

Opportunities for third sector involvement

1. Reflecting current relationship between third sector and public sector bodies

- Area profile recognises the strength and scale of the sector in Highland
- Particular improvement areas within the SOA e.g. growing social enterprise, outcome on community action (no. 3)
- The types of working relationships:
 - i. commissioning and/or contractual relationship e.g. Advice agencies, Housing Associations
 - ii. Sharing policy information – needs of customers, research etc e.g. HCCF, Children’s Forums and representatives
 - iii. Discretionary grant and in-kind support
 - iv. Supporting volunteering and voluntary capacity in communities
- 5 consultation events – influence on SOA

2. Work currently in progress / emerging relationships

- New stakeholder forums – for community care, for the environment and for the economy
- Local LEADER Groups – voluntary sector representation – and at a Highland level
- Compact with the sector and with Highland Council, HIE and NHS – aiming for draft Compact for consultation in early autumn and consultation event. Currently refining principles following consultation and identifying the behaviours which would underpin these, along with 3 areas for early action.

3. In developing the SOA further

- 7 areas of partnership review – scope includes leadership and managerial arrangements, equalities impact and getting the right stakeholder involvement as well as delivery arrangements
- Case studies for SOA1 reporting to demonstrate community planning in action for each of the 15 national outcomes – ideas by end July and write up by mid-end August.

4. Representation of the sector as a sector?

- Currently the sector is involved thematically or in particular areas of service delivery / quality of life with relationships at different geographies across Highland.
- There is work in progress with the Govt to review the interface.

SOA 2 Local Outcomes and the Fit with the National Outcomes

Sustainable Highland Communities

1. People across the Highlands have access to the services they need
National outcomes: 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 13
2. People are, and feel, safe from crime, disorder and danger
National outcomes: 8, 9, 13
3. Our communities take a greater role in shaping their future
National Outcomes: 4, 11, 13
4. Public services are delivered effectively, efficiently and jointly
National Outcome: 15

Safeguarding our environment

5. Our natural heritage is protected and enhanced enabling it to deliver economic, health and learning benefits
National Outcomes: 1, 6, 10, 12
6. Carbon emissions are reduced and communities are protected from the consequences of changing weather patterns
National Outcomes: 10, 12, 14

A competitive, sustainable and adaptable Highland economy

7. The impact of the recession is limited and sustainable economic growth is supported
National Outcome: 2
8. Growth in the knowledge economy is supported by achieving university title for UHI in 3 years
National Outcomes: 2, 3
9. To support the economy access is improved to housing, transport and high speed broadband
National Outcomes: 1, 10
10. More people are supported into employment
National Outcomes: 2, 3, 6, 7

A healthier Highlands

11. Healthy life expectancy is improved especially for the most disadvantaged
National Outcomes: 6, 7
12. The health and independence of older people is maximised
National Outcomes: 6, 7
13. Attitudes and behaviours towards alcohol and other drugs are changed and those in need are supported by better prevention and treatment services
National Outcomes: 4, 5, 9

Better opportunities for all / A fairer Highland

14. The impact of poverty and disadvantage is reduced
National Outcomes: 2, 4, 7
15. The cycle of deprivation is broken through intervention in early years
National Outcomes: 5, 7, 8