

Scope of Scrutiny Review : How the Council works with the Voluntary and Community Sector

Scope of Review	Existing Information Sources	Further Work Required
<p>1 Establish baseline Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Level Agreement 2011- 2013 between Lewes District Council and the Lewes District Citizens Advice Bureau • Lewes and Seaford Citizens Advice Bureau – Business and Development Plan 2011- 2014 • Valuing the Voluntary Sector – Economic Value Added (EVA) report 2011 • Action in Rural Sussex – Business Plan 2012 – 2014 • House of Commons Library - Voluntary Sector Statistics (VSS) • Funding • List of community and voluntary organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The view of stakeholders on existing policies, and delivery arrangements e.g. customers of community organisations. • Views of the organisations about current arrangements. • Identify what is done well and what could be improved • Assess Lewes District Council's relationship against other Districts in the county

<p>2 Delivery against Council Objectives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment rates in the UK rose by 129,000 in the three months to September and now stands at 2.62 million • Building a Brighter Future – A regeneration Strategy for Lewes District Council 2012 – 2015 • Corporate Plan • Voluntary income from donations and grants, increased by 28% to £12.9 billion in 2011 • Informal volunteering at least once in the last year was higher in the South East (61%) and in the South West (60%) than any other region (between 47% and 53%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • View of stakeholders needs for services in the voluntary sector
<p>3 Conclusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Localism bill – The Localism Act (Nov 2011) • Within the economy the most vulnerable groups need more support • Community groups may provide services that the public sector cannot afford • Impact of Localism Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the new policy and financial initiatives and their implications for provision of services in the voluntary sector • Identifying which of the new ‘rights’ have most impact in Lewes District Council • Identify resources necessary to further support the voluntary sector – resources outside of Council.

