

SIGHT-LOSS CHARITY PARTNERSHIP – VISIONARY CONFERENCE

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Underpinning the sight-loss charities partnership is the shared mission to improve the lives of blind and partially sighted people



Mission

“To ensure every blind and partially sighted person in the UK has access to a set of high quality, joined up, standardised services to help them live confidently with sight loss”



Impact on blind and partially sighted people

- Guaranteed availability of a standardised set of services - no “postcode lottery”
- Quick and easy access to this improved set of services available at all times via different channels
- More consistent and reliable delivery of high quality services
- Flexible local services delivered jointly with BPS¹ communities and tailored to specific local needs

To improve service provision for blind and partially sighted people, we propose a more effective and collaborative way for charities to work together

Key principles of the partnership model



A single point of access for blind and partially sighted people, with standardised service delivery in the hands of local charities



Establish effective governance and decision-making authority to maintain flexibility in the decision-making process



Reduce intra-sector competition through greater alliance amongst local and national charities



Maximise efficiency in fund raising efforts and optimise fund use to deliver services for blind and partially sighted people



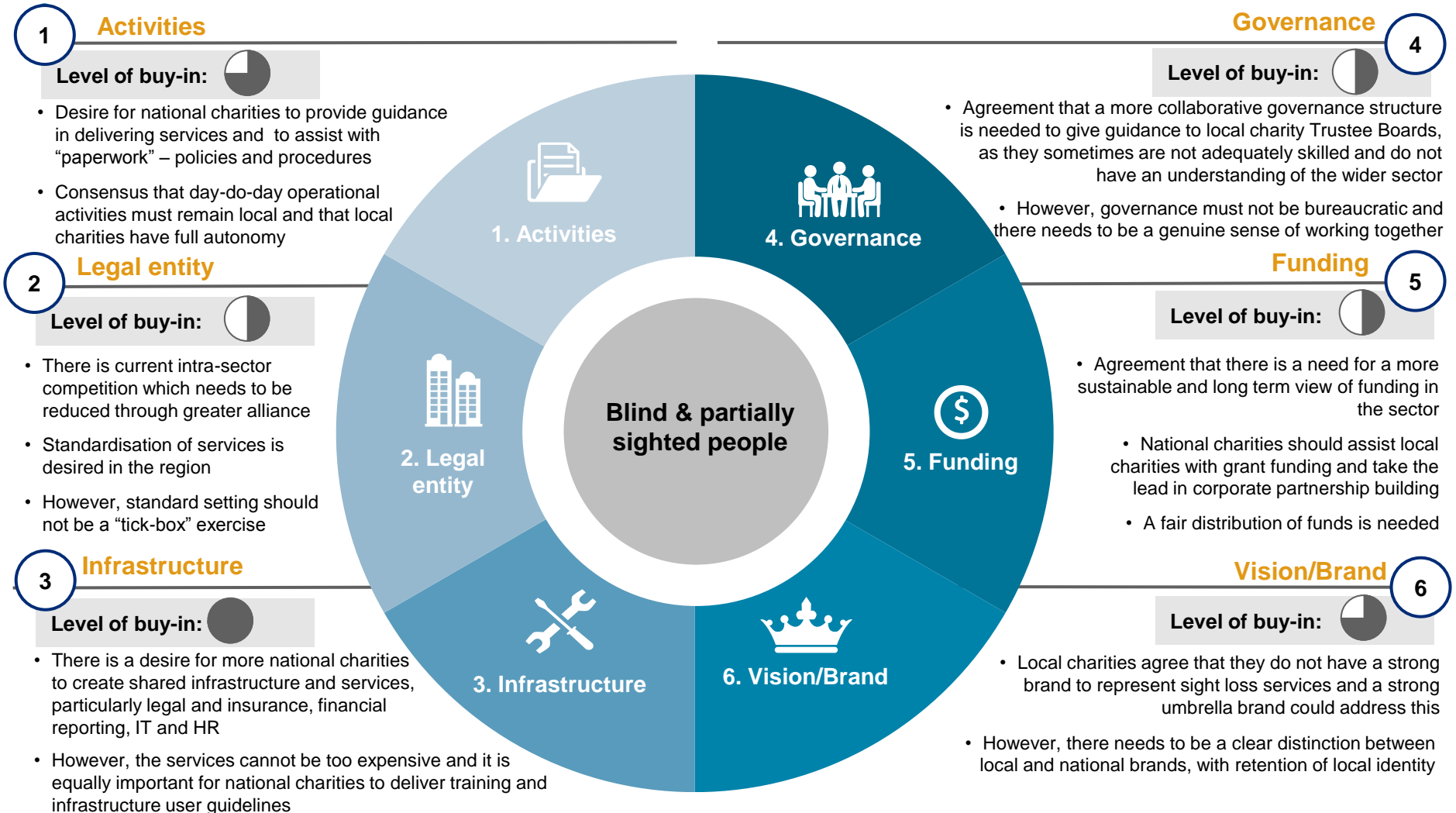
Delineate responsibilities and optimise use of resources and expertise: national charities provide infrastructure and centralised services, local charities deliver face-to-face and related services



Provide one “face” to the public and a shared vision and common expression for all sight loss charities, while preserving the local identity of local charities

We spoke to local charities in Tyne and Wear and they expressed their aspirations and considerations for a sight-loss charity partnership model

Sight-loss Charity Partnership Model



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