

**Taking forward the Sustainable Community Strategy Commitments:
FEEDBACK FROM WORKSHOPS 27 APRIL 2010**

2. Building and developing the role of the third sector

i. What particular aspects of this commitment should we be focusing on initially?

- Promoting and supporting volunteering
- Continuing support for the development of Third Sector Assembly/ CUS's
- Recognise and support the Third Sector – particularly small community groups through maintenance of small grants programme.
- Provide capacity building to UCFS

ii. Are there any particular communities/areas/issues in need of improvement activity that we should focus on?

- Funding – protect/ increase but also streamline current funding
- Recognise/weight social value in tenders/commissioning to enable local VCFS to successfully bid for tenders
- Boosting capacity for orgs to respond to local initiatives eg payment/meeting backfill costs etc..
- Tendering and commissioning – developing the capacity of the sector.

iii. Are there any areas of good practice that we can build on?

- Hidden power report
- Area Based grants – funded UCFS, Childrens Groups
- PCT have devolved small grants programme to CUS's to manage
- Cooption of the Third Sector Assembly Coordinator
- Interfaith Group
- Mental Health Alliance

iv. Any opportunities for innovative activity?

- More collaboration/partnership working by VCFS