

Update for Scrutiny: Brent VCSE Contracts

Borough Plan Framework

The alignment below uses the five priorities in **Moving Brent Forward Together**:

Borough Plan Priority	Main VCSE commissioning contribution
Prosperity & Stability	Housing/homelessness prevention, immigration advice, welfare/IAG, employment and skills, affordable warmth, private-rented-sector advice
A Cleaner, Greener Future	Air-quality engagement, energy efficiency, affordable warmth, cycling/bike reuse and sustainable transport
Thriving Communities	Community development, faith/community cohesion, advocacy, social isolation, LGBTQ+ inclusion, community safety, resident engagement
The Best Start in Life	Family wellbeing, early intervention, youth engagement, youth violence/exploitation prevention, children's advocacy, young women/girls, UASC support
Healthier Brent	Mental health, substance misuse, health education, carers, community wellbeing, loneliness, advocacy, parent/infant mental health

VCSE Commissioned-Services

Organisations	Service / Contract	Scope and Objective	Intended / Key outcomes	Funding	Contract Duration	Borough Plan Alignment
Brent Multi-Faith Forum	Community Cohesion & Inclusion – Religious and Faith Events	Faith/community events supporting cohesion and participation	Stronger social cohesion, participation and community relationships	£30,000	Jul 2025–	Thriving Communities

					Mar 2028	
The Social Market Foundation	Gambling Reform Project	Community-facing gambling harm/reform work	Increased awareness, prevention and support around gambling harms	£30,000	Apr 2025–Oct 2025	Healthier Brent; Thriving Communities
POhWER	NHS Independent Complaints Advocacy Service	Independent advocacy for people navigating NHS complaints	Greater access to advocacy and ability to pursue complaints	£157,137.6	Jun 2023–May 2027	Healthier Brent; Thriving Communities
Afghanistan and Central Asian (ACAA)	Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Support – UASC/former UASC	Targeted mental-health and emotional-wellbeing support	Improved wellbeing and access to culturally appropriate support	£300,000	Sep 2025–Aug 2028	Healthier Brent; Best Start in Life
Kingston Centre for Independent Living Limited	Independent Travel Training	Support for young people/people with additional needs to travel independently	Greater independence, confidence and access to education/community	£644,201	Feb 2025–Feb 2029	Best Start in Life; Thriving Communities
Hestia Housing & Support	Dual Diagnosis – Alcohol, Drugs & Mental Health Pathway	Integrated substance-misuse and mental-health support	Reduced harm, improved recovery and engagement with services	£1,176,225	Jul 2022–Jun 2027	Healthier Brent

Citizens Advice Bureau	Independent Advice & Guidance (IAG)	Advice/support for residents, particularly people needing independent assistance	Improved access to rights, benefits, services and support	£1,997,163.48	Dec 2022–Dec 2026	Prosperity & Stability; Healthier Brent
Allchild Ltd	Targeted Early Intervention – Children in Brent Schools	Early intervention in schools	Earlier identification of need; improved outcomes and prevention of escalation	£300,000	Sep 2025–Aug 2028	Best Start in Life; Healthier Brent
Health Equality and Rights Organisation	LGBTQ+ Community Building Project	Community development and support for LGBTQ+ residents	Greater inclusion, participation and community resilience	£15,000	Jun 2026–Jun 2027	Thriving Communities
Sufra NW London	Community Wellbeing Services	Community-based wellbeing support	Improved wellbeing, social connection and access to local support	£1,999,399	Dec 2024–Dec 2029	Healthier Brent; Thriving Communities
Brent Parent Carer Forum (BPCF) Community Interest Company	Parent Carer Engagement Support	Engagement with parent carers in service design/delivery	Stronger parent voice and more responsive services	£20,000	Apr 2026–Mar 2027	Best Start in Life; Healthier Brent
Hestia Housing & Support	Domestic Abuse & Complex Women's Service	Housing-related support and specialist domestic-abuse support	Safety, stability and reduced risk of repeat abuse/homelessness	£951,705	Apr 2022–	Thriving Communities; Healthier Brent;

					Mar 2027	Prosperity & Stability
Elders Voice	Handy Person Service	Practical support enabling vulnerable residents to maintain homes	Safer homes and greater independence	£658,335	Apr 2022–Mar 2027	Prosperity & Stability; Healthier Brent
Elders Voice	Age-friendly Brent	Support for an age-friendly borough	Reduced isolation, greater participation and independence among older residents	£86,974	Jul 2025–Jul 2027	Healthier Brent; Thriving Communities
Londons Community Kitchen CIC	Grand Union Employment & Skills Community Hub	Local employment, skills and progression support	Improved skills, employability and employment outcomes	£50,000	Apr 2025–Oct 2027	Prosperity & Stability
Rumi's Cave	Winter Shelter	Emergency/seasonal accommodation and support	Reduced rough sleeping and crisis homelessness	£49,160	Jan 2025–Mar 2025	Prosperity & Stability
Depaul Trust	Low-Level Housing Related Support Homeless Service	Early housing-related support	Prevention of homelessness and improved housing stability	£147,124	May 2021–Apr 2027	Prosperity & Stability

Think & Do For Environmental and Social Action Ltd	Think & Do – Sharing Spaces Project	Community/participatory project	Increased community participation and use of shared spaces	£10,468.8	Oct 2025–Dec 2025	Thriving Communities
Action Space London Events Ltd	Becoming Brent NLHF Project	Heritage/community participation project	Community engagement, skills and local cultural participation	£10,000	Mar 2025–Dec 2025	Thriving Communities
CVS Brent	CVS Brent Development Plan / VCSE Development	VCS infrastructure and organisational development	Greater organisational capacity, resilience and ability to deliver services	£40,000	Jul 2025–Jan 2026	Thriving Communities
The Anna Freud Centre	Targeted Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing – vulnerable CYP	Targeted mental-health intervention for priority groups	Improved emotional wellbeing and early intervention	£1,734,505.54	Feb 2023–Jan 2026	Healthier Brent; Best Start in Life
Coram Voice	Brent Advocacy & Independent Visitors Service	Independent advocacy/visiting for children and vulnerable people	Stronger voice, rights and safeguarding	£214,635	Apr 2021–Mar 2026	Best Start in Life; Thriving Communities
Depaul Trust	Domestic Abuse & Young People HRS	Housing-related support for young people affected by domestic abuse	Safety, stability and prevention of homelessness	£969,330	Sep 2019–Mar 2026	Best Start in Life; Prosperity & Stability; Thriving Communities

St Giles Trust	Prevention of Gangs, Criminal Exploitation & Education Programme	Prevention and education around exploitation and gangs	Reduced vulnerability to exploitation and offending	£496,123.54	Mar 2023– Mar 2026	Thriving Communities; Best Start in Life
RISE Mutual CIC	Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Intervention Programme	Intervention to reduce perpetrator behaviour	Reduced domestic-abuse risk and improved victim/family safety	£318,839.22	Feb 2023– Mar 2026	Thriving Communities; Healthier Brent
Groundwork London	Brent Well & Warm – Affordable Warmth	Energy/warmth support	Reduced fuel poverty and improved home warmth/health	£133,000	Apr 2025– Jul 2026	Prosperity & Stability; Cleaner, Greener Future; Healthier Brent
Peddle My Wheels Ltd	Repurposed Bike Scheme	Reuse/refurbishment of bicycles	Sustainable transport, active travel and reuse	£17,200	Apr 2025– Apr 2026	Cleaner, Greener Future
Groundwork London	Brent Energy Efficiency Grant – Buildings	Energy-efficiency improvements	Reduced energy consumption/costs and carbon emissions	£15,906.25	Jul 2025– Apr 2026	Cleaner, Greener Future; Prosperity & Stability
POhWER	Advocacy Services	Independent advocacy for residents requiring support	Increased ability to exercise rights and access services	£706,486	Jul 2023–	Thriving Communities; Healthier Brent

					May 2026	
Connect Stars Ltd	Community Shield Against After-School Robberies	Targeted community safety/prevention	Reduced vulnerability to robbery and safer journeys after school	£24,810	Sep 2025–Jun 2026	Thriving Communities; Best Start in Life
Penrose Options	Penrose Generic Floating Support	Housing-related floating support	Sustained tenancies, independence and homelessness prevention	£951,705	Jul 2023–Jul 2028	Prosperity & Stability
Barnardo's	Family Wellbeing Centre Support Service	Family support through community/family centres	Improved family functioning, early help and child wellbeing	£575,461.38	Jul 2025–Mar 2026	Best Start in Life; Healthier Brent
Street Doctors Ltd	Bleed Control & First Aid Workshops – Street Doctors	Community first aid/bleed-control training	Increased community capability to respond to emergencies	£6,000	Nov 2024–Mar 2027	Thriving Communities; Healthier Brent
Hestia Housing & Support	Mental Health HRS	Housing-related support for people with mental-health needs	Housing stability, independence and improved wellbeing	£1,495,257.5	Apr 2022–Mar 2027	Healthier Brent; Prosperity & Stability
Look Ahead Care & Support Ltd	Homeless & Ex-Offender HRS	Housing-related support for homeless/ex-offender cohorts	Reduced homelessness/reoffending and improved stability	£5,421,342.08	Apr 2022–	Prosperity & Stability;

					Mar 2027	Thriving Communities
Depaul Trust	Young Person HRS (18–21) & Crash Pads	Housing and emergency accommodation for young people	Prevented homelessness and supported transition to independence	£1,651,685	Apr 2022–Mar 2027	Best Start in Life; Prosperity & Stability
Brent Carers Centre	Carers Support Service	Support for unpaid carers	Improved carer wellbeing, resilience and ability to continue caring	£895,994.01	Aug 2023–Aug 2027	Healthier Brent; Thriving Communities
North West London Law Centres	Immigration Advice Service	Specialist immigration advice	Improved access to rights, status, housing and other services	£15,000,000	Nov 2024–Nov 2027	Prosperity & Stability; Thriving Communities
Communities First	Community Engagement & Stakeholder Communication – Communities First	Community engagement and communications	Increased resident participation and stronger community relationships	£37,676.08	Jan 2026–Dec 2027	Thriving Communities
Advance	Domestic Abuse Advocacy, Family Support & One Stop Shop	Advocacy and integrated domestic-abuse support	Safety, recovery, family stability and access to support	£1,999,775.28	Apr 2023–Mar 2028	Thriving Communities; Healthier Brent

Penrose Options	Generic Floating Support	Housing-related floating support	Tenancy sustainment, independence and homelessness prevention	£951,705	Jul 2023–Jul 2028	Prosperity & Stability
Beam UP Ltd	Resettlement Support Services	Support for newly resettled/refugee households	Successful integration, housing stability and access to employment/services	£576,000	Aug 2025–Aug 2026	Prosperity & Stability; Thriving Communities
RVF Academy CIC	Young People Engagement	Youth participation and engagement	Young people influencing decisions and accessing opportunities	£20,000	Aug 2025–Dec 2025	Best Start in Life
The Advocacy Project	Healthwatch Brent	Independent voice for health/social-care users	Resident voice, scrutiny and improvement of local services	£127,765.03	Jul 2025–Mar 2026	Healthier Brent; Thriving Communities
St Giles Trust	Embedded Youth Violence Hospital Worker	Hospital-based intervention for young people affected by violence	Earlier intervention, reduced repeat violence and improved safeguarding	£362,500	Jan 2024–Mar 2026	Best Start in Life; Thriving Communities; Healthier Brent
The Josh Hanson Charitable Trust	Knife Crime Awareness Workshops	Prevention/awareness education	Increased awareness and reduced vulnerability to knife crime	£7,500	Nov 2024–Mar 2027	Thriving Communities; Best Start in Life

Home Start Barnet	Parent & Infant Mental Health Peer Support	Peer support for parents/infants	Improved parental and infant emotional wellbeing	£185,140	Dec 2025–Mar 2027	Best Start in Life; Healthier Brent
Cricklewood Wanderers C.I.C	Sport 4 Inclusion & Wellbeing	Sport/community inclusion project	Physical activity, inclusion, wellbeing and social connection	£73,440	Apr 2025–Mar 2027	Healthier Brent; Thriving Communities
Star Books	Community Language Materials	Accessible/multilingual community information	Improved access to information and services for diverse communities	£49,000	Oct 2025–Oct 2027	Thriving Communities; Healthier Brent
Young Brent Foundation	Young Women & Girls Diversionary Project	Targeted activities/support for young women and girls	Reduced vulnerability, increased participation and safer communities	£137,500	Nov 2025–Mar 2028	Best Start in Life; Thriving Communities
Brent Carers Centre	Health Educators / Brent Community Health Educator	Community health education/outreach	Earlier engagement, prevention and reduced health inequalities	£999,974.66	Jul 2024–Dec 2028	Healthier Brent
Ashford Place	Social Isolation & Loneliness Prevention Services	Community-based loneliness prevention	Increased social connection, participation and wellbeing	£624,000	May 2025–	Healthier Brent; Thriving Communities

					Dec 2029	
St Mungo's Association	Street Outreach, Housing Advice & Resettlement – Rough Sleepers	Outreach, housing advice and resettlement	Reduced rough sleeping and sustained accommodation	£2,495,150.07	May 2025– May 1930	Prosperity & Stability; Healthier Brent
Young Brent Foundation	Church End Youth Anchor Project	Youth/community activities, capital and business support	Youth participation, community infrastructure and local opportunities	£680,000	Feb 2025– Feb 1935	Best Start in Life; Thriving Communities; Prosperity & Stability
Advice4Renters (went into liquidation in May 2025)	Improving the PRS Experience – Advice4Renters	Advice and support for private renters	Better tenant rights, housing security and resolution of problems	£300,000	Apr 2024– Mar 2026	Prosperity & Stability
St Giles Trust	CHOICES ETE Support	Education, training and employment support	Improved progression into education, training or work	£50,000	Aug 2024– Sep 2026	Prosperity & Stability; Best Start in Life
Barnardos Services Ltd	Barnardo's Family Wellbeing Centre Support	Family-centre support	Family wellbeing and early intervention	£575,461.38	Jul 2025– Mar 2026	Best Start in Life; Healthier Brent

