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SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL OUR READERS!

Comprehensive Spending Review

In the light of the government's Comprehensive Spending Review there have been concerns expressed recently about the likely impact of reductions in public expenditure for the local voluntary and community sector.

Knowsley CVS is monitoring the situation closely and has sought some clarification from Knowsley MBC about the likely impact of reductions in Council expenditure over the coming years. Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive of Knowsley MBC has provided information about the Council's situation in this letter (right).

Knowsley CVS is planning to organise an event within the next few weeks which will be an opportunity to provide more information about the positive opportunities that are available for the future growth and sustainability of the sector locally. We will keep you informed of this and any other developments via our website and in our fortnightly E-Bulletin.

- If you do not already receive our E-Bulletin you can sign up at our website: www.knowsleycvs.org.uk or Email your details to: kcvs@knowsleycvs.org

'Dear Colleague,

As I am sure you are all aware, the government recently announced the outcomes of its Comprehensive Spending Review and outlined some of the ways in which it plans to reduce public spending significantly in order to tackle the national debt.

Whilst the announcements do give us some more information regarding the extent of the government's planned cuts, there is still a lot more detail to be released over the coming months about how the overall cuts will affect individual organisations like the Council and obviously the voluntary sector too.

At the Council we already know that we are facing tough financial times ahead and our current projections indicate that we will have to address a budget shortfall of up to £30million next year. This is a significant percentage of our overall budget and will obviously be a challenging target to meet. We are, however, committed to addressing these financial challenges in a responsible and appropriate way that seeks to find the best solutions for our residents and communities.

We already have a clear plan for the future and continue to work towards our Sustainable Communities strategy, which sets out our 15-year vision to make Knowsley the 'borough of choice'. Although we are facing challenges around a significantly reduced budget and will need to make savings, our plan for the future remains the same.

We are working hard to address these financial challenges and to link even more with our partners and voluntary sector colleagues to minimise the potential negative impact of these cuts on our communities.

The Council will ensure that it continues to work closely with the voluntary sector and by working together I believe we can, and will, face the tough challenges ahead.

Yours sincerely
Sheena Ramsey'

Awards for Prescott Choir members



Pictured left are choristers from Prescott Parish Church at the recent annual service for the Liverpool and District area of the Royal School of Church Music.

Dominic Waldren (left) and Daniel Lawlor (right) are holding their Royal College of Church Music Dean's Award Certificates.

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Driving School wins award for services to disabled people

Diverse Road Safety CIC have won a prestigious Positive Action Award 2010 for exceptional services to disabled people.

Diverse Road Safety are the North West's premier specialist driving school, they believe that with the right training and guidance, most people are able to learn how to drive and gain the independence and confidence they deserve.

They offer specialist training, with experienced professional instructors to anyone, whatever their ability.

Anita Wainwright nominated Diverse Road Safety for the award. She is full of praise for the organisation which not only gave her driving lessons, but also helped her access support for her ADHD and dyslexia.

"Diverse Road Safety have helped me get back on the straight and narrow. They've given me driving lessons and helped me to get on courses for my ADHD and dyslexia. Before I met Tina Preston, I didn't know I had ADHD, but now with her help, I've been able to access support and improve mine and my son's life."

Tina Preston, one of Diverse Road Safety's Directors said: "It is such an honour to win this award. Our office staff and instructors have worked so hard, this award shows that their dedication has really paid off. We believe that everyone can learn how to drive whatever their ability, it's really lovely to be recognised for our hard work."

Awards for Prescott Choir members

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New choir members are always welcome, both children and adults, and the Choir is particularly in need of men who can sing tenor or bass parts.

There are no auditions and

the Choir holds one weekly practice on Tuesdays at 7.00pm and one service on Sundays at 10.00am.

More details from the Choir Leader, Edna Weaver on 07947 692406 or Email number1trent@talktalk.net



New corporate image for Knowsley CVS

Knowsley CVS has adopted a new logo and corporate colour scheme to promote its range of services across the borough.

The new logo contains a sunrise icon, heralding a 'new dawn' for voluntary and community organisations, staff and partners. The orange and blue colour scheme is modern and vibrant, demonstrating energy and a warm, welcoming approach from the organisation.

The organisation's trading name has also been slightly amended – whilst still retaining the initials KCVS – the word 'council' has been replaced by 'community' to more accurately reflect the beneficiaries of the range of services we have available.

From January 2011, all stationery and publications will adopt the new logo and colour scheme, but as you will see, the new image has already been adopted for our web site, e-bulletin and now a redesigned *Voluntary News*.



Christmas and New Year opening arrangements

Knowsley CVS offices will be closed from 12 noon on Thursday 23rd December 2010 and will re-open at 9.00am on Tuesday 4th January 2011.

Prescot Oasis Centre's NuStart Care Programme wins National Award

Prescot Oasis Centre have been honoured with a prestigious National Training Award in recognition of their outstanding contribution and commitment to training, learning and development in the workplace.

The Centre was presented with a Regional National Training Award at the recent North West Regional Ceremony.

The NuStart Care Programme was recognised

for its commitment to quality training for the unemployed who want sustainable employment in the care industry and for their high success rate to this end.

Run on behalf of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) by UK Skills, the National Training Awards inspires and encourages UK industry to invest in training and development as a route to achieving outstanding

organisational and individual success.

Winning an Award is recognition of best practice and provides a benchmark for standards of excellence in training in the UK.

City and Guilds is the premier sponsor of the 2010 National Training Awards.

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*Next issue
deadline*

Friday 7th January
2011

Working for the 2011 Census - a chance to make a difference

In the 10 years since the last census, people will have come and gone, families will have grown, expectations and lifestyles will have shifted and so the face of local communities will have changed.

The census is vital in measuring these changes and helping decision-makers improve and develop public services to provide for these communities.

Census day is on the 27th of March 2011 and to ensure its smooth running on the ground, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) has appointed Capita to fill some 35,000 temporary jobs across England and Wales.

Recruitment for these roles is now well underway with four months to go. James Roe, Director of Census

Recruitment commented: "Census jobs offer people a unique chance to get involved in a national project that has the potential to deliver real benefits to them and their local community.

"We're looking to find individuals who can spare some time to help gather the information we need in their area and earn some extra

money while helping to change things for the better."

There are a number of different roles available: census collectors and special enumerators will go out into the community and encourage people to fill in the questionnaires, with census coordinators managing this process.

In addition census coverage survey (CCS) staff will carry out door step interviews with the public. James added: "Roles will be full or part-time, for a few weeks or several months, and will require a range of skills, so there really is something for everyone."

For more information about census roles visit www.censusjobs.co.uk



Jobs available with the 2011 Census - What are the roles?

Census Coordinators lead and motivate a team of up to 15 field staff

Special Enumerators Cover communal establishments such as care homes and university halls of residence, collecting questionnaires and offering help and advice on completing them

Census Collectors contact householders to follow up on the non-return of completed census questionnaires.

For more information on the roles, locations, dates of employment and pay rates, please visit www.censusjobs.co.uk What is the census?

We will also be recruiting Census Coverage Survey and Non Compliance staff in early 2011, so you can also register your interest for these jobs on the website.

Make some time. Make some money. Make a difference. Visit www.censusjobs.co.uk

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Voluntary Arts England

Voluntary Arts England offers information, advice and development opportunities to voluntary and amateur arts groups. It is currently offering advice and support to help arts and crafts groups get involved in the Cultural Olympiad.

www.vaengland.org.uk/

Compact Implementation Guide

The Commission for the Compact has published a guide on how community groups and local public bodies can improve the way they work together.

www.thecompact.org.uk/information/100016/142262/implementationguidancecommunitygroups/

Finding or recruiting a trustee

NCVO's Trusteebank is a free service to advertise or view trustee vacancies. It provides information about becoming a trustee and on best recruitment and induction practices.

Visit www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/trusteebank to see how it could help your organisation recruit trustees.

Human rights of older people

The Equality and Human Rights Commission is seeking views on the human rights of older people in home care.

Deadline: 4th February 2011.
www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/formal-inquiries/inquiry-into-older-people-in-homecare-and-human-rights/call-for-evidence/

Hurd promises to cut bureaucracy for charities getting public money

Civil Society Minister Nick Hurd said the government would reduce bureaucracy for charities receiving public money, but would ask them to provide more evidence of the outcomes they achieve.

Speaking at a fringe event, at the Conservative Party conference, Hurd said impact measurement was a key priority for the government.

"It's important that charities can prove they provide the taxpayer with value for money," he said.

"Measuring social return on investment can be difficult for some charities, but I think it's something we need to look at seriously."

But he said the government wanted to reduce the bureaucracy involved in applying for government funding.

"Communities Secretary, Eric Pickles' bureaucracy-busting agenda will apply to the voluntary sector," he said. "It should be easier for charities to apply for public money and report on how they spend it."

Hurd said charities should not think of the Big Society as a government programme. "It's a call to action," he said. "The government is a catalyst for the Big Society, but people need to do it themselves rather than look to the government to tell them what to do."

New financial reporting arrangements for charities

The Accounting Standards Board will develop an accounting standard for public benefit entities (PBE), including charities, housing associations and educational establishments, it has announced.

It has also said it will retain a statement of recommended practice for charities, and that work will begin on drafting both the new PBE standard and a new Statement of Recommended Practice.

The Board's draft document sets out a three-tier system, which will have standards for large, publicly listed companies, for small and medium-sized companies, and for smaller organisations.

It is the latest step in the process of bringing the UK into line with international financial reporting standards.

But the ASB says the new standards were not designed with not-for-profit entities in mind, so its committee for accounting for public benefit entities, known as Cape, would be responsible for developing a separate standard for those organisations.

"The ASB is proposing that the PBE standard should be a 'differences only' standard – identifying where there are omissions in UK financial reporting standards that need addressing for PBEs," the report says.

Another draft with information on a PBE standard will be published in 2011, the report says.

Development of a new Sorp for charities will not officially commence until this is published.

Further consultation on a PBE standard is expected to take place in the near future, the report says, although it sets out no clear timescale.

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Funders 'ask for more solid evidence from applicants'

Funders are becoming more rigorous in scrutinising the evidence provided by charities in funding applications, key sector voices have warned.

Alan Wyatt, Director of Operations at young people's charity Fairbridge, said the venture philanthropy fund the Private Equity Foundation recently put the charity through a "very thorough" due diligence process before deciding to provide funding.

"They spent a long time looking through our database and systems," he said. "They wanted to validate the outcomes we were claiming to achieve."

He said that once the charity

had provided the evidence to the funder, the funding was not linked to achieving a specific set of outcomes, but focused more on building its frontline capacity.

Peter Wanless, Chief Executive of the Big Lottery Fund, said his organisation put great importance on charities providing evidence about the issues they were seeking to address and the outcomes of the work they did. "This is becoming increasingly important when having to make evermore difficult decisions about which charities to support," he said.

Wanless said providing this evidence could be harder for charities that were trying to

address new challenges. "But we would still need clear evidence of the need and a demonstration of how their approach to it would work," he added.

Tris Lumley, Head of Strategy at New Philanthropy Capital, said charities without a solid evidence base for their outcomes were at a "very high" risk of missing out on funding. He said smaller charities should not worry about research costs - as long as they asked themselves the right questions, it was something "everyone can do".

Local communities should commission public services, says Francis Maude

Local community groups should have a greater role in commissioning local public services, according to Cabinet Office Minister Francis Maude.

At a fringe event at the Conservative Party conference Maude said he wanted to "push power down beyond the local authority level".

"I hope that soon local communities will commission public services," he said. "They will be able to commission

services that cater to the specific needs of the most deprived families in a local area."

Maude also said the government had been inundated with support from local groups interested in running public services as cooperatives or mutuals after the launch of the government's pathfinder mutuals initiative in August.

Speaking at another session at the conference, Civil Society Minister Nick Hurd said the government had

been working with the charity Turning Point to develop a new commissioning model called Local Integrated Services, in which local communities would be consulted by councils arranging public service provision.

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Only Connect

Only Connect is a visit scheme sponsored by Triodos Bank. It enables you to visit another voluntary and community organisation to learn about their experience and the key issues to consider when generating earned income.

Next deadline: 10 December.

www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/onlyconnect

Liberating the NHS consultations

Two further consultation documents (and supporting materials) have been published by the Secretary of State for Health:

Liberating the NHS: An information revolution

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_120080

Liberating the NHS: Greater choice and control

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_119651

Deadline for both consultations: 14 January 2011.

Earned citizenship

Home Secretary Theresa May has announced that the previous government's policy of 'earned citizenship' will not be introduced.

Earned citizenship would have enabled immigrants who participate in specified activities (without pay) to gain UK citizenship in two years less than those who do not volunteer.

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Young People's Musical Theatre

The BBC has launched a new Young People's Musical Theatre Fund. A total of £200,000 will be available to encourage young people to take part in musical theatre.

www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund/ypmt/

Sport England Sustainable Facilities Fund

Sport England has announced that its Sustainable Facilities Fund has re-opened for applications.

The fund will be available to sports clubs and voluntary or community organisations to invest in innovative projects capable of transforming the places where we play or take part in sport.

Deadline: 16th December 2010.

www.sportengland.org.uk/funding/sustainable_facilities.aspx

Community Membership Community Fund

The Co-operative Membership Community Fund is a grants scheme which helps local communities throughout the UK. Between £100 and £2,000 is available for positive work in the community.

www.co-operative.coop/membership/local-communities/community-fund/

Rainhill Rotary opens Dragon's Den of cash for charities

Local charities within Prescot and Whiston and other worthy causes are being invited to bid for cash donations of up to £500 from the Rotary Club of Rainhill.

The Club raises around £30,000 a year through its annual Beer Festival, Christmas street collections with Santa and his sleigh and other fund gathering initiatives.

Most of the cash is distributed within the local community, to charities, groups and individuals seeking financial support for a broad range of causes.

"But there must be many needy causes within the local community of which Rotary is not aware, and

there must also be many people battling to raise funds for worthy causes who have never thought of approaching their local Rotary club for backing," explained Gordon Lowe, organiser of the Rainhill Club's initiative.

"So we decided to invite people into the Dragon's Den to put forward their case for receiving funding from the Club up to a maximum of £500."

The route to securing the support of the Rotary Club of Rainhill starts with completion of a short, simple application form down loaded from the Club website and submitted by post by 10th January, 2011.

Each application will be

considered by a committee before selected bids are invited to make a brief presentation to an assessment panel. Cheques will be presented to successful applicants at the Club's meeting on Thursday, 21st April.

"The Rotary Club already backs many charities, groups and individuals within the local community but we hope this initiative will bring many more to our attention, so that we can widen the support we give," said Gordon

Application forms can be downloaded from the Rotary Club's website: www.rainhillrc.freeserve.co.uk

Big Lottery Fund launches £75m grants scheme for buildings

The Big Lottery Fund is opening a £75m community buildings grants programme for voluntary organisations and parish and town councils in England.

Not-for-profit groups will be able to apply for sums of between £100,000 and £500,000 each from the BLF's Reaching Communities programme from early December.

A BLF spokeswoman said funding would be available for "all types of multi-purpose buildings used by communities, including

memorial halls, community centres and village halls".

Each project should have a total value of no more than £750,000.

She added: "The new funding stream has been designed with a view to transforming current buildings into community buildings that can offer a wide range of activities benefiting a broad group of citizens."

Sanjay Dighe, chair of the BLF's England committee, said: "Given the economic climate, we anticipate even

greater demand for this money. Competition will be intense and tough choices required."

Applications will be assessed on a monthly rolling basis.

Organisations can register for further information by calling **0845 410 2030**.

Reaching Communities has awarded 2,000 organisations more than £455m since 2006.

Big Lottery Fund to administer £100m Transition Fund

The government's new £100m Transition Fund opened for applications at the end of November and be administered by the Big Lottery Fund (BLF).

The Fund, which was announced in October's spending review, will help voluntary organisations that are most vulnerable to short-term reductions in public spending.

Organisations with incomes of between £50,000 and

£10m can apply, although how much they can bid for has not yet been announced.

"We have worked quickly to open a £100m short-term fund to help charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises make the transition to becoming providers of public services," said a statement from Nick Hurd, the Minister for Civil Society.

Peter Wanless, Chief Executive of the BLF, said

it would draw on the expertise of voluntary sector organisations, such as the chief executives body Acevo and the soon-to-be-abolished infrastructure quango Capacitybuilders, in distributing funds.

The fund will remain open for 13 months. Detailed eligibility criteria are yet to be announced.

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Kelly Family Charitable Trust

The Kelly Family Charitable Trust supports charities whose activities involve the whole family in initiatives that seek to tackle problematical issues that face one or more of its members, and whose aims include the strengthening of family bonds by helping all elements of the family unit to grow together and support each other.

Next deadline: 1 March.

<http://www.kfct.org.uk/>



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Every ten years, we hold a census in England and Wales which gives decision-makers a clear picture of the communities their decisions will affect.

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Find out more and apply at www.censusjobs.co.uk

Help tomorrow take shape

vAwards 2011

Do you have any volunteers who deserve an award and a free night out?

Following on from the last two vAward celebrations, Casino Vol James-Bond themed event and the vOscars, we will be holding our next annual youth (aged 16-25) volunteer awards evening at Huyton Suite on 3 March 2011.

The event will be entitled "Superheroes", to tie in with the idea that all the young volunteers are 'local heroes' for giving up their time to help out worthy causes.

This free event will give them an opportunity to dress up and enjoy an evening of entertainment where they will also be awarded certificates for their time spent volunteering.

Since our last awards, we've signed up over 650 young volunteers, 25 new organisations, and over 600 opportunities to volunteer locally. We'd like to celebrate these achievements and profile some of the opportunities young people have been involved with.

If you want your volunteers to attend and/or be nominated for awards, contact Cathy c.georgeson@knowsleycvcs.org or 0151 489 1222.

Youth Action Team – Bring and Buy Sale

vinvolved Knowsley's YAT organised and held a Bring and Buy sale on the 26th October at KCVS to raise funds for two charities Jus Kidz and Stick'n'Step.

Both organisations, chosen by the YAT members, work with children and young people with disabilities providing support and advice as well as well fun activities for them to get involved in. The sale was a great success, raising £100 for each of the charities.



• Cathy Manley from Jus Kidz receiving her cheque from the involved team Diane Barton (left) and Fiona Villanova (right).

Young Volunteers' Survey

Have your say at v's young volunteers' survey and be in with a chance of winning a £100 High Street shopping voucher!

v The National Young Volunteers' Service, is an independent charity dedicated to helping young people volunteer in ways that matter to them.

vinvolved teams are an important part of the National Youth Volunteering Programme,

promoting the benefits of volunteering to young people through Youth Action Teams and supporting organisations to offer more exciting and dynamic opportunities. You might have volunteered for the vinvolved team as a member of the YAT or have had help from the team when finding a volunteering opportunity with another organisation.

v is a learning organisation and we are keen to find out more about how this programme has impacted on you so we can continue to improve the opportunities that we offer young people

and demonstrate the positive impact of youth volunteering.

As an extra incentive if you complete your survey before 5pm on 2nd December you'll be entered into a Prize Draw to **win a £100 High Street shopping voucher**.

We would really appreciate your help with this, so if you have a bit of spare please click on the link below or pop it into your browser to give us your feedback by completing the questionnaire.

www.survey.bris.ac.uk/vinspired/teams

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ACC Liverpool reaches out to cancer charity

A Merseyside cancer charity is to showcase its activity on a national stage after being chosen as the first recipient of an innovative community partnership scheme by Arena and Convention Centre (ACC) Liverpool, home to BT Convention Centre and Echo Arena.

Sunflowers, which supports families living with the effects of cancer, was given free exhibition space at the National Cancer Research Institute's annual conference at the venue recently.

The opportunity was set up by Kerrin MacPhie, Head of Sales at the BT Convention Centre, as part of a scheme whereby local charities can partner with major conference organisers coming to the city.

Sunflowers, which is based in Aigburth, will use the event to showcase its Feel Good Factor programme to cancer specialists from across the UK. The programme organises activities for cancer sufferers including tai chi, creative writing, art, crafts and music.

The team at ACC Liverpool say they will be identifying further opportunities for local charities to benefit from the presence of major national and international organisations at the waterfront venue.

Kerrin MacPhie said: "We have been working towards creating this partnership approach with our event organisers and our local community for some time and we are committed to



(l-r) Kerrin MacPhie (ACC Liverpool), Sharon Vanloo (National Cancer research Institute); Joan Elma, Sunflowers

ensuring that our community benefits further.

"We are keen to work towards a network of contacts across the third sector to match the needs of our conference clients and ensure we continue to give something back to our local communities."

Joan Elma, Project Director of Sunflowers, added: "This will allow us to showcase our programme of rehabilitation and relaxation for people affected by cancer; activities which offer an opportunity for people to get together away from the clinical environment and support each other."

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The Greggs Foundation



The Greggs Foundation was established in 1987 by Ian Gregg, founder of the Greggs bakery retailer, to put something back into the communities in which Greggs operates.

The Greggs Foundation operates a regional grants programme to support charitable organisations through the provision of small grants of up to £2,000.

The regional grants programme is administered by committees of volunteers from Greggs shops, bakeries and offices. They use their knowledge of the local area to make small grants to local organisations.

The regional grants programme can support charitable organisations that are not set up to make a profit. These can include charities, charitable companies, churches and schools.

The Greggs Foundation prioritises local organisations that help people in need in their local area. Most of the grants are to support an identifiable cause such as trips, activities and equipment.

The mission of the Greggs Foundation is to: "Make a difference to people in need in the heart of Greggs' local communities"

All of our applicants must be able to prove that they can achieve the above.

Additionally the Foundation prioritises the following people:

- People with caring responsibilities
- People with disabilities
- Homeless people
- Older people

To apply, please complete a letter of application, not to exceed two sides of A4. Your letter should include the following:

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- A summary of the benefit that the grant will bring

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- Developing resources for carers

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Sector faces £5bn of cuts over the next 18 months, warns think tank

The charity sector could be facing cuts in income of up to £5bn over the next 18 months, the think tank New Philanthropy Capital has warned.

A new NPC report, *Preparing for Cuts*, estimates that the sector's income could drop by between £3.2bn and £5.1bn after the comprehensive spending review and examines how funders can best support charities that are facing decreasing

government funding and increasing competition for contracts.

The report says charities should not be afraid to ask trusts and foundations for funding for activities that may be seen as complicated or boring.

Iona Joy, head of charity analysis at NPC and author of the report, said it would be important for charities to plan carefully for different financial scenarios, and

those that could show funders they have thorough financial plans would be able to convince them that they are at less risk of going bust.

"Charities will need to explain to funders what they need, and these things can be complex and not very exciting," she added. "They should prepare their case carefully and explain what will happen if they don't get the funding but also the impact of the funds if their activities do continue."

Research reveals 'most vulnerable' third sector groups

Third sector organisations that started up after 1997 and do not provide direct services to beneficiaries are the most vulnerable to public spending cuts, according to new findings from Teesside University.

Keeping the Show on the Road, published by the Northern Rock Foundation, examined the strengths and weaknesses of voluntary sector organisations in north-east England and Cumbria.

It found that the most vulnerable organisations were those that had emerged over the past 13 years in response to major investment in regeneration and sustainable communities. Councils for voluntary service are given as an example of organisations that are particularly vulnerable.

"Due to their smaller size, economic fluidity and frailty, lack of community embeddedness and stronger dependency on local funding, [these organisations] may be more at risk in the current economic and political climate and need to reposition themselves by finding new sources of income," the report said.

The most secure organisations were "mature" ones that delivered direct services to beneficiaries and were not so reliant on contracts or grants, it found.

Smaller, locally embedded organisations that might have thrived on public sector grants over the past 10 years were similarly secure because they were well-established in their communities and would find

other means to survive, it said.

Another piece of research, called *Forearmed With Foresight*, also carried out by Teesside University for the Northern Rock Foundation, found that the majority of organisations were optimistic about their chances of survival, with 89% believing they would continue to operate in the long term.

Tony Chapman, Professor of Social Policy at Teesside University and author of the reports, said: "Our research shows that the sector is remarkably optimistic about the future. And one way or another, even if many organisations have to scale down what they do, the majority will keep the show on the road."

Funding Briefly

Comic Relief

The latest cycle of Comic Relief funding is now open. Current programmes include: mental health; domestic and sexual abuse; refugee and asylum-seeking women; sport for change; local communities; older people; young people aged 11-25.

Grants on average vary between £25,000 and £40,000 per year, for up to three years.

Deadline 7th January 2011; Expressions of interest for Sport for Change deadline: 17th December 2010

www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk

Youth Music Open Programme

Youth Music's Open Programme is available for organisations wishing to apply for grants of £5,000 to £30,000.

Next deadline: 10th December 2010

www.youthmusic.org.uk/looking_for_music_funding.html

Social Enterprise Investment Fund

The Social Investment Business has launched a new round of capital grants of £50,000 to £450,000 for organisations delivering health and/or social care services.

www.thesocialinvestmentbusiness.org/grants/

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Charities will lose music licence exemption

Charity shops and community groups will have to pay for licences to play music from January 2012 under plans that are due to come into force at the beginning of next year.

An amendment to music licensing law, which means charities and other not-for-profit groups will lose their exemption from the royalty fees, was placed before Parliament in November.

The amendment says public venues, including those used by charities and not-for-profit groups, will need licences from the licensing authority

PPL in order to play music from records, CDs, the radio or television.

The law will be introduced on 1st January 2011, but charity shops and some other institutions will be exempt from the fees for the first year.

A statement from the Intellectual Property Office said a charge of £40 a year would apply to 60 per cent of the buildings where voluntary groups met and that most charity shops would pay £54 per year.

An IPO spokesman confirmed that the charge would apply to each shop, so charities with chains of shops would have to pay for every branch. He said larger shops would pay more than small shops.

The plans are a 'negative instrument', meaning they can become law without a debate or a vote in Parliament, although either parliamentary house can pass a resolution to annul them.

Nick Hurd, the Minister for Civil Society, said: "We

have worked hard to ensure that charities, particularly small organisations and charity shops, get extra protection and that the impact of any changes is minimised.

"It will be difficult to satisfy everyone but we have achieved a fairer balance between the need to reward musicians for their work and the need to protect charities from excessive costs and additional bureaucracy."

Coalition will review Tupe regulations

The government will review restrictions imposed on charities by the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations as part of its plans to cut red tape in the voluntary sector, according to Civil Society Minister, Nick Hurd.

At a round-table discussion with front-line charity staff, organised by the Directory of Social Change, Hurd was asked whether the government would make it easier for charities to set up projects delivering public services that had previously been delivered by local authorities.

Charities struggled to do this, he was told, because they were unable to change the job titles, salaries, sick pay arrangements and, in

some cases, pension arrangements of staff that had been transferred from local authorities.

"I know this is a big issue for some charities delivering public services," Hurd said. "We will look at what we can do to make it easier. One of our main priorities is making it easier for charities to do business with the state."

Hurd said cutting red tape and reforming public service commissioning were high on the agenda of the Office for Civil Society. He said the department would publish a plan for public service reform early next year.

HATE CRIME

Do you and your staff have an adequate understanding of this?

Do you and your staff know how to report incidents?

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Charity Commission budget will fall by more than a quarter over four years

The Charity Commission's budget will be cut by more than a quarter over the next four years, according to figures released in the Comprehensive Spending Review.

The Commission, which has a budget of £29.3m in the current financial year, said it would have to make the equivalent of 140 full-time staff redundant as a result of the cuts, which will reduce the regulator's budget to £21.3m by 2014/15.

The Commission will announce final decisions on how to manage the cuts after a strategic review, which it is aiming to finish by next April.

Dame Suzi Leather, Chair of the Commission, said: "This is without a doubt an extremely challenging settlement for the Charity Commission, and naturally we are disappointed.

"Clearly a very different approach is now needed – business as usual is simply

not an option. "We will need to make significant changes to the way in which we engage with charities and the public, the services we offer and the scope and shape of our regulatory activity."

Sam Younger, the Commission's new Chief Executive, said that the Commission's most critical work was maintaining the register of charities, investigating complaints and carrying out compliance

work. But he said that compliance work might be reduced in scale. "It's not about saving money by trimming down all of the work we do," he said. "It's about looking at how we can build an effective regulator on the £21m budget we have."

It was likely that some areas of the Commission's work would be cut back more than others, Younger added. Savings could also be made by using the review of the Charities Act, due to take place next year, to remove some of the Commission's legal obligations, such as providing approval for the payment of trustees.

The Commission has also launched an online public consultation about how it should save money, and is consulting staff on its intranet.

"This will involve making big decisions about which areas of our work have the most significance," said Younger.

"We can't expect a consultation to provide a neat, easy solution, but it is incumbent on us to give weight to all the thoughtful responses we get."

The final plan for the Commission's new structure would be signed off by the board in April 2011, he said, and most of the changes would be in place by autumn 2012.

To take part in the Commission's public consultation please visit:- www.charitycommissionreview.blogspot.com/

Sector bodies publish new version of code of good governance

A group of voluntary sector bodies, including Acevo, the Charity Trustee Network and the NCVO, have updated the code of good governance they first published five years ago.

Good Governance: A Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector sets out six key principles for a good board, which include being open and accountable, understanding the role of trustees and behaving with integrity.

Louise Thomson, Head of Policy at the Institute of



Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, which helped to draft the updated code, said it was designed to be easy to understand.

"The previous version contained too much jargon and duplication and some trustees didn't understand the language," she said.

The code has no legal force and is designed to help charities ensure they meet best practice guidelines.

A Charity Commission spokeswoman said the organisation endorsed the code. A copy of it can be downloaded from the Commission's website:-

www.charity-commission.gov.uk/Charity_requirements_guidance/Charity_governance/Good_governance/governancecode.aspx

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local news

Grant success for two groups

Lloyds TSB Foundation has awarded two Knowsley charities grants totalling £42,800.

Knowsley Carers Centre has received a two year grant of £22,800, towards the salary of a new Training Co-ordinator to **develop the Centre's provision of training courses and directly deliver some of the courses.**

The training courses will cover skills needed by carers to effectively care for their friends and relatives, as well as skills to help carers gain employment to support themselves whilst they are in their carer role or after their carer duties have finished.

Knowsley Disability Concern has received a two year grant of £20,000 which will contribute to the salary of a Citizens Advocacy Project Manager to recruit and train volunteer advocates and provide ongoing **support to the organisation's partnership with other disability support organisations in Knowsley.**

Michele Lester, Regional Grant Manager at Lloyds TSB Foundation said, "It is wonderful to be able to fund two great charities working at the heart of disadvantage in Knowsley, which provide people with life-changing support and services.

The Foundation always welcomes funding enquiries from registered charities whose work helps disadvantaged people play **a fuller role in the community".**

www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk

BBC Radio Merseyside

How would you like your charity to benefit from the publicity and support of an exclusive appeal partnership with one of the country's top radio stations ?

BBC Radio Merseyside attracts more than three hundred thousand listeners each week - more listeners than any other BBC local station outside London.

At the heart of BBC Radio Merseyside is a set of ideals that remains focused on the things that matter to our audiences.

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Our aim is to involve every listener in a powerful campaign that makes a dramatic impact on the lives of those less fortunate and which generates great, "talk-about radio" and online content.

This will not necessarily be by raising the most amount of money – raising awareness and engaging audiences in the issues

behind the need and will leave a legacy just as lasting as the money that is raised.

We will look to our charity partners for ways in which we can make this appeal accessible enough for everyone to play a meaningful part, and newsworthy enough to encourage listeners to spread the word to bring in more funds.

What we require from applicants, in terms of fundraising ideas are suggestions for a powerful awareness-raising dimension, and a chance to be involved whatever the individual is able to contribute.

'Clatterbridge – your cancer centre' has had a big presence on our airwaves with the charity mentioned every day since the appeal launch in April 2010.

It's crucial that any future partnerships build on this legacy and, if anything, increase the charity-giving profile both on the airwaves and in the community.

The charity should benefit people living in the BBC Radio Merseyside total survey area – Merseyside, North and West Cheshire, and West Lancashire. We are also open to the idea of

charities forming 'partnerships' or collaborations to bid as a group rather than individual organisations as long as they can present a cohesive and mutually beneficial way of working together and with us.

The search for our new appeal partner is on now, and we ask for applications to be submitted by December 13th 2010.

The selection process will take place and we will announce a shortlist soon afterwards with a presentation by the shortlisted charities at BBC Radio Merseyside in January 2011 when a decision on the successful partner will be made.

The fundraising campaign will start in spring 2011 and continue for 12 months.

We believe that this is a fantastic opportunity for a charity to embark on a highly effective partnership with one of the UK's top radio stations. Together we can make a big difference to the lives of needy people.

For full details see: <http://mfip.org.uk/images/bbcradiomerseysideappeal2011%5B1%5D.doc>



The deadline for the next issue of *Voluntary News* is:-
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Prescot Historic Society

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Tea will be served at 7.00pm

Do you want to hire The Black Box?

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Wednesday 2nd February 2011- *What's New in Diabetes?*
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Professor Sarah O'Brien, Diabetes Nurse Consultant, St
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Deadline for the February
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Friday 7th January 2011

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No meeting in December
Meeting dates for 2011:-
January 19, February 16
(Speakers to be confirmed)

*We meet every 3rd Wednesday in each month
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between 2 and 4 pm*

*Our meetings take place in the Holy Name Parish
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