

## Appendix 1

### Our Manchester Investment Fund

The Council has developed its grant giving processes over a number of years through co-design with the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS). Most recently that has been embodied in the work to develop the Our Manchester VCS grant fund (launched September 2017), which recognises and aims to support the vital contribution that VCS organisations make to meeting the outcomes of the Our Manchester Strategy in accordance with the Our Manchester principles.

#### **Our Manchester Outcomes**

- A Thriving city – creating great jobs and healthy business.
- Full of talent – attracting both home-grown talent and the best in the world
- Fair – with equal chances for all to unlock their potential
- A great place to live – with lots of things to do
- Connected – including world-class transport and broadband

#### **Our Manchester principles:**

- Better lives – it's about people
- Listening – we listen, learn and respond
- Recognising strengths of individual and communities – we start from strengths
- Working together – we build relationships and create conversations

The objectives of the OMVCS grant fund:

- To have a strong sense of citizenship and pride in the city.
- Collectively improve our health and wellbeing.
- Support the positive contribution older people make to city life and their communities and continue to be recognised as a pioneering Age-Friendly City
- Increase volunteering across the city.
- Support carers to carry out the invaluable work they do.
- Work to improve the resilience of individual and communities.

Having a strong, vibrant, diverse and thriving VCS in the city is important to achieving the vision and ambitions of the Our Manchester Strategy. As well as the Our Manchester Outcomes and principles, the Council has worked with the VCS to develop specific principles to support its grant giving process:

- The focus of all grant giving is achieving the best outcomes for Manchester people
- We set out our grant giving timescales and stick to them
- We only ask for the paperwork and documents we need and will use
- Our processes are transparent and we are accountable for the decisions we take

- We always take care to check we are giving grants to genuine organisations and we check that grant funding is spent properly
- For larger grants where possible we will fund for 3 or even 5 years

One of the key messages that we have heard from the VCS over the past few years, is the desire to have a relationship with a 'real person' (and not just emails and monitoring forms) and to work in partnership to deliver the best services possible to Manchester people. This is something that we have built into the OMVCS grant fund through a centralised Programme Team and Liaison Officers from other parts of the Council working with groups locally across the city; points of contact, telephone calls, visits, ongoing communication and opportunities to shape the way the grant funds/programmes continue to work.

### **Manchester Carers Network – List of Organisations and Current Funding**

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	<b>Total funding 2018/19 Awarded</b>
Moodswings	£26,460.00
Manchester Carers Forum	£100,000.00
Wai Yin Society	£205,233.72
Together Dementia Support CIC	£20,000.00
Talbot House Support Centre	£31,000.00
Alzheimer's Society	£43,333.00
African Caribbean Care Group	£29,972.00
Connect Support Limited	£55,836.00
Stroke Association	£35,829.36
Manchester Carers Centre	£80,446.00
<b>Development Fund</b>	
Indian Senior Citizens Centre	£12,715.00
Lifted GM AddVentures Project	£19,350.00
LMCP Care Link	£81,440.00
NEESA Well Woman Drop in Project	£28,298.00
Federation of Jewish Services	£15,197.10
African Caribbean Mental Health Services	£7,508.00
Himmat	£36,109.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£828,727.18</b>