

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

### **for the Gloucestershire Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Strategic Partnership Election (2025)**

#### **Is my organisation eligible?**

Gloucestershire VCSE Strategic Partnership members must be employed or working in a voluntary capacity in a Gloucestershire VCSE organisation or group that is either directly concerned with wellbeing, health or social care or operates in an area which broadly impacts on citizens' wellbeing such as transport, housing, debt advice or community development, and is:

- A constituted voluntary or community organisation
- A registered charity
- A charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
- A not-for-profit company
- A community interest company (CIC)
- A community benefit society

An organisation must:

- Offer its products and services for general public benefit without restrictions and barriers, such as affordability.
- Have a majority of board or committee members who are not related. Related can mean:
  - o Related by marriage
  - o In a civil partnership with each other
  - o In a long-term relationship with each other
  - o Related through a long-term partner
  - o Living at the same address
  - o Related by blood

An organisation that is not a charity must:

- Reinvest at least 50% surpluses into pursuing its social mission
- Have a constitutional or contractual lock on its social mission, its dividend
- and surplus distribution policy and 'asset lock'

## How are the nomination categories defined?

Category	Defining criteria
Grassroots organisations that are user or community-led	A group formed and driven by members of a community.
Organisations with an annual income of £500,000 or under	The organisation's most recently filed annual accounts declare a total income £500,000 or under.
Organisations with an annual income in excess of £500,001	The organisation's most recently filed annual accounts declare a total income of over £500,001.

## Who is eligible to stand for election?

To stand for election for the VCSE Strategic Partnership, you must:

- Be of 18 years of age or over at the time of submitting your nomination.
- Be employed or volunteer within an eligible organisation (as defined above).
- Give consent for your name, job title/role, organisation and your nomination statement to be shared publicly via the Gloucestershire VCSE Alliance website.