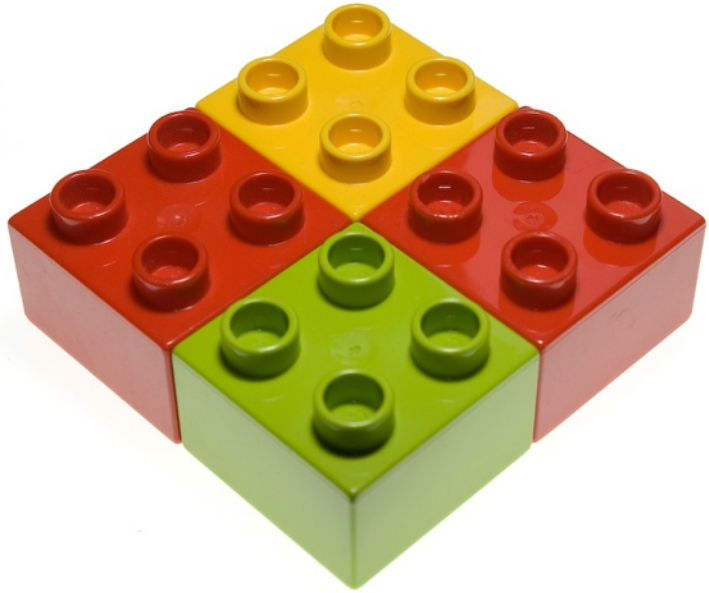


Highland Interface

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Welcome to the Highland Interface

Development of the Highland Interface continues and a recent number of important milestones have been reached, with production of the Discussion Paper with Avanté Consulting, the appointment of Kenny Murphy as Chair of the Options Appraisal Group and the wider recruitment of members.

The proposed infrastructure reflects the current thinking of the Scottish Government on the relationship between the third sector and the work of the Community Planning Partnerships, in the development and delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement.

Carrying on from work done by the previous Highland Future Funding Group, and recent discussions, there are four main forms for consideration: a single organisation, a single core Interface linked to independent organisations, an enhanced partnership or the formation of three area Interfaces. Each of these possible forms will be

explored by the Options Appraisal Group.

The first meeting of the Appraisal Group will take place on Friday 19 March, in Inverness; where the remit of the group, function and reporting will be outlined. It is planned that the first phase of work will be complete in April.

Kenny Murphy, has been appointed as an independent chair of this group, to guide the work and liase with the Steering Group.

Kenny is CEO of the CVS & Volunteer Centre in Falkirk, one of the first 3rd sector Interfaces to be recognised. He has also represented the CVS & VC networks at a national level, and is Company Secretary of Voluntary Action Scotland.

Membership of the group is comprised of the individual organisations of the proposed Interface, with representatives from other stakeholders such as The Highland Council, Scottish Council for Voluntary

Organisations and the wider 3rd Sector.

A further phase of work will take place in May and it is expected that in July the proposed form of the Highland Interface will be available to individual Boards, along with other key stakeholders, for consideration.

The Steering Group is made up of Hugh Mackay (responsible for liasing with the 3rd sector/ organisations), Neil Sutherland (responsible for liasing with Avanté Consulting), Johnson Swinton (responsible for project finance and documentation), Polly Chapman (3rd Sector Team, Scottish Government) & Paul Davies (responsible for communications & liasing with the Options Appraisal Group).

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