

A Bill for community action? Neil Cleeveley Director of Information and Policy NAVCA

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Strong and prosperous communities

- A standard for VCS representation on LSPs
- Community call for actions (CCfA)
- Best Value duty - consult, inform, involve & devolve
- Asset transfer
- Comprehensive community engagement
- Support for community capacity building
- A duty to involve the VCS - SCS & LAA

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Priorities for the VCS

CCfA

- accessible and practical
- empower the most disadvantaged

Best Value

- involve communities
- influence planning and delivery from first principles

Governance

- community led
- build trust

Building capacity

- all partners need it
- time, skills and wider engagement

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Other factors

- *Treasury Review* – central & local commitment to infrastructure services
- *Capacitybuilders* – working with IDEa on Partnership Improvement
- *Public service delivery action plan* – values local providers & grant aid
- *Local Community Sector Taskforce* – micro grants & tool to measure sector's impact

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Key date - April 2008

- Lyons Review – *end March 2007*
- Comprehensive Spending Review – *Summer 2007*
 - Final Report of the third sector review
 - Local Community Sector Taskforce
- LSP 'place shaping' Guidance – *early 2008*
- Third Sector Public Services Action Plan – *early 2008*
- LAA guidance – *early 2008*

For full timetable see White Paper Implementation Plan – published in January
– <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1566697>

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Local Performance and Delivery Programme Board

- Administer existing LAAs and performance arrangements
- Implement key elements of the White Paper:
 - the future of LSPs – 'place shaping'
 - the performance framework including new LAAs
 - 'efficiency and transformation' agenda
- NAVCA has a seat - input welcome

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Board's – six work areas

- Running LAAs
- Designing new LAAs
- Governance & Partnerships
- Outcomes, Indicators & Targets
- Assessment, Inspection & Review
- Innovation, Capacity and Efficiency

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Key amendment to the Bill

From:

"In preparing the draft local area agreement, the responsible local authority must—

- (a) consult—
 - (i) each partner authority; and
 - (ii) such other persons as appear to it to be appropriate;"

To:

"In preparing the draft local area agreement, the responsible local authority must—

- (a) consult—
 - (i) each partner authority; and **other non-statutory partners to the Local Area Agreement**
 - (ii) such other persons as appear to it to be appropriate;"

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Questions

- Opportunity or threat?
- Will it change anything for us?
- What do we need to make it work?
 - For local people
 - For the VCS
- How will your council respond?

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