

Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector

Area Committee Presentation
September 2012

Introduction

- Enable Area Committees to have more influence over how the VCS are supported
- Clearer, fairer, stronger overview of funding and outcomes in the Area
- Overview of the work and how Area Committees will influence the process

Making funding clearer

- 'Supporting thriving 3rd Sector' - key theme of the Nottingham Plan
- A range of different approaches has been used to support and invest in the VCS historically
- Planning to move to a more streamlined approach to allocating funding by 1st April 2013
 - Greater transparency and access to funding
 - Fairer allocation between areas

Proposed New Approach

Three levels agreed at EBCSC in July:

- Retain Councillors' individual budgets
- Area-based grants and a potential small grants system in areas
- Through commissioned services let on a City-wide basis

Next Phase Overview

- Current funding, contracts and processes have been mapped. £31.2m investment (£29.5m City-wide and £1.78m area basis). Initial consultation with VCS

August-September:

- Understand current spend in areas
- Propose a formula to move to a fairer system
- Agree funding priorities for each Area
- Undertake full consultation and briefings with VCS
- Establish how the funding process will work

EBCSC September – agree funding process

EBCSC October – agree specifications for areas and the new funding formula

September-March - undertake new process and award contracts

Discussion

- Views and questions
- Timeline:
 - Supporting communication to VCS (Sep / Oct)
 - Looking at the priorities that the funding will support and ‘weighting’ the most important for your Area (Oct)
 - Representation on panels (Dec)
- Views on a funding formula for the next years