

Voscur's Declaration of Interest in VCS Grants Prospectus

Bristol City Council's VCS Grants Prospectus is about to be launched (July 2016).

As part of our commitment to accountability, Voscur is publishing this statement to declare its interests, as currently understood, in the VCS Grants Prospectus.

1) Supporting the VCS to engage with the Prospectus and collaborate to work together

Voscur will be providing opportunities for VCS organisations to work together to apply for grants and secure resources for their work under grant outcomes¹.

2) Advising the council on good practice in working with the VCS

From April 2015 to May 2016, Voscur staff members (on behalf of Bristol BME Voice, Ruth Pitter; and Bristol Compact, Mark Hubbard) were involved in the Prospectus Co-Design Group and contributed to the early stages of Prospectus development. The work of that group has concluded and its final meeting took place in early May.

Prior to the Prospectus launch and the preparation of the final documents, there will be further Bristol Compact involvement. This impartial advice will help to ensure that Compact principles are included in the application processes.²

3) Consulting the sector

Voscur led a consultation (to ensure that VCS organisations were able to influence the Prospectus) on the Prospectus proposal, values, key challenges and process. The consultation report can be viewed [here](#). Bristol City Council is yet to publish its 'You said, we did report', following the consultation.

4) Voscur is a current grant-holder

Two of the grants that Voscur currently receives from Bristol City Council are being included in the scope of the Prospectus. These are the grants for Bristol BME Voice and Volunteer Bristol@Voscur.

Voscur is likely to seek to continue to provide volunteer brokerage services in the future, and is in discussion with partners with regard to Bristol BME Voice.

These interests described above are being managed in these ways.

- By being transparent about these interests
- Information shared for a specific purpose will not be used for any other purpose
- Information and documents will be stored securely and confidentially.

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¹ 'VCS organisations are more able to raise additional funding to develop and deliver their services'; 'VCS organisation develop collaborative solutions' – Infrastructure Support Services grant with Bristol City Council (May 2016).

² 'Improved VCS engagement with commissioning through support and advocacy' and 'Compact principles promoted and integrated into commissioning practice' – Bristol Compact grant with Bristol City Council (2016).