

**Subject:** City Volunteering Strategy  
**Date of Meeting:** 27 April 2010  
**Report of:** Director of Strategy and Governance  
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**Wards Affected:** All

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Commission on 20 October 2009 received a progress update on an early draft version of the City Volunteering Strategy, requesting that further information on the Strategy be brought to a future meeting.
- 1.2 The Strategy 'Joining the Dots' at Appendix 1 sets out the strategic priorities for volunteering in Brighton and Hove and forms the starting point for a 5-year action plan. It has been adopted by the Local Strategic Partnership and is scheduled to be presented to Cabinet in due course.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That members:

- 2.1 Commend the City Volunteering Strategy and provide comments to be taken into account in progressing action.

#### 3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Development of the Strategy was led by the City Volunteering Strategy Steering Group, which had representatives from a number of stakeholder groups, and was managed by the Volunteer Centre Brighton & Hove.
- 3.2 The document identifies 6 strategic priorities;

- Increase the number of volunteers in the City
  - Expand access to volunteering for groups at risk of social exclusion
  - Recognise and value volunteers and volunteering
  - Improve the volunteering experience for both the volunteer and organisation/individual they volunteer for
  - Enable an environment in which volunteering can have the maximum economic and social impact
  - Ensure that volunteering across the City is adequately resourced
- 3.3 OSC on 20 October 2009 asked about volunteering and paid work; attached at Appendix 2 is the national agreement between Volunteering England and the TUC: A Charter for Strengthening Relations between Paid Staff and Volunteers, which forms part of the background papers to the Strategy.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 There has been wide consultation in the production of this document, as set out in full in the background paper.

#### **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

##### Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The financial implications of implementing the strategy will be considered alongside the relevant budgets.

##### Legal Implications:

- 5.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from this covering report.

##### Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 There are no equalities implications arising directly from this covering report. An equalities impact assessment is being carried out as part of the action plan.

##### Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 There are no sustainability implications arising directly from this covering report.

##### Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None identified directly in relation to this covering report.

##### Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None identified directly in relation to this covering report.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 The Volunteering Strategy is developed in line with citywide strategies; Sustainable Community Strategy, City Employment and Skills Plan, Community Engagement Strategy and Local Area Agreement.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices:**

- 1 Joining the Dots; A Triple Impact Volunteering Strategy for Brighton & Hove 2010 - 2015
- 2 A Charter for Strengthening Relations between Paid Staff and Volunteers: Agreement between Volunteering England and the TUC

**Background Documents:**

1. Methodology; consultation and findings.

