

Finance and Local Government planning meeting

21 May 2021, 10am-11.30am

Notes

Attendees

- Phil Fiander, Chair, Funding and Compliance Sub-Committee
- Sheila Hendrickson-Brown, C3SC
- Chris Johnes, Building Communities Trust
- Sian Rees, Interfaith Council for Wales
- Jess McQuade, Wales Environment Link
- Clair Brick, Siawns Teg
- Helene Hayes, Citizens Advice Cymru
- Iwan Thomas, PLANED
- John Gallanders, AVOW
- Anna Nicholl, WCVA
- Ben Lloyd, WCVA
- David Cook, WCVA
- Livia Pietromarchi, WCVA
- Alison Pritchard, WCVA

Apologies

- Jackie Jones, Wales Assembly for Women
- Owen Evans, Children in Wales
- Ruth Power, Shelter Cymru
- Andrea Cleaver, Welsh Refugee Council
- Mandy Powell, Cymorth Cymru
- Derek Walker, Wales Coop Centre
- Paul Glaze, CWVYS
- Lee Ellery, Coproduction Network for Wales

Minutes from previous Ministerial Meeting

The Funding and Compliance Sub Committee is now a standing agenda item at Ministerial Meetings.

The paper on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund was shared with the group.

Chris noted need to ensure discussions held around local government with previous Minister are not lost.

Planning for working with new Minister in coming government term

Discussion on topics we may want to focus on through these meetings this government term:

- The five priority areas set out in the [Funding and Compliance Sub Committee](#) work plan, including
 - Need for longer-term funding
 - Commissioning and procurement
- Strengthened partnership with local government and how we enable community-led action. Need to build on:
 - discussions with the previous Local Government Minister;
 - discussions at previous Partnership Council; and,
 - delivering against the recommendations in the TSPC Recovery report
- Relevant Labour manifesto commitments likely to be in programme for government
- Involvement of the sector in budgeting processes
- links to biodiversity and climate
- links between this portfolio and that of Economy Minister
- impact assessments on how funding structures work
- [National Social Value Measurement Framework for Wales](#) (see paper to meeting on 'procurement for wellbeing').

The group discussed how we link this work to relationships with UK Government and new funding streams.

The group agreed initial focus on following two areas, to consider others during government term.

- Relationships between local government and the voluntary sector – particularly progressing the commitments Jane Hutt in the [TSPC recovery report](#).
- Principles underpinning funding relationships between government and the sector – specifically the five areas agreed by joint work agreed by Welsh Gov (Jane Hutt) and the sector

Actions

- *Alison to share notes from meeting with Ben Lake MP and voluntary sector.*
- *Anna to discuss 'procurement for wellbeing' paper with Phil for Funding and Compliance Subcommittee.*

Draft agenda for Ministerial Meeting of 24 June, 10.30am-11.30am. (pre-meet same day, 9.30am-10.15am)

Agreed agenda:

- 1) Listen to Minister's priorities for her portfolio.
- 2) Strengthening relationships with local government

Cover paper with extract from [TSPC Recovery report](#). Chris, Iwan, Sheila and others who want to come in on points finalized at pre-meet. Comments to draw on TSPC recovery report and ask for her commitment to progress during this term.

3) Financial relationships between government and the voluntary sector

Cover paper with Funding and Compliance sub-committee's [forward work programme](#) for this government term. Phil Fiander to introduce and others to come in. Comments to draw on the Funding and Compliance sub-committee's 5 priority areas for action and seek the Minister's commitment to progress these together.

The purpose in both these agenda items is to get commitment from the Minister for her officials to work with us to progress activity relevant to her portfolio in these two key TSPC reports.

Actions:

- *WCVA to circulate [shared document](#) for everyone to set out points they would like to make at the meeting. Complete by **17 June** and finalise at pre-meet (**Dave** send reminder few days before deadline)*
- *WCVA to draft cover papers for items 2 and 3.*
- *Pre-meet on 24 June decide who will say what in meeting based on above*
- *WCVA to circulate Ministerial Meeting date and time to group again.*