

# A PARTNERSHIP APPROACH TO COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND BUILDING RESILIENCE

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# Challenges and Drivers for Change

- Era of unprecedented financial challenge for public services
- Transformational change required to tackle budget reductions, rising costs and increased demand for services – Redefining Your Council
- Need to build capacity in communities to help resolve local issues and meet local needs by maximising community assets – Community Empowerment & Resilience Programme
- Need to build on strong relationships and develop a robust partnership between the VCS and NCC

# Co-ordination & Development of Support to VCS

	Changing from:		Moving to:
<b>Funding</b>	Distributed evenly to partners to support core costs	➔	Targeted to the specific needs of users across the county
<b>Planning</b>	Tactical, passive and insular	➔	Strategic, co-ordinated with regular critical reviews by the steering group
<b>Service delivery</b>	Localised and patchy Lottery as to where you are located	➔	Peripatetic specialists with the skills to coordinate consistent delivery across the county
<b>Quality</b>	Variable based on local resource capability and capacity	➔	Best practice identified and adopted routinely Capability developed county-wide Outreach flexibility
<b>Outcomes</b>	Not fully understood - mainly based on quantities of activity	➔	A framework that measures the crucial distinction between what is done (activities and outputs) and is what achieved (outcomes and impacts) for each project

# Nottinghamshire Together

- Maximising existing resources and adding value
- Delivery of capacity building, technical support, engagement and communication
- Ability to respond quickly to challenges
- Ability to act proactively with partners to create sustainable solutions to emerging challenges and opportunities

# Approach

- Adopting a shared co-ordinated approach – a steering group made up of the VCS and NCC
- Commissioning of a State of Sector Report – independently conducted
- NCC three year grant aid programme has been committed to
- Looking at how resources need to be targeted – how to build community capacity to support the continued health and wellbeing of residents
- Development of Nottinghamshire Together Consortium and Partnership

# Next Steps

- SOS Events – Publication of report – Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/state-of-the-voluntary-and-community-sector-in-nottinghamshire-tickets-18068465266>)
- Recommendations and Forward plan which will monitor progress against actions
- Development of Nottinghamshire Together Partnership
- Refresh of Compact - JSNA
- Engagement with Stakeholders
- A work in progress
- Communication