

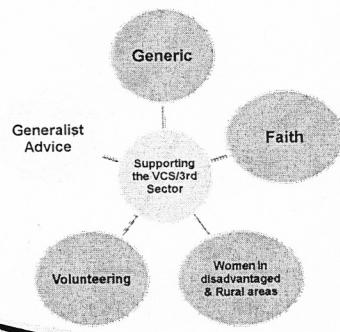
Review of arrangements
for
supporting the
VCS/Third Sector

(Led by VCU, supported by SIB)

Aims of this Session

- The rationale for the review – a DSD perspective
- The principles of the review.
- Some early thoughts.
- Terms of Reference.
- Target Timescales.

Current arrangements- £4m investment



Rationale for change – DSD perspective

- Evaluation of current strands.
- Planned new departmental structures.
- New Councils...developing broader role
- A need to focus more clearly on outcomes (Concordat Commitment)
- Consideration of alternative funding models (Concordat Commitment)
- Other policy developments
Innovate NI, Social Innovation, Building Change Trust, Inspiring Impact, Delivering Social Change – all seeking to develop entrepreneurial responses to change and development in the sector
- Future budgets uncertain.
- Sector sustainability & stability in challenging times
- Distinguishing service delivery from capacity development & support.

Early thoughts - DSD

- Continuation?
 - do strands reflect priorities.
 - Is this sustainable.
 - It is what the sector needs.
 - Is it fit for purpose in challenging times.
- Another iteration – Taking account of
 - Change & Transformation
 - Economy, efficiency, collaboration
 - Social & economic inclusion, outcomes focussed
 - Sustainability & stability
 - maximising volunteering
- A new approach?
 - Experience from elsewhere.
 - Supporting the sector through challenging times.
 - Innovation

Principles of the review.

- Engagement, Co-Design, & compliance with the Concordat.
- Phase 1 Co-Design - Engagement Workshops with VCS representatives, policy making, operational delivery, and service users.
Share an initial visioning paper, consolidated feedback input from VCS/Third sector.
- Innovation Lab - Innovative approach in developing tactical solutions.
Group of key experts to include VCS/Third Sector.
- Phase 2 co-design – engagements post lab.

Planned Timeline

- July to October 2015 - Research, engagement & 1st phase co-design
- November 2015 - Innovation Lab
- Nov 15 to March 2016 - 2nd phase co-design & consultation.
- April 2016 - Move to implementation

Terms of Reference

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- *Represent a framework for the works described in the presentation*

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