

Terms of Reference for the Review of the Future Role of the Third Sector in Social and Economic Regeneration

The terms of reference of the review are to:

- consult with the range of organisations in the third sector, including charities, voluntary and community groups, mutuals, co-operatives and social enterprises, to examine their future role in the social and economic regeneration of England;
- ensure that the future role of the sector, in the context of the long-term challenges, is defined through a sector-led consultation process.

Undertaking:

- a series of Minister-led regional and sub-regional (city or district based) consultation events, in every region of England;
- a series of visits to local grass-roots third sector organisations;

To examine:

- the **evidence** that the third sector has an **added or distinctive value** in its roles including in; public service reform and delivery; in advocacy on behalf of under-represented groups; in promoting volunteering and giving; in local economic regeneration; and, in promoting social capital and building communities;
- the **impact** the sector can have in various key outcomes – enterprise, health, social capital, economic regeneration, community cohesion;
- what currently **promotes or inhibits** the sector in its roles;
- the **priorities** for third sector development in all of its respective roles and how Government can contribute to this development over the long-term.

As part of the Comprehensive Spending Review 2007, the Review reports to a cross-Departmental Ministerial group, chaired by Ed Miliband, MP Minister for the Third Sector.

The review will be conducted in two key phases, the consultation phase and the analytical phase. The key workstreams of the analytical phase will be informed and guided by the consultation.

Campbell Robb will play a leading advisory role in the review.

The review will build on previous cross-cutting reviews of the third sector, which particularly examined its role in public service delivery, in 2002 and 2004.