

## Executive Summary of Agenda Item No. 14



**Report title: VCS Grants Prospectus – Allocation of Bristol Impact Fund 2017-2021**

**Wards affected: Citywide**

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### **Recommendation for the Mayor's approval:**

- That the detail for allocations for investing the Bristol Impact Fund is approved for the next 4 years, including small grants allocations (2 years) and Medium/Large allocations (4 years).
- That the Mayor approves the decommissioning process for those organisations previously funded through council grant investment
- That the Mayor approves the reserved allocation for the next four years to address specific equalities led voice and influence commissioning with the Bristol Impact Fund.

### **Key background / detail:**

a. Purpose of report: To approve the detail of investment of £3.29m grants funding to the Voluntary Community Sector, aligned to the challenges and principles set out in the Voluntary Sector Prospectus.

b. Key details:

1. 70 organisations are recommended for funding to deliver 49 proposals. 20 of these are small grants and 29 are medium/large grants. Of these organisations, 23 have had no previous grant funding from the council.
2. This recommendation provides citywide and ward-specific impact, focused on addressing the key challenges as outlined in the VCS Prospectus, to reduce disadvantage and tackle inequalities. The proposals provide coverage both to inner city wards and those on the outer rim of the City in the North and South.
3. The main beneficiary groups targeted include people with mental health difficulties, low income families, unemployed people, single or lone parents and refugees and asylum seekers.
4. Of the 70 organisations currently funded by the Bristol City Council grant streams being pooled to form this new Bristol Impact Fund, 39 have been successful in one or more of their applications, 27 will no longer receive grant funding from the Council after 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
5. £140k has been retained to commission a new Voice & Influence service for the city focused on Equalities communities within protected characteristics, as we were unable to allocate to all of these through the process.
6. If approved, the new grants will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

