

# VS6 Metro Mayor Hustings: The Vision for Liverpool City Region



## What will your Metro Mayor do for communities and the voluntary sector?

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 6.30 – 8.30pm, Liverpool Cathedral  
*Refreshments provided*

Register for your place [here](#)

In the run up to the Metro Mayor election on 4th May 2017, VS6 is holding a special hustings to give members of the voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sector the chance to quiz the candidates as they lay out their visions, priorities and strategies for the future of Liverpool City Region.

**\*\*On the platform\*\***

**Steve Rotheram, Labour**

**Tony Caldeira, Conservative**

**Carl Cashman, Liberal Democrat**

**Tom Crone, Green**

The hustings will be chaired by **Rev Canon Dr Ellen Loudon**, Independent Chair of the VS6 Partnership.

The first ever Mayor of Liverpool City Region will be elected in just three months, with a historic opportunity to use devolution to forge a social partnership that puts people and place first, creating a healthy, happy and socially just Liverpool City Region. It's clear that communities and citizens will need to be at the heart, and the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector can drive this. We'll be asking the candidates how they plan to work with us to bring that change.

With over eight thousand organisations, twenty-four thousand employees, and volunteers contributing half a million hours a week to their communities, the sector is a core part of our region's society and economy. But with the loss of EU funds and continued austerity, fundamental questions remain. In cash strapped times, how can we drive community-centred approaches to

transforming health and wellbeing? Can a new social contract be formed, harnessing the power of communities? How will the new Mayor use his or her influence to promote the role of the voluntary sector? Can faith groups' deep connections to their communities be strengthened and capitalised on, whilst delivering prosperity at the city-region level? How will the sector be supported in generating philanthropic investment? Can the new Mayor and the sector co-produce a voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise strategy for Liverpool City Region?

Join us to debate with the candidates as we explore how they will use their influence and devolved powers to work with the voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sector to improve the lives of all our communities and build a prosperous Liverpool City Region.

On registration, you will be given the option to submit a question to the candidates.

#### Getting to Liverpool Anglican Cathedral

**Walking and rail:** The cathedral is located around thirty minutes' walk from most central Liverpool locations, including Liverpool Lime Street station and Liverpool Central station.

**Bus:** Routes 82 and 86 run every 12 minutes and stop nearby. Further info at [Merseytravel](#).

**By car:** The cathedral has a car park, which will be free for this event. However, please arrive early to guarantee a space. You can enter the car park from [Upper Duke Street](#)

Further information on getting to Liverpool Cathedral is available on [its website](#).

#### Financial assistance for transport

If you would like to attend but will be prohibited from doing so by transport costs, we have a small amount of money to help with costs. Please contact [sam.popper@vsnw.org.uk](mailto:sam.popper@vsnw.org.uk) to discuss this.

#### About VS6

VS6 is a partnership of 14 support organisations working with the 8,600 voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise organisations operating across our Liverpool City Region. We work together to champion the vital role our sector does and could play in the future of the city region, while seeking to shape local policy and implementation for the benefit of our communities.

**Register for your place [here](#) or by going to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/vs6-metro-mayor-hustings-the-vision-for-liverpool-city-region-tickets-31708865069>**

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