

South Lanarkshire Liaison Forum (SLLF)

Developing an Interface for the Voluntary and Community Sector

Position Statement

The area's CVS and Volunteer Centre have begun a series of meetings which commenced in December 2008, with the sole purpose of developing an Interface for the Voluntary and Community Sector in South Lanarkshire with the Community Planning Partnership (CPP).

Background to this development include an independent research consultancy report on the key support needs of community and voluntary sector organisations in South Lanarkshire undertaken at the end of 2007, which in turn led to the creation of a CPP Compact Development Group. Following a year long process a South Lanarkshire Compact will be published and adoption sought from the CPP in April 2009. If adopted, an Implementation Phase will follow.

Given the existence of these two parallel processes, the SLLF have already begun to integrate them to establish a meaningful interface. A Timeline has been agreed which includes a schedule of joint meetings initially within the voluntary sector. Following on from these, a series of development sessions are planned between SLLF, the CPP Compact Development Group, the LSEP and other appropriate stakeholders.

The timeline proposed by the SLLF co-incidentally mirrors the suggested milestones from the Public Service Reform Directorate within the Third Sector Division of the Scottish Government for a process of transition to meet local needs and arrangements.