

Arrangements to deliver the Localism Agenda through a clearly identified interface in Edinburgh are well underway.

We will build on:

- 1 the strong profile that the Compact Partnership has achieved in placing the voluntary sector within and across the city's community planning processes.
- 2 the roles that EVOC, VCE and the ESEP play in delivering distinct elements of the sectors participation in activity contributing to wellbeing in the city and in community planning arrangements. This is evidenced through the Compact Partnership and its Action Plan and the city's Volunteering and Social Economy Strategies and in how the partnerships and plans ensure sector participation in community planning in city wide and neighbourhood partnerships.
- 3 a commitment to take forward partnership working between the 3 bodies. This was most recently manifested in working together on the construction of the sector contribution to the Community Partnerships SOA for 2009.

The Edinburgh Partnership Board has agreed the proposal that the **Compact Partnership** takes responsibility for the allocation of Scottish Government funding for the "Interface" agenda from 2010. The process will be that a Business Development Plan, which sets out work to be undertaken by EVOC, VCE and ESEP, will be signed off by the Compact Partnership annually. This will trigger awards to the 3 bodies from Scottish Government.

Over the next year operational arrangements will be put in place, the central feature of which will be the adoption of a Partnership Statement by the 3 bodies, which will set out procedures and evidence how this partnership arrangement will operate.

Progress so far is that this model has been agreed by the Management Board of Volunteer Centre Edinburgh, the Edinburgh Social Economy Partnership and the Compact Partnership and the Edinburgh Partnership Board. It will be presented to for consideration, at the next meeting of the Management Board of Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council.