COVID – VCSE & Faith Engagement

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Network of VCSE organisations
- Corporate
- Rest of the Council

Mapping
- VCSE and Faith Groups – Citywide
- Open Data Platform

VCSE liaison to understand and map community support being 'stood up'

Single point of contact for VCSE organisations re COVID19
- C19VCS@leicester.gov.uk
- VCSE Engagement Team + additional resources

Places of Worship
- Information and advice
- COVID secure assessment visits

Sources of emergency funding and support

City Reach
- Information sharing with VCSE groups about the schedule
- Support with communicating about the activity

C19 Support Team
- Knowledge bank of accessible community support
- Referrals

Interpretating and advising COVID guidance and implications
- VCSE Engagement Sessions
- Faith Engagement Group

Behavioural Insights Focus Groups
- Collaborative effort
- Priority locations & groups/communities

VCSE Engagement / Support Strategy

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VCSE Engagement / Support Strategy

- **Initial Research Stage**
  - VCSE Strategies – review, amend, adopt
  - National scene pre-COVID; during COVID
  - City scene pre-COVID; during COVID

- **Further Research & Direct Engagement**
  - Topic sessions
  - Survey/s
  - Internal stakeholders
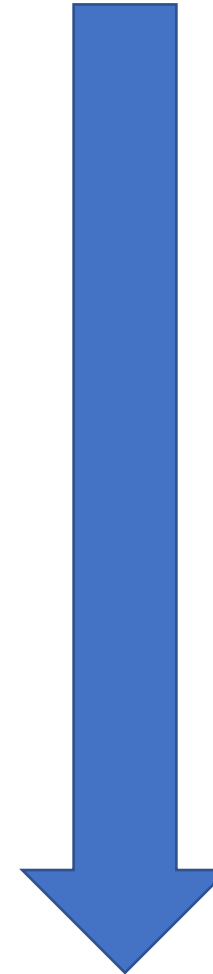
Initial Research Stage
VCSE Strategies – learning from others

- National context
- Importance & Impact
- Partnership basis
  - LCC as an enabler
  - VCSE collaboration
- Local context
  - Local challenges
    - Including but not limited to COVID19
  - Local needs
  - Local actions
    - LCC
    - VCSE

Research & Direct Engagement

- Engagement with VCSE sector
  - Topic sessions
    - Finance & funding
    - Partnership working & collaboration
    - Civil society
    - Infrastructure support
    - Volunteering

- Survey on topics running parallel to sessions

- Engagement with internal & external stakeholders

Issues

Challenges

Support needs

Priorities for action

Delivery

Sector involvement
- **Research**
- **Strategy development**

Wider sector role