

Milton Keynes Local Strategic Partnership

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Developing a third sector commissioning framework in partnership

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Designing the framework

- **Designed by BVSC – Seconded staff member**
- **Corporate templates for prospectus, application, SLA**
 - Implementation from April 07; piloted 06-7
- **Compact compliant commissioning**
 - 3 year funding and full cost recovery (adoption of AVECO model)
 - Defining and valuing social capital
- **Efficiency**
 - Consortium bids encouraged
- **Commissioning - not a barrier**

Building trust in partnership in a Compact way

- **A strategic partnership**
- **Sector engaged in planning and delivery**
- **Compact as catalyst for cultural change**
 - **Members' and officers' understanding**
 - **Rights and responsibilities**
- **Leadership in council and sector**
 - **Empowering and motivating**
 - **Sector: achieving impact thro' organisation**

Managing the transition from Grants to Commissioning

- Early notification of change
- Ongoing communication with Sector
- Realistic timescales

The Experience

- Process of culture change for both the sector and the council
- The continuing working relationships established with BCC colleagues
- Increased role of the Voluntary Sector Chief Executive Forum as consultation vehicle

Challenges...

- Defining and describing outcomes.
- Shared Understanding of full cost recovery
- Capacity building: understanding new process
- Elected members – ownership and engagement

Opportunities...

- Foundation for increased delivery role in LAA & joint commissioning
- Catalyst for sector organisation & leadership
 - Third Sector assembly

Award-winning work

- Compact Gold Award 2006
- Beacon status for Increasing voluntary & community sector service delivery 2007-2008
- 2007 MJ Commendation for Innovating with the third sector
- Centre for Social Justice award 2007
- Access to national debates for both sectors
- **Peer Support Programme**



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Any Questions?



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Group Discussion

- **What are the opportunities for you to develop third sector partnership work around commissioning?**
- **What might some of the barriers be in managing the transition from Grants to Commissioning within your own area?**
- **Consider how the compact Codes of Good Practice currently could support your commissioning processes?**