

A Review of Voluntary/Community Sector Infrastructure in the South East and ChangeUp

Work in Progress

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Background to Early Spend Report

- Funded by Early Spend Programme to look at the 'state of the Voluntary/Community Infrastructure in the South East'
- Preparation for the 'Main Spend'
- GOSE fundholders for £5.7 million budget to be spent in South East by March 2006
- Money should be spent within the VCS, ideally at a local level



Executive Summary

Contents includes:

- The Context (why we did this work)
- Getting the Data (how we did this work)
- Regional Overview of key themes (what we found)
- Overall Findings, Recommendations and Some Suggested Delivery Mechanisms



In Full - Components available on RAISE website

- Executive Summary
- VCS Sub Regional Infrastructure Mapping Research Project
- Survey of Frontline Voluntary/Community Organisations (VCOs)
- The Early Spend Projects
- BME in the South East



Components on website (continued)

- Acronyms List
- Research 'Products' identified during the Infrastructure Questionnaire Interviews April 2004
- List of all Participants/Organisations who participated in the Early Spend Programme



Next step – Regional Consortium

- Consortium's main purpose is to oversee delivery programmes to March 2006
- Created from GOSE steering group
- Chaired by VCS with equal VCS and statutory representation
- RAISE to provide secretariat and information dissemination support
- VCS event in February 2005 to brief sector
- Development of Regional Infrastructure Providers Group



Six Priority Headlines

Programmes of activity in following areas:

- Infrastructure Development Plans – to be developed at a County and Unitary level with funds to support it.
- Funding/Financing of the VCS – how is the VCS funded? What are the barriers?
Includes work around ‘Full Cost Recovery’, and Public Procurement.



Priority Headlines (continued)

- Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) – consider needs of frontline VCO's in the region. What infrastructure support do they need?
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT) – a major issue for the future development of the VCS nationally
- Social Enterprise
- Capital Programme



Support for Delivery of Programmes

GOSE recruited secondees from VCS to support delivery of programmes at sub-regional level:

- Kent/Surrey – Crispin Davies
- Hampshire – David Atwell
- Sussex – Paul Jarvis
- Thames Valley – Glyn Evans
- BME – David Simmons



More information to follow

- The content and guidance for the programmes of activity are becoming available now.
- RAISE will keep members informed through usual channels including events, newsletters, website and e-Bulletins.

