

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**CABINET EXECUTIVE**

**14 March 2017**

**REPORT AUTHOR:** County Councillor Barry Thomas  
County Councillor Graham Brown  
County Councillor Wynne Jones

**SUBJECT:** Partnership Agreement between Powys County Council  
and Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations

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**REPORT FOR:** Decision

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**1. Summary**

1.1. Powys County Council and Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations (PAVO) have been in discussions to negotiate and agree a Partnership Agreement. The draft Agreement is brought for Cabinet's consideration with the intention, if approved, for implementation from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

**2. Proposal**

2.1. For the past twelve months, the Leader and Deputy Leaders and Senior Officers have met with the Chair and representatives of PAVO's Trustee Board and PAVO's Chief Executive Officer to discuss the formation of a Partnership or Framework Agreement.

2.2. Powys County Council has for many years funded PAVO through various grants and commissioned arrangements for the delivery of services in supporting the communities that both organisations serve. This agreement brings together in a more formalised and focused approach and will reflect the different areas of commissioned activity that PAVO will be providing either as a contractor or grant aided partner. The overarching Partnership Agreement will be supplemented by specific detailed areas of commissioned activity which will be agreed in advance by both partners.

2.3. Although this Partnership Agreements sets out the overarching joint working arrangements between the two organisations it is primarily a framework agreement. A suite of performance measures have been identified to enable effective monitoring of the extent to which PAVO is delivering against the outcomes. In addition to PCC's annual monitoring of the agreement with PAVO, bi-annual review meetings will take place providing an opportunity for a reciprocal consideration of performance and a mutual determination of any actions that need to be implemented, including ongoing funding arrangements.

- 2.4. This Agreement is based around the four pillars of third sector infrastructure support as informed by stakeholder engagement and as agreed with Powys CC, they are : Good Governance, Sustainable funding, Strategic Engagement and Volunteering.
- 2.5. The Partnership Agreement is a recognition of this Council's third sector support. PAVO will report on the full range and value of its work, thereby demonstrating to Powys CC the total return on its investment.

### **3. One Powys Plan**

Powys County Council and PAVO have worked in partnership for many years. Both organisations are members of the Public Service Board and have key roles to ensure that the residents of Powys can live healthy and fulfilling lives, and to build stronger, resilient communities.

### **4. Options Considered/Available**

- 4.1. Previously there has not been a focused and co-ordinated approach to funding PAVO. The advantage of the partnership Agreement is that clear outcomes, value for money and accountability are determined in advance and measured against. The effective use of financial resources will be based on outcomes based and citizen focused delivery as specified in the Partnership Agreement or as detailed in supplementary service specifications as appropriate.

### **5. Preferred Choice and Reasons**

- 5.1. The discussions over the past twelve months between Council and PAVO representatives have resulted in this final draft agreement presented to Cabinet for decision.

### **6. Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder,/Welsh Language/Other Policies etc**

- 6.1. The agreement requires PAVO to meet a number of terms and conditions to include equalities, welsh language health and safety, safeguarding.

### **7. Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing**

- 7.1. The agreement requires PAVO to meet a number of terms and conditions to include equalities, confidentiality, vulnerable people and safeguarding.

## **8. Local Member(s)**

8.1. N/A

## **9. Other Front Line Services**

9.1. The Agreement requires other services who allocate grant or commission services with PAVO to have due regard to the Agreement in order that the most effective use of resources both financial and non-financial are effectively deployed and to avoiding the potential for double funding.

## **10. Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)**

10.1. Finance support the framework agreement with PAVO, to ensure the Authority is able to demonstrate return on investment, transparency and value for money through the effective monitoring of the agreed performance measures and indicators set out in the outcomes framework. The bi-annual and annual reviews, will ensure that the on-going funding arrangements reflect the current budget position and the 3 year indicative funding agreement aligns with the Council's strategic priorities and budget plan.

10.2. Legal – The recommendation can be supported from a legal point of view.

## **11. Public Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc.**

11.1. Both Powys County Council and Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations are members of the Public Service Board (PSB). Whilst there may be opportunities for future agreements to be undertaken jointly with other PSB partners when jointly commissioning services from PAVO however, this has not been explored at this time owing to the complexity in reaching the current agreement.

## **12. Corporate Communications**

12.1. N/A

## **13. Statutory Officers**

13.1. The Strategic Director Resources (Section 151 Officer) notes the comments made by Finance.

13.2. The Monitoring Officer notes the legal comment and has nothing to add to the report

#### **14. Members' Interests**

14.1. The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

#### **15. Future Status of the Report**

15.1. Members are invited to consider the future status of this report and whether it can be made available to the press and public either immediately following the meeting or at some specified point in the future.

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Reason for Recommendation:</b>
To approve the Partnership Agreement between Powys County Council and Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations (version dated 15 February 2017)	To invest in third sector infrastructure support in a more coherent, financially focused, and formalised approach.

<b>Relevant Policy (ies):</b>			
<b>Within Policy:</b>	Yes	<b>Within Budget:</b>	Yes

<b>Relevant Local Member(s):</b>	N/A - Countywide
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<b>Person(s) To Implement Decision:</b>	<b>Paul Griffiths Strategic Director Place Susan Simpson, Executive Support Manager</b>
<b>Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:</b>	<b>With effect from 01 April 2017</b>

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#### **Background Papers used to prepare Report:**