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**COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

3 August 2009

CPP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 22 JULY 2009

Enclosed herewith amended item 5 (**THIRD SECTOR SUPPORT IN ARGYLL AND BUTE**) and additional item 11c (**LEGACY FOR SCOTLAND**) for the above Committee.

AGENDA

- 5. THIRD SECTOR SUPPORT IN ARGYLL AND BUTE**(Pages 1 - 4)
- 11. AOCB**
 - (c) Legacy for Scotland (Pages 5 - 6)

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Argyll and Bute third sector interface**Third sector support in Argyll and Bute*****Background***

In May 2008 Council Leader, Dick Walsh, offered a challenge to the organisations supporting the third sector to access additional support to improve coverage, equality of access and quality of services provided.

The challenge laid out by the Council Leader set out the outcomes the Council wishes to see achieved. They are:

- More active third sector, supporting more community activity
- Better quality support for third sector organisations across the whole of Argyll and Bute
- Equitable access to support for all communities in Argyll and Bute
- A clear voice advocating the interests of the third sector in Argyll and Bute locally and nationally
- Stronger and more active social enterprises winning contracts to provide services

Fairer Scotland Funding was allocated to support this process.

At around the same time the Government indicated that from April 2011 current arrangements for grant funding to support CVSs, volunteer centres and social enterprise partnerships would end. Third sector organisations were asked to develop and agree an 'interface' with the CPP to improve strategic communications and to act as the body to receive future funding from the Government. Government support for the third sector is expected to be reduced in real terms from April 2011.

The main third sector support organisations formed a Third Sector Steering Group that includes the intermediary organisations and other third sector representatives. This group has tried to make progress on developing the interface, but progress has been difficult.

The Council also initiated a project arising from links with the Carnegie UK Trust and Big Lottery Fund focussed on harnessing the potential of the third sector to support delivery of Council/public service objectives (aka "The Demonstration Project"). This project is focused on the third sector weighted towards the social enterprise end of the third sector landscape (see diagram).

Research is required to provide information to support:

- dialogue on the future structure and coordination of services to support development of the third sector
- development of the interface so that the third sector has an authoritative voice and influence in the CPP and with partners individually

What are we looking for – the key research questions

The key questions that we want information on are:

- **What are the support needs of the third sector in Argyll and Bute?** (focussing on different categories of organisation)

- **Who provides what support and where?** (i.e. organisations, capabilities and geographic coverage)

Information should be reported in a way that allows us to identify gaps in service provision or duplication of services by service type and geographic area. An indication of the scale of service provided would also be beneficial.

Scope

The third sector is broadly defined by the third sector landscape described in the attached diagram – i.e. ranging from voluntary organisations through to social enterprises. The research should focus on support provided to any organisations within that range.

The demand – i.e. support that organisations require – does not have to be researched from an Argyll and Bute perspective. We would expect there to be sufficient existing research that describes the support needs of different organisations across the third sector landscape. We would not expect to see detailed primary research on this aspect. Some local testing of generic conclusions would be necessary as local verification of this information.

The exploration of who provides what services and to what extent is likely to require primary research. This should attempt to provide a picture across all organisations that provide support or advice services to third sector organisations – these could be based locally, regionally or nationally (i.e. not limited to the current intermediary organisations). This picture should also highlight areas where there are gaps or duplication. We would want this information verified, perhaps with a sample of organisations that have accessed support or tried to find suitable support.

The research should also consider issues around strategic representation of the third sector to the CPP. The CPP has a view that the interface will fulfil this function.

The research report can also highlight interesting examples of service provision, current trends and models for representation that may be considered by the CPP and third sector partners in the dialogue that follows the publication of the research.

Exclusions

The research should be confined to organisations and the services they deliver to provide support and advice to third sector organisations. This is not an exercise to map the third sector.

Funding arrangements for support to the third sector are not part of this research.

Recommendation on future options for supporting the third sector are not required. These will be developed by partners locally, drawing on the outputs from the research.

Interrelationships

There are a range of organisations providing support to the third sector. The process must ensure these and their interrelationships are covered.

The Demonstration Project has already considered some aspects of the work to be covered by this research and the Project will also use the outputs from this research.

The Council has conducted a Best Value Review of Community Learning and Regeneration, which has therefore included third sector support provided by the Council. The outputs of this review need to be considered.

SCVO are managing the Supporting Voluntary Action (SVA) programme that is focused on building capacity and increasing effectiveness of the third sector, including work on support networks for third sector organisations.

Timeframe

The research needs to be completed and reported by end of October to allow preparation and dialogue with the key players who currently provide services to the third sector and recipients of those services.

Assessment of responses

Responses to this brief must as a minimum provide the information required below. The responses will be assessed using the weightings indicated in the table.

Required information	Assessment weighting
Overall price	40%
Methods to be used to undertake the research	10%
Detail of timeline, including key dates/interactions, leading to delivery of the final report	5%
An estimate of the work days required to complete the work	0%
Detail of professional, technical and support expertise provided to support the research: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the number of staff working on the research • details of their relevant qualifications • details of their experience 	5% 10% 10%
Experience of work on similar research for other clients	20%
Details of clients who will provide references	0%

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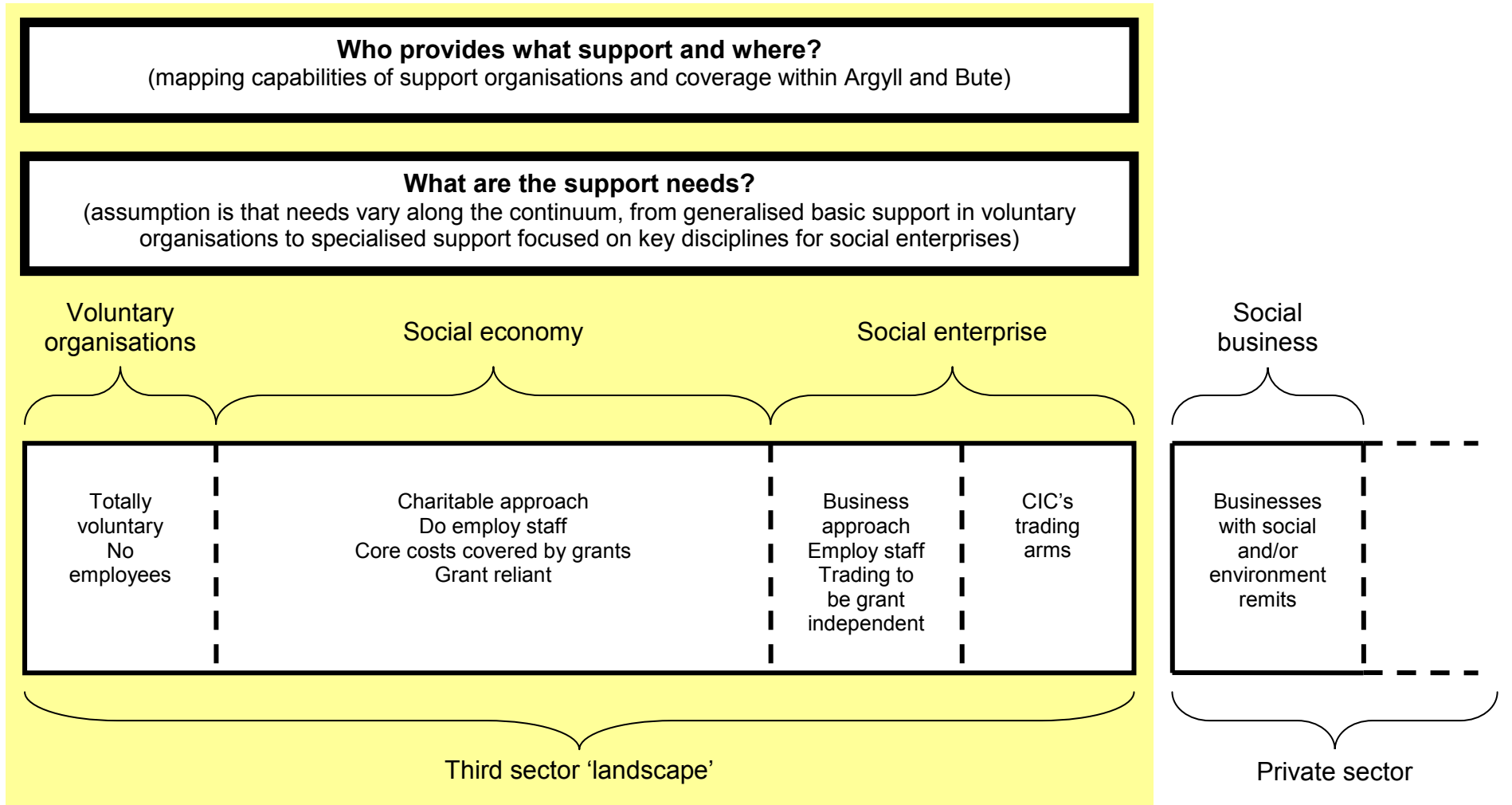
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Key research questions and relationship to the third sector landscape



Core model adapted from Colin Campbell – Assist Social Capital and Mike Geraghty – ABSSEN

**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

**Management Committee
22nd July 2009**



A Legacy For Scotland

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** The Legacy Plan for Scotland sets out ambitions from hosting the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. The key ambitions are about supporting the people of Scotland to improve their health through being more physically active.

The Plan is due to be published later this summer and will have four major themes covering -

- Active Scotland
- Connected Scotland
- Sustainable Scotland
- Flourishing Scotland

The Plan is underpinned by 5 key principles -

- enhancing partnerships
- enabling diversity
- ensuring equality
- embedding sustainability
- encouraging community engagement

- 1.2** Local authorities and their community planning partners have a key role to play in helping to deliver a lasting and positive legacy at a local level and in particular enabling communities to shape the legacies they want to see in their area across their interest group or their business sector.

- 1.3** It was agreed that as a first practical step each local authority with their community planning partners would be asked to identify a senior officer as a “lead” on legacy. A lead officer is already in place within each Health Board and who will be working closely with us as the detail of the CommonHealth programme is developed.

- 1.4** On the 26th of October (venue to be confirmed) there will be an event for senior officers from local authorities and their community

planning partners that will allow for a more detailed discussion of the ambitions for achieving a lasting and positive legacy from hosting Glasgow 2014. This will be hosted by Shona Robison, Minister for Public Health and Sport and Cllr Harry McGuigan, Chair of the COSLA Community Wellbeing and Safety Executive Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Council and its CPP partners nominate an individual who will be a key point of contact as we progress towards implementation of the Legacy Plan **by 22 July 2009**.

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