the period included guidance documents, an information video, an online eligibility checker, and an MS Word version of the questions. Support for applicants was available from Macc, the VCSE infrastructure organisation, including bookable one-to-one eligibility and proposal-support sessions, alongside application advice and reviews.
- 3.3 There was a huge response to the fund:
- 217 applications were received, of which 212 passed the first eligibility sift
  - The total amount requested was £34m over three years (against a three-year budget of £7.2m)
- 3.4 By comparison, the first OMVCS programme received 144 applications with 113 reviewed following first sift. The profile of the programme has risen considerably since then, as have the VCSE sector's financial challenges. It was always likely that the refreshed fund would be substantially oversubscribed, and demand would far outweigh the available budget.
- 3.5 It is therefore important to note that the OMVCS programme represents just one source of Manchester City Council's funding to the VCSE sector (estimated at £34 million per year, which is a mix of contracts and grants). Whilst OMVCS is a substantial programme which has unique features compared to other Council funds, it sits within a wider Council/city-wide funding landscape, with VCSE groups supported by Macc to identify other sources of funding, amongst other types of support.

### **4.0 Assessment Panel Overview**

- 4.1 The assessment panel for the OMVCS fund process consisted of:
- Millie Brown (Independent Chair), Collaboration Manager, Macc
  - Val Bayliss-Brideaux, Head of Engagement, Manchester Integrated Care system
  - Paul Furley, Adult Social Care Commissioning Development Specialist, Manchester City Council

- Keiran Barnes, Policy and Programmes Manager (Communities and VCSE), Manchester City Council
- Mandy Salmon, Neighbourhood Manager, Manchester City Council
- Carol Ann Whitehead, Co-Founder and Managing Director, The Zebra Partnership
- Barry Young, Equalities Specialist, Manchester City Council

4.2 The officers collectively spent over 1,000 hours reviewing and assessing the 212 eligible bids. Applications were scored on the following six areas:

- Link to aims of the programme – 30% weighting
- Demonstrating impact – 20%
- Well run – 20%
- Collaborative – 10%
- Strengths based approach – 10%
- Value for money – 10%

4.3 Each application was scored out of five for each of these areas (where one meant did not meet standards and five meant fully met them). All individual scores were collated and each application was given a ranking to determine high and low. Rank primarily determined which organisations should be included in later deliberations. The programme was designed to incorporate balancing considerations, meaning rank alone was not the only determinant of being recommended for funding.

4.4 Panels were organised by size of application (small, medium, large) to ensure deliberations were consistent and proportionate to what was being applied for. A higher threshold of evidence against the six areas above was required of large grant bids. The submissions were of a generally high quality and only around 30% of the eligible bids were below the minimum scoring threshold.

4.5 All panel members scored all applications individually then considered them together. Where an application included a Declaration of Interest for panel members, these panelists did not contribute to those discussions, in order to manage conflicts of interest. In these cases, one panelist's scores could not be included when ranked; this was considered in the balancing exercise.

4.6 In its balancing session, the panel considered:

- The stated priorities of supporting organisations based in / working with residents in **North Manchester** and from **Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities**. Focus was on demonstrating an improvement in these areas from the last funding round, and having a proportionate level of investment in those areas.
- **Geography more widely** – focusing on both *organisations based in* different geographies, and *the provision of services* to residents in those areas (recognising most applicants deliver in multiple parts of the City).
- **Size of grant** - getting a spread of applications in each category, to further diversify the programme.



- 4.7 The balancing exercise helps to ensure the list of recommended organisations aligns as fully as possible with the priority areas of focus for the city, as set out in the Our Manchester Strategy, and the overall objectives of the OMVCS programme set out in the prospectus. Following this, the list of recommended organisations was presented to the Our Manchester VCSE Programme Board for its consideration and endorsement.
- 4.8 Having received the Board's support, the recommended list was approved by the Chief Executive as the delegated decision-maker, in consultation with the Leader and the Deputy Leader with Executive lead for VCSE. The approved list of successful OMVCS applications (subject to approval of the annual budget and due diligence) is below:

Organisation	Ward based in	Wards delivering in	Funding per year	Funding over three years
4CT Limited	Ancoats & Beswick	Ancoats & Beswick, Clayton & Openshaw, Miles Platting & Newton Heath, Moston	£75,000	£225,000
African Caribbean Care Group	Hulme	Ancoats & Beswick, Cheetham, Crumpsall, Harpurhey, Higher Blackley, Moston, Ardwick, Gorton & Abbey Hey, Hulme, Levenshulme, Longsight, Moss Side, Piccadilly, Rusholme, Baguley, Burnage, Chorlton, Didsbury West, Fallowfield, Northenden, Sharston, Whalley Range, Withington, Woodhouse Park	£100,000	£300,000
akt	Piccadilly	All	£34,653	£103,960
ALL ARTS & MEDIA trading as ALL FM	Levenshulme	Ardwick, Gorton & Abbey Hey, Levenshulme, Longsight, Burnage, Chorlton, Whalley Range	£19,435	£58,305
Ananna MBWO	Longsight	Ardwick, Gorton & Abbey Hey, Levenshulme, Longsight, Moss Side, Rusholme, Burnage, Didsbury East, Didsbury West, Fallowfield, Whalley Range, Withington	£99,990	£299,971
Back on Track Manchester	Piccadilly	All	£56,321	£168,963

Barlow Moor Community Association Ltd	Chorlton Park	Chorlton, Chorlton Park, Didsbury West	£86,719	£260,157
Barnabus Manchester	Piccadilly/Hulme	Harpurhey, Moston, Longsight, Piccadilly	£66,991	£200,975
Breakthrough UK Ltd	Piccadilly	All	£99,881	£299,643
Cheetham Hill Advice Centre (CHAC)	Cheetham	Ancoats & Beswick, Charlestown, Cheetham, Clayton & Openshaw, Crumpsall, Harpurhey, Higher Blackley, Miles Platting & Newton Heath, Moston	£52,082	£156,248
Christ Church Brunswick	Ardwick	Ardwick	£31,666	£95,000
Didsbury Good Neighbours	Didsbury East	Burnage, Chorlton, Chorlton Park, Didsbury East, Didsbury West, Northenden, Withington	£39,366	£118,100
Emmeline's Pantry	Chorlton Park	Ardwick, Deansgate, Gorton & Abbey Hey, Hulme, Levenshulme, Longsight, Moss Side, Piccadilly, Rusholme, Baguley, Brooklands, Burnage, Chorlton, Chorlton Park, Didsbury East, Didsbury West, Fallowfield, Northenden, Old Moat, Sharston, Whalley Range, Withington, Woodhouse Park	£40,000	£120,000
Europia	Ardwick	All	£39,984	£119,952
Friends of Burnage Library	Burnage	Burnage	£18,300	£54,900
George House Trust	Ardwick	All	£46,291	£138,873
Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People	Moss Side	All	£68,111	£204,334
Greater Manchester	Ardwick	All	£50,000	£150,000

Rape Crisis CIO				
Home-Start Manchester	Cheetham	All	£50,279	£150,838
Hopewell	Cheetham	Ancoats & Beswick, Charlestown, Cheetham, Crumpsall, Harpurhey, Higher Blackley	£51,666	£155,000
Justlife	Clayton & Openshaw	Ancoats & Beswick, Clayton & Openshaw, Harpurhey, Higher Blackley, Miles Platting & Newton Heath, Ardwick, Gorton & Abbey Hey, Levenshulme, Longsight, Old Moat, Whalley Range	£40,000	£120,000
Levenshulme Inspire Foundation	Levenshulme	Gorton & Abbey Hey, Levenshulme, Longsight, Burnage	£25,000	£75,000
LGBT Foundation	Piccadilly	All	£65,000	£195,000
Manchester Action on Street Health	Piccadilly	Cheetham, Piccadilly	£55,609	£166,827
Manchester Carers Centre	Ancoats & Beswick/Miles Platting & Newton Heath	All	£100,000	£300,000
Manchester Carers Forum	Deansgate	All	£100,000	£300,000
Manchester Deaf Centre	Hulme	All	£55,271	£165,813
Manchester Mind	Hulme	All	£99,924	£299,774
Manchester Refugee Support Network	Moss Side	All	£59,645	£178,936
Manchester Settlement	Clayton & Openshaw/Ardwick	Clayton & Openshaw, Gorton & Abbey Hey	£86,714	£260,142
NEPHRA Good Neighbours	Moston	Harpurhey, Higher Blackley, Miles Platting & Newton Heath, Moston	£40,000	£120,000
Odd Arts	Moss Side	Cheetham, Clayton & Openshaw, Crumpsall, Ardwick, Hulme, Levenshulme, Longsight, Moss Side, Rusholme, Burnage, Chorlton,	£10,000	£30,000

		Fallowfield, Whalley Range		
On the Out CIC	Miles Platting & Newton Heath	All	£70,000	£210,000
Rainbow Haven	Gorton & Abbey Hey	Gorton & Abbey Hey	£44,680	£134,041
Saheli	Withington	Ancoats & Beswick, Charlestown, Cheetham, Clayton & Openshaw, Crumpsall, Harpurhey, Higher Blackley, Miles Platting & Newton Heath, Moston, Ardwick, Deansgate, Gorton & Abbey Hey, Hulme, Levenshulme, Longsight, Moss Side, Piccadilly, Rusholme, Baguley, Burnage, Chorlton, Chorlton Park, Didsbury East, Didsbury West, Fallowfield, Old Moat, Sharston, Whalley Range, Withington, Woodhouse Park	£37,375	£112,127
SICK! Productions	Miles Platting & Newton Heath	Charlestown, Harpurhey, Moston	£20,000	£60,000
Talbot House Support Centre	Miles Platting & Newton Heath	All	£40,000	£120,000
The Manchester Men's Room	Piccadilly	Cheetham, Crumpsall, Gorton & Abbey Hey, Piccadilly, Rusholme, Whalley Range	£57,373	£172,120
The Tree of Life Centre Wythenshawe	Baguley	Hulme, Moss Side, Baguley, Brooklands, Northenden, Sharston, Woodhouse Park	£69,333	£208,000
Together Dementia Support	Hulme	All	£70,000	£210,000
Venture Arts	Hulme	Ancoats & Beswick, Cheetham, Harpurhey, Ardwick, Deansgate, Gorton & Abbey Hey, Hulme, Longsight, Moss Side, Piccadilly, Rusholme, Chorlton, Didsbury West, Whalley Range, Withington	£55,000	£165,000

Wai Yin Society	Piccadilly	Ancoats & Beswick, Charlestown, Cheetham, Clayton & Openshaw, Crumpsall, Harpurhey, Higher Blackley, Miles Platting & Newton Heath, Moston, Ardwick, Deansgate, Gorton & Abbey Hey, Hulme, Levenshulme, Longsight, Moss Side, Piccadilly, Rusholme, Fallowfield	£100,000	£300,000
WARM HUT UK	Cheetham	Cheetham, Clayton & Openshaw	£40,000	£120,000

*The complete list of the 212 organisations that applied to OMVCS 2023-26 is at Appendix 2.*

4.9 The value of the list above is £2,467,667 per annum, £7,403,001 over three years. This is £51,667 per annum over the budget for OMVCS. The list of 43 organisations is a reduction from the 63 organisations funded in 2018-22. However, rising costs for VCSE organisations since 2018 means that bids are in general for significantly larger amounts than previously. This means it has not been possible to fund the same number of organisations as previously.

4.10 The tables below show the OMVCS Fund's distribution of organisations and financial amounts in localities, including both where organisations are based and where they will deliver. The map shows the geographical distribution of organisations by where they are based.

Areas where organisations are based	Number	Number as a % of total	£ per annum	£ as a % of total
North	11	26%	£579,029	23%
Central	25	58%	£1,510,830	61%
South	6	14%	£291,090	12%
North & Central	1	2%	£86,714	4%

*\*1 applicant's postcode does not map to one area and is listed as North/Central based*

Areas where organisations will deliver	Number	As a % of total
North (one or more wards)	33	76.7%
Central (one or more wards)	34	79.1%
South (one or more wards)	32	74.4%
Number of recommended applicants proposing citywide focus	17	39.5%
Number of recommended applicants proposing delivery in one ward only	3	7.0%

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- 4.11 The 2023-26 portfolio has a reasonable spread across the three localities of the city. There are many more funded organisations based in wards within Central locality than North and South, but delivery is evenly spread between the three localities. Many VCSE organisations propose to deliver in areas where they are not based; the panel required evidence of a strong, existing connection in the proposed delivery area for them to be satisfied that the bid should be recommended. Compared to the previous OMVCS programme, the proportion of funding going to North Manchester based organisations has increased from 18.3% to 23%.

- 4.12 Of these organisations, 62.8% of them say they will deliver activities specifically targeted for different Black, Asian & Ethnic Minority communities. It should be noted that this is based on information provided by the applicants and should be read as indicative only. It is likely that impact will be more broadly representative than the data suggest, given the location, community connection, charitable objects etc of the recommended portfolio.
- 4.13 In comparison, the previous OMVCS programme supported 9 organisations of 63 (14%) that had a high Black, Asian & Ethnic Minority focus, and 14 (22%) with a wider Black, Asian & Ethnic Minority impact (23 organisations in total). The sharp increase in the recommended portfolio compares favourably with Manchester's demography.
- 4.14 The applications received (both data and narrative sections) underline that there are some communities experiencing racial inequalities in Manchester that remain underrepresented in the funding landscape, in part because there are fewer organisations representing these communities. Separate work outside of the OMVCS fund will be progressed in 2023-24 to more fully understand and start to address this.

## **5.0 Identification of strategic gap**

- 5.1 The outcome of the OMVCS process has highlighted that, whilst it has resulted in a strong and diverse portfolio, it does present a strategic gap of funding available from this programme to reach good quality community infrastructure in all parts of the city, particularly in wards identified as priority in terms of the cost-of-living crisis.
- 5.2 The variety in the OMVCS applications from these types of organisations show that although there is a high volume of community infrastructure activity, the landscape is varied. This ranges from well-established organisations with extensive reach to smaller, to hyper-local organisations with some support needs and numerous variations in between. It also includes areas with no or under-developed provision.
- 5.3 The Council has identified that investing in these types of organisations in the short-term, to safeguard their viability longer-term, is a strategic priority. It is not one that can be met from within the OMVCS budget constraints though, and an alternative approach has been rapidly developed.
- 5.4 The Our Manchester Funds team has devised a new targeted grant programme, focusing on supporting community infrastructure organisations. A budget of £1 million has been identified (recurrent), for 2023-24 and 2024-25 subject to formal budget approvals, to support this work. The funding position for the 2025/26 year will be considered in good time to allow for effective organisational planning.

## **6.0 Supporting Communities Fund – Outline Approach**

### **6.1 Distribution**

- 6.1.1 The majority of the £1 million additional funding (£840,500 per annum) will be targeted towards those organisations that meet the eligibility criteria (below) and applied to the OMVCS fund, but were not successful in securing funding from it. These Supporting Communities Fund awards will be recurrent for two years.
- 6.1.2 A development fund of £107,500 per annum will be used to grow capacity in parts of the city where support is less mature or available. The remaining £52,000 per annum from this funding will be used to fund the overspend in the OMVCS fund.

## **6.2 Awards Process**

- 6.2.1 The Supporting Communities Fund is a direct award process: Organisations have been advised of the grant offer amount and invited to accept it. Offers are made at the full amounts requested in the OMVCS application forms. Organisations that accept are required to complete a brief outline of activities and costs which will be monitored six-monthly during the two year period to ensure responsible spend. Due diligence is being undertaken as part of the process.
- 6.2.2 An offer of capacity building / development support will be made once funding commences (available via Macc) but this is optional and not a condition of the grant, as not all groups on the programme will benefit from the same type of support.
- 6.2.3 The proportionate commitments in OMVCS around zero carbon and the Real Living Wage are mirrored in this programme; the awards being offered are the equivalent of the amounts available on OMVCS, so it is a reasonable ask of groups on this programme.
- 6.2.4 The direct award approach enables awards to be made on or close to 1 April, thereby avoiding a 'funding cliff edge' for any groups in scope for this programme.
- 6.2.5 Work between the Our Manchester Funds Team and colleagues in Neighbourhoods and Adults will continue during 2023-24 on the £107,500 set aside for capacity building / generating new activity in the city. The development and distribution of this funding over 2 years will be used to inform the future OMVCS programme from 2026-29.

## **6.3 Eligibility**

- 6.3.1 Eligible organisations for the Supporting Communities grants are defined as:

*A grass-roots, community-led and multi-purpose facility providing services and activities that reflect the needs, and benefit the wellbeing, of an area and its residents. Groups supported by this fund will strengthen the resilience and support the independence of residents in the local area. This will include, but*



*not be exclusive to, services that are aimed at vulnerable people and those experiencing poverty.*

6.3.2 This broad definition covers the functions and principles of community infrastructure organisations and includes a strong emphasis on place-based, local provision.

6.3.3 Below are the organisations that align with the above description and were successful in their applications for OMVCS funding:

Organisation name	Ward based in	Funding over 3 years
4CT Limited	Ancoats and Beswick	£225,000
Barlow Moor Community Association Ltd	Chorlton Park	£260,157
Christ Church Brunswick	Ardwick	£95,000
Didsbury Good Neighbours	Didsbury East	£118,100
Friends of Burnage Library	Burnage	£54,900
Levenshulme Inspire Foundation	Levenshulme	£75,000
Manchester Settlement	Clayton and Openshaw	£260,142
NEPHRA Good Neighbours	Moston	£120,000
The Tree of Life Centre Wythenshawe	Baguley	£208,000
Wai Yin Society	Piccadilly	£300,000

6.3.4 An additional 17 community organisations, which were not successful for OMVCS funding but which align with the eligibility description for the Supporting Communities Fund, will be supported by it. These are:

Organisation name	Based in ward	Delivering in which wards	Funding per year	Funding over two years
Assist Neighbourhood Care	Withington	Burnage, Didsbury East, Didsbury West, Fallowfield, Old Moat, Withington	£37,892	£75,784
Benchill Community Care	Northenden	Baguley, Brooklands, Northenden, Sharston, Woodhouse Park	£87,997	£175,994
Burnage Good Neighbours	Burnage	Gorton & Abbey Hey, Levenshulme, Longsight, Rusholme, Burnage, Didsbury East, Didsbury West, Fallowfield, Withington	£53,855	£107,710
Chorlton Good Neighbours	Chorlton Park	Chorlton, Chorlton Park, Whalley Range	£56,000	£112,000
Fallowfield Community	Fallowfield	Fallowfield	£40,000	£80,000

Centre and Library (The Place)				
Harpurhey Neighbourhood Project	Harpurhey	Crumpsall, Harpurhey, Miles Platting & Netwon Heath, Moston	£53,625	£107,250
Healthy Me, Healthy Communities	Gorton & Abbey Hey	Clayton & Openshaw, Harpurhey, Higher Blackley, Gorton & Abbey Hey, Hulme, Levenshulme, Longsight, Moss Side, Rusholme, Fallowfield	£63,127	£126,254
Higher Blackley Community Organisation	Higher Blackley	Higher Blackley	£36,000	£72,000
Ladybarn Community Hub	Withington	Withington	£39,000	£78,000
Levenshulme Good Neighbours	Levenshulme	Gorton & Abbey Hey, Levenshulme	£13,500	£27,000
Northmoor Community Association	Longsight	Longsight	£70,000	£140,000
Royal Oak @ Baguley Residents Association	Baguley	Moss Side, Baguley, Brooklands, Chorlton, Chorlton Park, Didsbury East, Didsbury West, Old Moat, Woodhouse Park	£43,333	£86,666
St George's Youth and Community Association	Miles Platting & Netwon Heath	Ancoats & Beswick, Harpurhey, Miles Platting & Netwon Heath, Moston	£46,287	£92,574
Trinity House Community Resource Centre	Moss Side	Moss Side, Rusholme, Fallowfield	£49,225	£98,450
Turkey Lane and Monsall Neighbourhood Centre	Harpurhey	Harpurhey	£22,000	£44,000
Whalley Range Community Forum	Whalley Range	Whalley Range	£59,800	£119,600
Wythenshawe Good Neighbours	Brooklands	Baguley, Brooklands, Northenden, Sharston, Woodhouse Park	£68,859	£137,718

6.3.5 The tables below show the Supporting Communities Fund's distribution of services (where organisations are based and where they will deliver) and

financial investment across localities. The map shows the geographical distribution of organisations by where they are based.

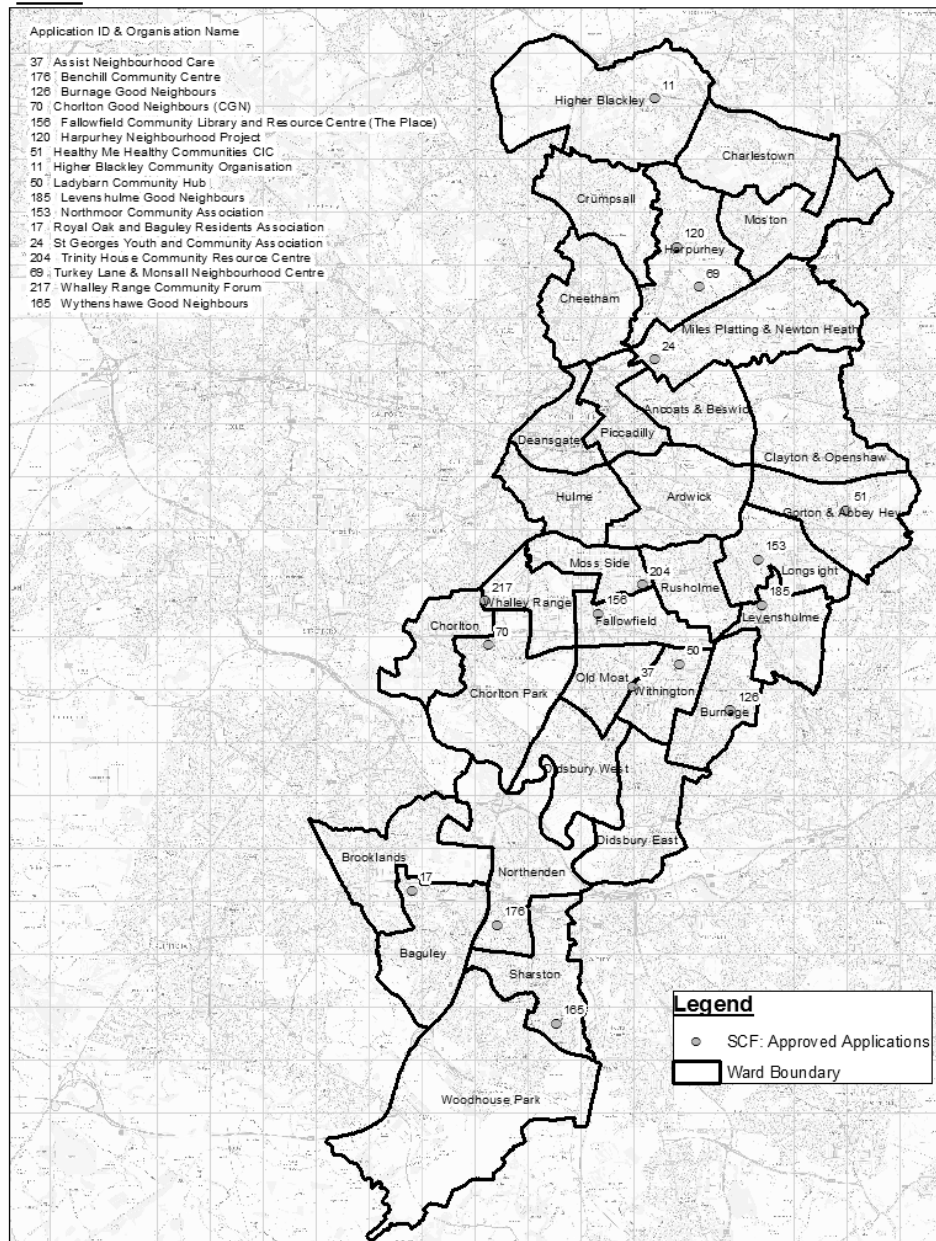
<b>Areas where organisations are based</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number as a % of total</b>	<b>£ per annum</b>	<b>£ as a % of total</b>
North	4	23.5%	£157,912	19%
Central	4	23.5%	£195,852	23%
South	9	53%	£486,736	58%

<b>Areas where organisations will deliver</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>As a % of total</b>
North (one or more wards)	5	29%
Central (one or more wards)	6	35%
South (one or more wards)	11	65%
Number of recommended applicants proposing citywide focus	0	0
Number of recommended applicants proposing delivery in one ward only	6	35%

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6.3.6 This demonstrates that although the Supporting Communities Fund's primary purpose is to support local community provision, many of the organisations have reach beyond their own ward, further enhancing the support available to residents.

## 7.0 Support for Applicants

7.1 A set of support measures are available to all applicants to the OMVCS fund, both those who have been unsuccessful as well as those that will be funded from 1 April onwards.

- 7.2 Unsuccessful organisations are able to access support from Macc as the VCSE infrastructure organisation for the city. Macc have devised a programme of support which is specifically available to unsuccessful OMVCS applicants, and consists of:
- **Funding Your Project training** – to assist organisations to search for relevant funding sources
  - **Bid Writing training** – to support organisations to apply effectively to available funding sources
  - **Full Cost Recovery training** – to ensure organisations are able to fully cost their activity, beyond the direct delivery costs, and include these in their applications
- 7.3 The training opportunities run from February to April 2023. In addition, all applicants to the OMVCS fund have been invited to request constructive, strengths-based feedback on their applications to aid them in future funding opportunities.
- 7.4 Once due diligence has been completed and successful organisations' funding is confirmed, a programme launch event will be held after the Local Elections period. The event will provide an opportunity for organisations to hear from the Deputy Leader and other Council representatives about the priorities for the city and the OMVCS programme. Support and guidance on aspects of the fund will be available at the launch event, from the team and representatives from Macc, with an ongoing series of monitoring returns and visits scheduled in to ensure continuing contact.
- 7.5 All successful organisations will have ongoing access to the OM Funds Team throughout the funded period.
- 7.6 As previously reported to this committee, the future VCSE infrastructure provision for the city is under review. Owing to the resource challenges arising from the work detailed above, it has not been possible to substantially progress this review. The current arrangements will be extended to the end of September 2023 to provide opportunity for this to be done. A further report will be provided to the committee during that time to give a more detailed update.

## **8.0 Recommendations**

- 8.1 The Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the information in the report.