

Voluntary Sector Strategy

Ensuring a thriving
third sector on the
Isle of Wight



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The Strategy's Objectives



- Thriving and sustainable third sector supported by the public sector
- Greater involvement in commissioning and delivering public services
- Encouragement to social enterprise
- Use of the 3rd sector's value and creativity
- Independent and campaigning 3rd sector
- Investment in the 3rd sector's infrastructure
- **This is an ISP LAA Target - NI7**

Outcomes

- A 3rd sector that reports that is recognised, supported and valued
- Measurable evidence of mutual respect, trust, fairness and understanding between sectors
- More core local public services delivered by local communities and social enterprise, measured by value and scale



1. Engagement

- ISP-sponsored governance and mediation
- 3rd sector network reps on ISP and other bodies
- ‘Compact way of working’; mutual respect, trust, understanding and an updated Compact
- Respect for campaigning & diverse perspectives
- Understanding and promotion of the sector’s benefits
- Proportionality in everything
- Early role in commissioning
- Commissioning protocols & guides
i.e. safe exchange of information



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2. Funding and Procurement

- Model and recognise 3rd & private sector differences & benefits
 - More public services to be commissioned via the 3rd sector
 - Early 3rd sector involvement in all commissioning, 'tell the story'
 - Inclusive access to procurement; 'think 3rd sector and small business'.
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- Grants via annual 'Commissioning Prospectuses'
 - 3rd sector invited to bid to deliver prospectus outcomes
 - Consortia, innovation and creativity encouraged
 - Inclusive appraisal process
 - Proportional funding agreements
 - 3rd sector commissions normally; min of three years, costs recovered, range of payment arrangements



3. Volunteering

- Promote. Encourage. A strong, healthy community
- Public sector support for the IW RCC's volunteering and 3rd sector role.
- Increase volunteer skills.
- Encourage employee volunteering and skill transfer schemes.
- Public sector funding to reflect volunteering costs.
- Recognise the role and importance of Trustees and governance.



4. Infrastructure



- Sustainable access to buildings, back office, workforce development, skills, information
- Encourage consortia and 3rd sector sharing of skills, infrastructure and knowledge
- 3rd and public sector shared skills and learning
- Community Asset Transfer
- Joint approach to funding and investment opportunities

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Implementation

- Compact Strategy Group (CSG) sponsored by ISP
- Compact Delivery Group – senior commitment
- Strategy strengthened by wide public sector involvement
- Action Plan. Priorities - engagement & commissioning
- Revised Compact & commissioning protocols summer 2009
- Proxy measures for progress on our LAA Target
- Pilot prospectus 2009 for 2010, full prospectus approach 2010
- Get the message over that we are serious

