



REPORT TO: COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD – 07 MAY 2009

**SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY SECTOR FUNDING FOR
INTERMEDIARY ORGANISATIONS POST 2011**

BY: MVSO, CHIEF OFFICER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The Community Planning Board is asked to approve the model for local infrastructure support for voluntary and community activity from 2011.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Community Planning Board approves the model for local infrastructure support for voluntary and community activity from 2011

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 There was a report submitted to the Community Planning Board on 5th February 2009 inviting it to note its interest in the changes to the way local intermediary voluntary organisations are to be funded by the Scottish Government from 2011.
- 3.2 It was agreed at that meeting that MVSO would report back to the Board once a suitable interface support model had been developed. The purpose of the interface is to enable the SOA to be informed by the knowledge and experience of the third sector and for the third sector to demonstrate how it could deliver on SOA outcomes.
- 3.3 Following consultation with the voluntary sector and other stakeholders, the Boards of MVSO and The Volunteer Centre Moray (VCM), agreed on a model which is intended to provide a coherent, fit for purpose local infrastructure that meets the needs of the Moray Community Planning Partnership (MCP), the local authority and the third sector. MCP approval is required before the model can be implemented.

- 3.4 National allocation of resources will be carried out according to a national formula (*still to be developed*) to the 32 CPP areas and any distribution below that at a local level is to be determined locally. The funding will be paid directly to a local voluntary organisation.
- 3.5 A Voluntary Sector Forum is currently being established in Moray. A Voluntary Sector Forum (VSF) is an independent support network of voluntary and community organisations which exists to strengthen the sector in Moray by facilitating networking between its members so that they share experience, expense, resources and good practice. It is expected the VSF will have a representative role and be a partner on strategic partnerships. It is anticipated that part of MVSO's future role will be to support the work and development of the VSF.
- 3.6 It is proposed that the VSF will be the organisation that is responsible for receipt and distribution of Scottish Government funding from 2011 and that it will determine what support services are required and who will be the delivery agents. A copy of the proposed model and related documents are available from MVSO.
- 3.7 As an interim measure the MVSO & VCM have agreed to progress enhanced partnership working. A joint development plan is currently being prepared. As an interim measure MVSO will receive monies directly from the Scottish Government from September 2009 and an agreement between MVSO and VCM has been drawn up to ensure that the financial status quo is maintained until 30th March 2011.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- (a) **Community Plan / Theme Plans / Partner Plans**
As stated in the Community Planning Partnership Agreement the voluntary sector in Moray is fully committed to supporting and participating in Community Planning in Moray. As a Board partner MVSO will be a signatory to the final version of the Single Outcome Agreement (2009/10) in early June.
- (b) **Policy and Legal**
There are no policy or legal implications arising directly from this report.
- (c) **Resources (Financial, Staffing and Risks)**
There are no immediate resource implications arising from this report.
- (d) **Consultations**

The Chief Executive, The Moray Council and the Scottish Government Third Sector Team have been consulted on the implications of the proposed model.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The method of delivering infrastructure financial support from the Scottish Government for intermediary voluntary organisations across Scotland is changing in 2011. The Board is asked to consider and agree the proposed new delivery model for Moray.**

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Background Papers:

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