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# Background

- Local consideration of the national agenda has been the driving force
- In 2007/08 a task group was established to look at better ways to work together to meet local priorities
- Resulted in a recommendation to the LSPE on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009 that there should be a Third Sector review

# Methodology

- Interagency Steering Group, Chair, Ruth Stone on behalf of LSPE
- Process consisted of two open meetings, desk top research, forming a Commission to take written and verbal evidence, 7 focus groups, Outreach visits and MKCVO's AGM
- 126 groups were involved, 25 organisations submitted written evidence & 17 gave oral evidence

# Themes

- Role and identity
- Capability
- Complexity
- Willingness
- Support and resources



# Celebration & Challenge



- Firm foundations
- Quality & leadership
- Engagement
- Localism
- Myopia
- Bureaucracy

# Key Insights and Recommendations



## Talking to the right people at the right time: improving shared intelligence and communications

- Developing shared understanding of the principles and values underpinning localism and local governance, civic engagement, volunteering, leadership, partnership and accountability
- Embedding the agreed understanding within Third Sector and Public Sector organisations
- Developing an inter and intra sector communications strategy
- Streamlining representational conduits by investing in the development of MKCLIP as a portal for Third Sector engagement
- The LSP collectively and individually driving forward development of cross sector community leadership for Milton Keynes including development of outcomes and targets for the benefit of Milton Keynes

# Improving commissioning: knowledge and simplicity aids accessibility

- An explicit agreement and understanding that commissioning is not synonymous with contracting; its about developing outcomes that will make a difference for the people of Milton Keynes which can be achieved through a mixed economy of funding and support
- Adopting and robustly implementing the eight principles of Commissioning (Developing an understanding of Social Return on Investment so that it can be incorporated into the development of service specification
- Becoming an example of best practice in the practice of intelligent commissioning and effective contracting and delivery



# United we stand, divided we fall

- Putting performance improvement on the local agenda
- Building the capacity of the local sector to improve their performance be that as contracted service providers, campaigners and influencers or as contributors to their local communities.
- Promoting strategic planning and sustainability to include exploration of the opportunities for shared services and social enterprise
- Improving monitoring and reporting arrangements, especially by ensuring they are proportionate and include consideration of social return on investment (SROI)
- Encouraging the sharing of learning between TSOs, and between TSOs and the Public and Private Sector
- Supporting the implementation of appropriate quality assurance systems.

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