

VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR (VCS) WORKSHOP NOTES STRONGER AND SAFER

Priorities

We're in this together.

Have we got a stronger community?

1. Diverse communities generally get on well together.
2. Positive perceptions but external negative impacts and images.
3. Recorded crime going down but perception not/ increased community safety.
4. Accepted social responsibility for vulnerable citizens.
5. Good community buildings and facilities.
6. Strong and varied voluntary sector but a bit diffuse.

Action Plan

Group: Stronger and Safer

What priorities should we apply when we cut grants/make savings?	By who, from which organisation?	By when?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on citizens. • Utilise range of mechanisms essential to work through existing support organisations that have the trust and confidence of clients – while they use services ask further questions to identify wants and needs – what should carry on for Stronger and Safer issues. • What don't people want - what do you want to save. • Use what we've got, i.e. area committees, neighbourhood governance etc. <u>plus</u> street work, agency work (frontline people working day-to-day with service users). <p>Dessert island discs.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clients service users views. 2. Re-engineering to provide what's wanted but differently. 	<p>VCS organisations Community Development Council Police Health</p> <p>Qualitative and quantitative</p>	<p>Timescales feel prohibitive – such big task ready to break down to chunks of activities to try and get things right.</p>

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What can we do to improve efficiency in order to maintain delivery with less money?	By who, from which organisation?	By when?
<p>Sharing fixed assets. Secondments – best organisations to share skills. Organisations with similarities (either clients or functions) to collaborate to streamline joined up services (e.g. Luton Advice Network) enable all organisations to play to their strengths.</p> <p>Work – citizen focus.</p> <p>Extend wider then borough.</p> <p>Sharing resources Could organisations share office space, including statutory services?</p> <p>Cultural change Space saving by alternative filing storage. Borough wide scanning service. Practical problem solving.</p> <p>Break old barriers Speed dating of organisations to identify synergies.</p>	<p>VAL, LAN, Assembly, Community Development</p> <p>Gillie Phil Anwar</p>	<p>Jan/Feb 2011</p>

