



# Voluntary Sector Partnership Proposal

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## Introduction

model will create a single voluntary sector partnership (which is made up of thematic partnerships of voluntary, community, faith and not for profit social enterprise organisations). This model has been developed as a result of consultation with the wider sector through consultation with a number of existing voluntary sector partnerships.

The

Partnership

## Purpose

purpose of the Voluntary Sector is to strengthen partnership working within the voluntary, community, faith and not for profit social enterprise sector

## Aims

The partnership aims to

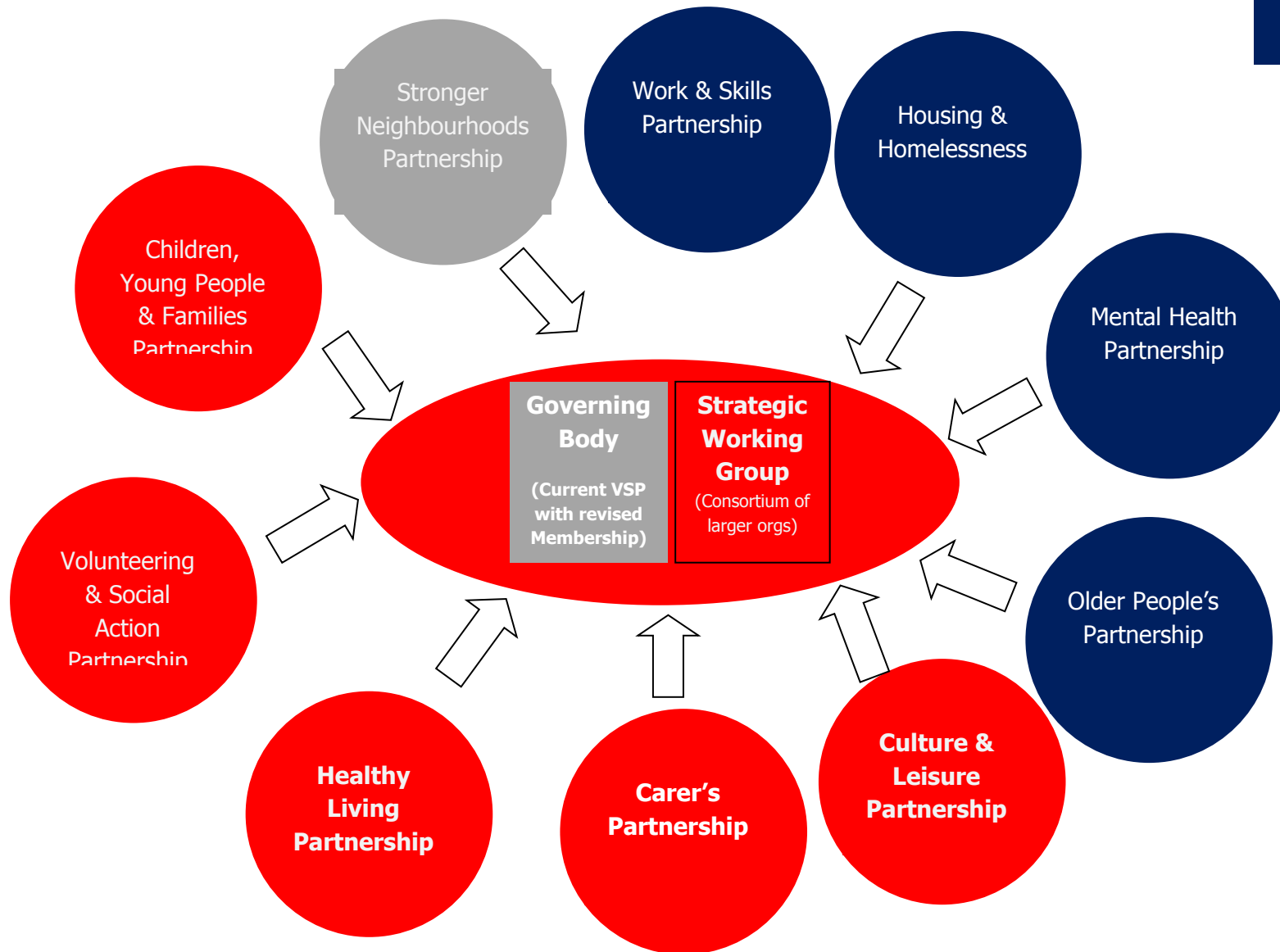
- Improve communication within the sector, and between the sector and public bodies
- Improve partnership working within the sector, and between the sector and public bodies
- Increase the sectors influence on local policy, practice and decision making affecting the sector and/or their beneficiaries
- Improve the sectors engagement in shaping local services for residents
- Reduce duplication and make more effective use of local resources

## Objectives

The partnership will meet its aims by

- Working together to address the challenges of rising demand for services with reduced resources
- Gathering together and articulating the diverse views of the sector to contribute to strategic planning and local policy discussions of public bodies
- Provide leadership for a collective sector voice
- Championing the sectors contributions to the delivery of public services
- Providing a structure for consultation and engagement of the sector
- Leading on the implementation of Rochdale Borough Compact

# The Model



Does not exist

In Existence

Exist in some form but  
need reshaping or  
development

| Name of Partnership  | Purpose   | Membership  | Development needs  |
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| <b>Stronger Neighbourhoods Partnership</b>                         | To work together to promote, design and deliver a voluntary sector integrated neighbourhood based services with a clear and agreed access pathway which enables people to access services within their neighbourhoods | Community centres, tenants and resident associations and other neighbourhood based organisations that receive public funds to act as an educational, social and recreational resource for the whole community | There is a community base network whose membership could be extended to include other neighbourhood based organisations  |
| <b>Children, Young People &amp; Families Partnership</b>           | To work together to promote, design and deliver a voluntary sector integrated children, young people and families   | Sector organisations who are in receipt of public funds to provide services to children, young people and families  | Amendment to partnership agreement and increase membership, attendance and support   |
| <b>Volunteering &amp; Social Action Partnership</b>                | To work together to promoted design and deliver a voluntary sector integrated volunteering services that promote health & wellbeing and engage people community activities  | Organisations with formal volunteering programmes   | Amendment to partnership agreement and increase membership, attendance and support   |
| <b>Mental Health Partnership</b>                                   | To work together to promote, design and deliver a voluntary sector integrated mental wellbeing service with a clear and agreed pathway which enables people to improve their mental wellbeing                         | Sector organisations in receipt of public funds to work with individuals to improve or manage their mental wellbeing  | There is currently a voluntary sector mental health providers groups and dementia partnership which could be merged<br><br>Proposed delivery lead: Rochdale & District Mind  |
| <b>Older People's Partnership</b><br>(Lead: Age UK Metro Rochdale) | To work together to promote, design and deliver a voluntary sector, integrated older people's services with a clear and agreed access pathway   | Sector organisations providing services for older people  | Age UK Currently deliver an older person's User Carer Forum which is well attended and supported by older people. They have agreed to lead the development of a voluntary sector older person's partnership with the support of CVSR |
| <b>Housing &amp; Homelessness</b>                                  | To work together to promote, design and deliver a voluntary sector housing and homelessness services  | Voluntary sector organisations working in housing and homelessness  | There is currently a homelessness forum which needs to be consulted and if agreed, extend it's remit to include wider housing issues   |

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| <b>Carer's Partnership</b><br>(Lead: Carer's Trust Greater Manchester) | To work together to promote, design and deliver a voluntary sector integrated carer support service with a clear and agreed pathway which enables carers to improve their health & wellbeing and be more socially connected and active outside their caring role | Sector organisations in receipt of public funds to provide services to carers (the membership of this partnership is currently closed at present as the current members work is going to be jointly commissioned by RMBC and the CCG)                           | None  |
| <b>Healthy Living Partnership</b><br>(Lead: Big Life)                  | To work together to promote, design and deliver a voluntary sector integrated healthy lifestyle service with a clear and agreed pathway which enables people to increase control over their physical health  | Sector organisations in receipt of public funds for the purpose of improving lifestyles through the delivery of healthy eating activities, physical activities, promotion of sensible drinking and smoking cessation and other ill health preventative services | None<br><br>The voluntary sector health and wellbeing alliance has agreed, and is in the process of amending it's partnership agreement, aims, objectives etc to meet this remit. They have also selected Big Life as their leadership/accountable body organisation. |
| <b>Culture &amp; Leisure Partnership</b>                               | Currently being developed by Link4Life   | Voluntary sector arts, media, culture and leisure organisations   |   |

## Governance & Strategic Working Group

### Governance

The voluntary sector partnership will become the governing body for the partnership, it will continue to include elected members, and will include lay persons from the NHS Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale Clinical Commissioning Group. The current voluntary sector membership will need to be revised to ensure that it is made up of voluntary sector one elected representative of each thematic partnership. The current voluntary sector partnership will need to revise it's membership and terms of reference to better reflect this model.

### Strategic Working Group

The existing consortium of larger organisations (those with an income of £250K) has been in existence for some time, and has been working strategically on behalf of the sector. It has recently agreed to become a strategic working group for the sector and the proposed partnership.

At present the members of this consortium also attend and provide leadership for the existing voluntary sector partnerships. Some of the partnerships have formally elected/selected their lead organisation

### Benefits of the Model

This model links to public service reform and locality plan priorities; it also takes into consideration the limited resources available from public bodies and is inclusive for all voluntary, community, faith and not for profit social enterprise sector organisations.

It also

- provides a mechanism for accountable sector representation on decision making bodies such as the transformational leadership group, safer stronger communities partnership, children & young people's partnership, Rochdale Safeguarding Board etc
- Enables the sector to reduce duplication of services
- Improves communication within the sector
- Provides clarity for residents about how to access voluntary sector integrated services and reduces silo working
- Provides intelligence about the needs of local communities both of interest and geographically
- Provides a clear voluntary sector engagement route for commissioners and other public body personnel
- Enables effective partnership working across the sector
- Enables the mapping and championing of the sectors services