

# Review of Working with the Voluntary and Community Sector

## Consultation Responses to Draft Report Introduction

We would welcome your comments on any aspect of the enclosed review. In particular, you may wish to comment on the 13 recommendations in this report and let us know whether you agree or disagree with them. We are also holding two consultation events as detailed in the covering letter. Your comments and suggestions will be taken into account when we produce the final document and recommendations. When the final recommendations are implemented, the voluntary sector in Wiltshire will have a stronger voice and there will be improved joint working between statutory agencies and the Voluntary and Community Sector.

Please return your comments in the self addressed envelope enclosed or email to [Andrewjack@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:Andrewjack@wiltshire.gov.uk)

### Comments on main recommendations

(Please use the tick boxes or use the spaces for your comments)

#### Recommendation 1 (See page 10)

The County Council, the PCT and the VCS together determine the most effective way of mapping and assessing the economic and social impact of the voluntary and community sector in Wiltshire.

**Q1** How useful do you think mapping the sector will be?

- Very Useful .....
- Useful .....
- Neither useful nor not useful .....
- Not useful .....

Do you have any other comments or suggestions to make on recommendation 1?

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#### Recommendation 2 (See page 11)

The Wiltshire and Swindon Infrastructure Consortium, WCC and WPCT jointly explore the potential for clear proposals that will lead to the creation of single infrastructure gateway organisation for Wiltshire within an agreed timescale.

**Q2** Do you think there should be a single infrastructure gateway in Wiltshire?

- Strongly agree .....
- Agree .....
- Neither agree nor disagree .....
- Disagree .....
- Strongly disagree.....

Do you have any other comments or suggestions to make on recommendation 2?

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**Recommendation 3 (See page 11)**

The Wiltshire and Swindon Infrastructure Consortium, WCC and WPCT jointly initiate explore the potential for the development of a single VCS Assembly for Wiltshire within an agreed timescale.

**Q3 Do you think that the VCS in Wiltshire should have a single Assembly or Forum?**

- Strongly agree* .....
- Agree* .....
- Neither agree nor disagree* .....
- Disagree* .....
- Strongly disagree*.....

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions to make on recommendation 3?**

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**Recommendation 4 (see page 15, 22)**

WCC/PCT review the arrangements for day to day working with representatives of the VCS ensuring as far as possible there is ease of access, continuity of officer relationships and problem solving assistance.

**Q4 How strongly do you agree that there should be ease of access for the VCS in contacting Wiltshire County Council and the PCT?**

- Strongly agree* .....
- Agree* .....
- Neither agree nor disagree* .....
- Disagree* .....
- Strongly disagree*.....

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions to make on recommendation 4?**

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**Recommendation 5 (See page 17)**

WCC/PCT adopt the ‘shopping, giving, investing’ framework set out in this report

**Q5 Do you agree that WCC and the PCT should adopt the “shopping, giving, investing” framework as described?**

- Strongly agree* .....
- Agree* .....
- Neither agree nor disagree* .....
- Disagree* .....
- Strongly disagree*.....

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions to make on recommendation 5?**

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**Recommendation 6 (See page 17)**

**WCC/PCT develop a transition plan for moving all existing funding arrangements with the VCS to the proposed framework within and agreed timescale.**

**Q6 Do you agree that all funding arrangements with the VCS should operate within this framework?**

- Strongly agree* .....
- Agree* .....
- Neither agree nor disagree* .....
- Disagree* .....
- Strongly disagree*.....

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions to make on recommendation 6?**

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**Recommendation 7 (see page 20)**

**WCC/PCT conduct further detailed work to scope and implement the outline the performance assessment framework outlined in this report.**

**Q7 Do you agree that there should be a strengthened performance assessment framework in the VCS?**

- Strongly agree* .....
- Agree* .....
- Neither agree nor disagree* .....
- Disagree* .....
- Strongly disagree*.....

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions to make on recommendation 7?**

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**Recommendation 8 (see page 21)**

**WCC/PCT in consultation with the VCS adopt the principles and practice of the full cost recovery framework outlined in this report.**

**Q8 Do you agree that a principle of full cost recovery is adopted by the PCT and WCC?**

- Strongly agree* .....
- Agree* .....
- Neither agree nor disagree* .....
- Disagree* .....
- Strongly disagree*.....

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions to make on recommendation 8?**

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**Recommendation 9 (See page 20)**

**WCC/PCT with the VCS evaluate the potential and assess the implications of the PQASSO quality assurance framework to support accreditation of VCS organisations.**

- Q9 Do you agree that PQUASSO would be useful to support the accreditation of the VCS?**
- Strongly agree* .....
  - Agree* .....
  - Neither agree nor disagree* .....
  - Disagree* .....
  - Strongly disagree*.....

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions to make on recommendation 9?**

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**Recommendation 10 (See page 22)**

**WCC scope and implement arrangements for a VCS Support Unit as outlined in this report.**

- Q10 Do you agree that a VCS Support Unit in Wiltshire County Council would be useful?**
- Very useful* .....
  - Useful* .....
  - Neither useful nor not useful* .....
  - Not useful* .....
  - Not useful at all* .....

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions to make on recommendation 10?**

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**Recommendation 11 is internal to WCC working and 12 - 13 relate to the Wiltshire Compact**

- Q11 Do you think a review of the Wiltshire Compact should be undertaken?**
- Strongly agree* .....
  - Agree* .....
  - Neither agree nor disagree* .....
  - Disagree* .....
  - Strongly disagree*.....

- Q12 Do you think Compact working should be strengthened in Wiltshire?**
- Strongly agree* .....
  - Agree* .....
  - Neither agree nor disagree* .....
  - Disagree* .....
  - Strongly disagree*.....

**Q13 Do you have any other comments or suggestions for future working between the Voluntary and Community Sector and Wiltshire County Council / the PCT in the future?**

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This survey is confidential, but it would be helpful if you could provide the following information:

What type of organisation are you? VCS over £30k annual income

VCS £10 - £30k annual income

VCS under £10k annual income

Statutory body

Other, please state \_\_\_\_\_

What field do you work in? Infrastructure support

Health and social care

Environment

Children or young people

Other, please state \_\_\_\_\_

Where is your work based (please tick)?

Amesbury  Bradford  Calne  Chippenham  Corsham  Devizes

Downton  Malmesbury  Marlborough  Melksham  Mere  Pewsey

Salisbury  Tidworth  Tisbury  Trowbridge  Waminster  Westbury

Wilton  Wootton Bassett  North Wilts

West Wilts

South Wilts

Kennet

Wiltshire wide