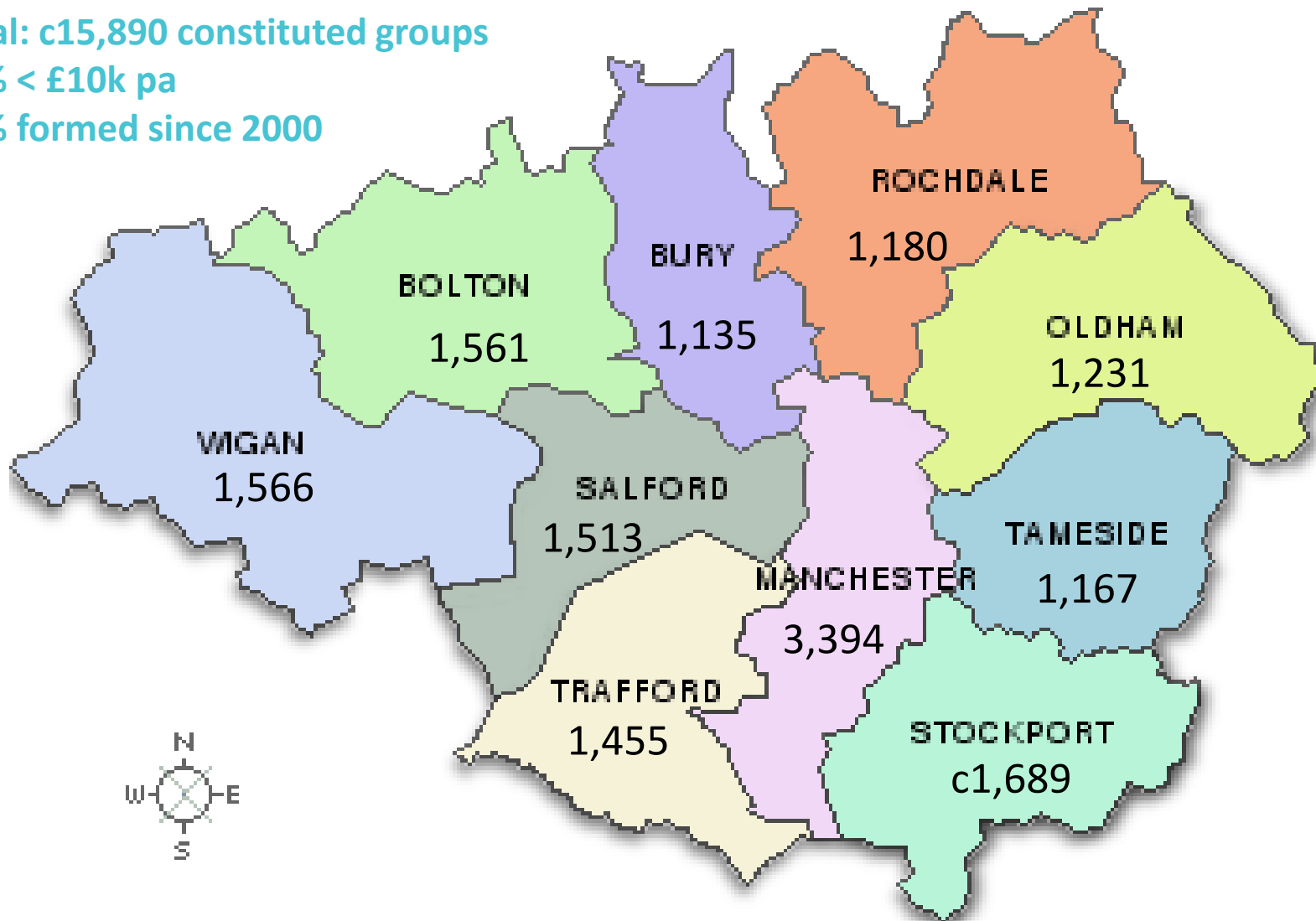


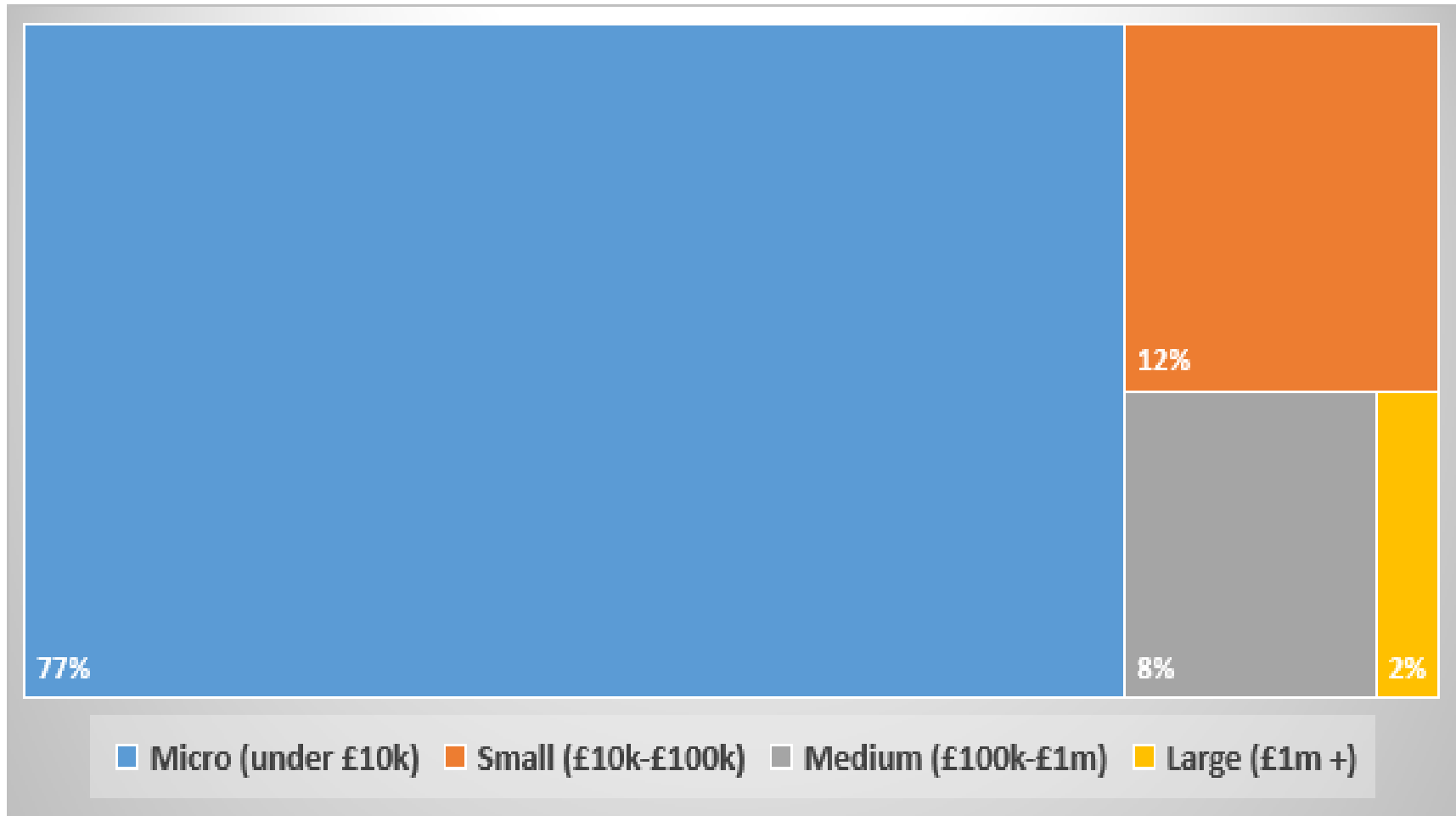
VCSE Policy Paper

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Total: c15,890 constituted groups
77% < £10k pa
55% formed since 2000



VCSE Market Segments by size



What do we do?



Who do we work with?

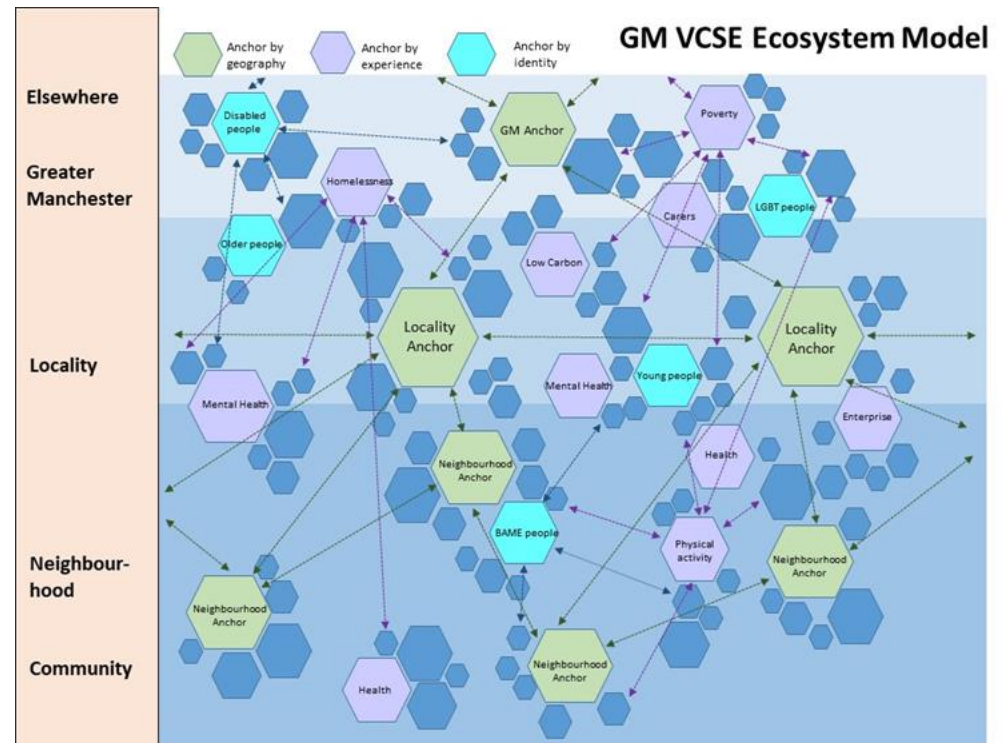


- VCSE Leaders are looking for equality of status and to increase their role in areas with which they have unique strengths
- VCSE services and activities exist alongside and inter-linked with 'public services' and sometimes in place the 'public sector' can't reach
- VCSE organisations bring additional resources into the system.

- The VCSE sector in Greater Manchester is evolving as an 'ecosystem' with a complex web of relationships and interdependencies built around a network of 'anchor organisations', and having shared leadership.
- This creates a structure to allow interaction, dialogue and mobilisation at scale.

Within the ecosystem, VCSE organisations may come together based on:

- **Geography** – the focus on what happens in a place
- **Experience** – shared needs, assets and ambitions, thematic interest
- **Identity** - how people chose to identify in different situations
- ‘Scaffolding’ of Anchor Organisations
- Case studies...



VCSE transformation –why do this?

- To better work collectively with business and public sectors
- To align with, shape, and where appropriate, lead, the implementation of local priorities
- To prepare for the further impacts of a slowing economy
- To embrace innovation in our ways of working which are leaving parts of the sector behind
- To improve co-ordination and collaboration
- To address our weaknesses and vulnerabilities

- Our Transformation principles are:
 - o An Inclusive Approach: taking their place in decision-making at the early stages of strategic planning and the development of new arrangements.
 - o Operating strategically and developing Alliances: within and across sectors, thematic, as well as population and place-based, dependent on the issues presented and the solutions required.
 - o Recognition of Community Anchors and Individual Assets: Individuals' and communities' assets are vital to improving outcomes

Outcomes...

- A VCSE sector which is an **integral part of 'place-based working'**.
- Strong, visible and effective **leadership** in the VCSE sector at all levels and geographies.
- VCSE staff and volunteers are part of the **one functioning 'workforce'** providing services for the people of Greater Manchester.
- Social enterprises, co-operatives, community businesses, charities and micro-social business thrive
- The VCSE sector has the physical infrastructure and resources to thrive
- The **devolved arrangements** have created significant improvement in the VCSE sector's capacity to deliver
- VCSE organisations make a measurable contribution to the delivery of the vision described in the **GM Strategy**