


**RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL  
EXECUTIVE MEMBER**

1.	<b>DECISION TITLE</b>	Citywide Support Services for the Voluntary and Community Sector
2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	None
3.	<b>DATE OF DECISION</b>	29 June 2017
4.	<b>DECISION MAKER</b>	Assistant City Mayor, Strategic Partnerships and Change
5.	<b>DECISION TAKEN</b>	<p>Focus the Council's strategic support for the city's Voluntary and Community Sector as follows:</p> <p>Decommission the three existing services ("Supporting collaboration and guaranteeing a collective voice for the city's Voluntary and Community Sector"; "Providing infrastructure support to the city's Voluntary and Community Sector"; and "Supporting volunteers and volunteering in the city").</p> <p>Commission a new, streamlined, single service aligned with the Council's strategic commitment to supporting a vibrant, wide-ranging and effective Voluntary and Community Sector in the city. This service will focus predominantly on infrastructure support-related activities, incorporating an appropriate element of support for volunteers and volunteering (though not necessarily in the same manner as the current arrangement). This service can be procured through an "open procedure", specifying broad outcomes and outputs in line with the Council's manifesto commitment to the VCS. The commissioned provider should deliver appropriate support to improve the sector's efficacy, sustainability and viability.</p> <p>Continue to use existing and historical working arrangements within the Council to promote our own volunteering opportunities.</p>

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6.	<b>REASON FOR DECISION</b>	The Council is in the final year of a three year agreement which comes to an end in September 2017 and the Council is currently in the process of considering what future support arrangements might be appropriate and affordable given the current financial challenges faced by the Council.
7.	<b>a) KEY DECISION Y/N?</b> b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? y/n	(a) Yes (b) Yes
8.	<b>OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>	Details of all options considered are set out from paragraph 3.53 to 3.65 of the Executive Report.
9.	<b>DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Members of a Scrutiny Commission or any 5 Councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in.</li> <li>• Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Monitoring Officer</li> </ul>	6 July 2017
10.	<b>SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER</b> (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member)	 <b>ABDU RAZAK OSMAN</b>