

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION

## Agenda Item 71

Brighton & Hove City Council

**Subject:** Brighton & Hove Third Sector Recovery Plan  
**Date of Meeting:** 26 January 2010  
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**Wards Affected:** All

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE/ EXEMPTIONS

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 Brighton & Hove's Third Sector Recovery Plan 'Ready, Responding and Resilient' sets out the vital role that the Third Sector plays in supporting the most vulnerable citizens and communities in the City in a recession. It proposes actions that will help the third sector contribute to the social, environmental and economic health of the city.

1.2 The approach to developing the plan was presented to the June 2009 OSC meeting and this report gives the Overview and Scrutiny Commission an opportunity to comment on the draft before it is approved by the Cabinet Member for Community Affairs, Inclusion & Internal Relations and Cabinet.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That Members consider and comment on the draft Plan.

#### 3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 The Brighton & Hove Third Sector Recovery Plan 'Ready Responding and Resilient' is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

#### 4. CONSULTATION

4.1 Consultation on the Draft Action Plan is set out in the body of the report.

## **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

### Financial Implications:

5.1 The financial investment by the Council and partners in the third sector is set out in section 3 of the recovery plan. Future investment will be in line with budget strategies. The action plan does not assume any additional resources.

### Legal Implications:

5.2 The recommendation is for members to consider and comment on the draft Plan. Doing so is consistent with OSC's terms of reference. These include reviewing and scrutinising all matters relating to Community Affairs, Equalities and Inclusion.

Part 6.1, paragraph 2.1.5 of the council's constitution refers.

### Equalities Implications:

5.3 Equalities implications have been considered in the drafting of this plan and an internal Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) will be carried out on the Action Plan prior to implementation

### Sustainability Implications:

5.4 None

### Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 A healthy third sector contributes towards the prevention of crime and disorder.

### Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 There is a risk that the actions proposed will not go far enough to prevent shrinkage in third sector services and a reduction in the quality of life for some residents if the fiscal climate worsens further. However, the actions will support the third sector to minimise the impact of recession and be better prepared for the next economic upturn.

### Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 This action plan supports the corporate priority to 'reduce inequality by increasing opportunity' and supports a wide range of other city strategies, for example Community Strategy, Social Enterprise, Volunteering and the wider recession actions of the council.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

Appendices:

1. Brighton & Hove draft Third Sector Recovery Action Plan

Documents In Members' Rooms

None.

Background Documents

None.

