

Luton **Assembly**

# Luton Assembly Business

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- **Funding for the Luton Assembly, via an Area Based Grant has been cut by Government. Present funding will finish in March 2012. Looking at ways to sustain some kind of empowerment mechanism or secure alternative funding**
  
- **Strategic involvement of the Luton Assembly in 2010/11:**
  - i. **Restructure of the Luton Forum**
  - ii. **Community Involvement Strategy**
  - iii. **Cohesion Commission**
  - iv. **Stronger and Safer Network development**
  - v. **Myplace**
  - vi. **City status**
  - vii. **Luton In Harmony**

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## **Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS)**

### **Austerity cuts**

- Working within the strategic structures of Luton in partnership with Voluntary Action Luton (VAL) and Chief Officer's Network, to lobby on behalf of the sector in relation to the budget cuts being made to the sector by LBC.

#### What the sector wants:

- Equality Impact Assessment on the proposed cuts
- Minimum period of notification of cuts to funding
- Transparent and open commissioning processes and inclusion of VCS representatives on commissioning groups
- Streamlined commissioning processes
- Consortium working
- The development of a small grants pot for smaller organisations

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## VCS Austerity cuts Cont'd

- **Actions required in relation to the austerity discussions:**
  - i. **Need to evidence the impact of the cuts. Please complete the survey.**
  - ii. **Continue to provide feedback to VAL and Luton Assembly (key contact is: Lorna Brown, Luton Assembly Operation's Manager on 01582 733418 , e-mail [lorna.brown@valuton.org.uk](mailto:lorna.brown@valuton.org.uk))**
  - iii. **Census – important to encourage all to complete the Census. It brings much needed funding into Luton and therefore to the sector**