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Position statement by Moray Voluntary Service Organisation (MVSΟ) and Volunteer Centre Moray (VCM)

Developing a Third Sector Interface in Moray

This report is in response to your letter of 26 January 2009 in which you asked for a short, simple report on the development of an interface in Moray.

MVSΟ and VCM held informal discussions from November 2008 onwards which involved all staff and Boards. The purpose was to explore potential models for service delivery. Running parallel to this, MVSΟ was consulting with the sector on the concept of setting up a Voluntary Sector Forum (VSF) and gathering ideas on its role and remit.

Formal discussions between Boards have taken place since January 2009 where the options detailed in the Avante report were debated. We concluded that the model to be developed is to immediately progress enhanced partnership working as an interim measure with a view to developing the VSF to take a lead role in determining how support services will be delivered from 2011 or thereabouts; MVSΟ and VCM will have places at a strategic level on the VSF. It is planned that during the interim period of partnership work and development of the VSF, MVSΟ will receive funding payments and a legal document be drawn up with VCM to protect their interests and allocate funding.

This model was presented verbally to Alistair Keddie, Moray Council's Chief Executive, who has agreed to positively recommend it to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) committee members; this will be presented to the CPP for approval in May.

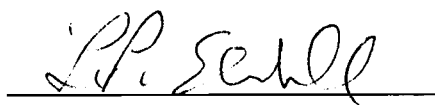
Timeline

Action	Timescale
Wider consultation regarding the development of a Voluntary Sector Forum	June – August 2008
First meeting of the VSF steering group	October 2008
Various meetings outlining the role of the VSF to partner agencies including the Moray Forum and CPP	December 2008
Various joint meetings between MVSO and VCM	November 2008 onwards
Joint report outlining proposed interface presented and approved by both MVSO and VCM Boards	March 2009
Meeting with Alistair Keddie, Moray Council's Chief Executive regarding CPP support of proposed interface	March 2009
Further consultation on the development of the VSF	March 2009
Meeting with Polly Chapman, Scottish Government to discuss adopting proposed interface	April 2009
Creation of a joint strategic plan between MVSO and VCM incorporating local SOAs	April 2009
Presentation of proposed interface to CPP board for approval	May 2009
Continued development of the VSF	Ongoing
Exploration of areas of collaborative working	Ongoing

Signed on April 2009



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