

ELECTION PROCESS 2025

for the Gloucestershire Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Strategic Partnership

Introduction

This document sets out the process that Gloucestershire VCSE Alliance (the hosting organisation) will follow in running elections on behalf of Gloucestershire VCSE Strategic Partnership.

This process should be read alongside the Gloucestershire VCSE Strategic Partnership Terms of Reference, Eligibility Criteria and Nominee Privacy Notice.

Nomination Categories

The VCSE Strategic Partnership consists of twelve members. There are six places available for elected members in this election. These are as follows:

Category	Number of places
Grassroots organisations that are user or community-led	2
Organisations with an annual income of £500,000 or under	3
Organisations with an annual income in excess of £500,001	1

Communication

The forthcoming election process will be highlighted through all Gloucestershire VCSE Alliance's existing communication channels.

In addition, Gloucestershire VCSE Alliance will make every effort to raise the profile of the VCSE Strategic Partnership and its election among organisations that represent or are based within minoritised communities in Gloucestershire.

All VCSE Strategic Partnership members and Integrated Locality Partnerships (ILP) VCSE Representatives will promote the election among their professional networks.

The VCSE Strategic Partnership will hold an open meeting on 7th April 2025; anyone working in the VCSE sector in Gloucestershire is welcome to attend this and it will be particularly geared to enabling people to explore the purpose of the group and what it does.

Nomination process

- The nomination period runs from Wednesday 30th April – Friday 30th May 2025.
- Nominees are required to provide their name, organisation, role/job title, confirm their eligibility and submit a short nomination statement.
- The nomination statement will be limited to 200 words.

- We suggest that a nomination statement includes:
 - The motivation for standing for election to the VCSE Strategic Partnership.
 - A summary of the skills, experience and characteristics that equip the nominee for this role.
- Statements can be submitted in writing (via the nomination form) or by sending a video to info@glosvcalliance.org.uk. A member of our team will then be in touch with you to assist with writing a nomination based on the video provided.
- Assistance to produce a written statement can be provided by emailing info@glosvcalliance.org.uk.

Election process

- The election period will run from Wednesday 11th – Monday 30th June 2025.
- Nominee names, organisations, role/job titles and statements will be circulated widely with a link to an online ballot paper.
- Circulation will include the [Gloucestershire VCSE Alliance News Bulletin](#), accompanied by requests to circulate via Know Your Patch network hosts: GRCC, FVAF, GL11, Kingfisher Treasure Seekers and CCP.
- Paper copies of the nominee statements and ballot paper will be made available on request.
- One person may vote per VCSE sector organisation or group; it is the responsibility of the group or organisation to decide who votes on its behalf. The first vote cast on behalf of a group or organisation will be counted, and any further votes will be void.
- Nominees may vote for themselves.
- For each place, there will be an option for voters to refrain from voting for any of the nominees put forward.
- There are six places available so voters may vote for up to six people based on the following categories:
 - Grassroots organisations that are user or community-led – 2 votes
 - Organisations with an annual income of £500,000 or under – 3 votes
 - Organisations with an annual income in excess of £500,001 – 1 vote
- Voters may vote for each nominee once; multiple votes for the same nominee will not be counted.

What happens if a voter incorrectly completes their ballot?

If a voter does not use all their votes, the votes they have used will still be counted.

If a voter votes for more people than the process allows, their votes will not be counted in any category where they have voted for too many nominees. Their votes will still be counted in any category where they have voted correctly.

What happens if there aren't sufficient nominees for the number of places available?

If insufficient nominations are received for a category, the following process will be followed.

Gloucestershire VCSE Alliance will extend the submission date for nominations for the category by one week (to 6th June 2025) and actively encourage eligible organisations to put a nominee forward.

After this period, the election will take place. The number of votes offered on the ballot paper will be reduced to the number of candidates.

For each available place, a nominee must receive at least 51% of the votes to be appointed. This is to ensure that the nominee has a reasonable mandate.

What if no nominee is appointed?

If there are fewer successful nominees than places available, the VCSE Strategic Partnership may co-opt someone into that place.

Successful nominees

The successful nominees will be as follows:

Category	Elected nominees
Grassroots organisations that are user or community-led	The 2 nominees with the most votes
Organisations with an annual income of £500,000 or under	The 3 nominees with the most votes
Organisations with an annual income in excess of £500,001	The 1 nominee with the most votes

Successful nominees will be informed on Thursday 3rd July 2025 and will be asked to confirm that they accept the appointment.

Elected nominees will be announced via the [Gloucestershire VCSE Alliance News Bulletin](#) on Wednesday 9th July 2025.