

Subject: **Future of the Third Sector Interface**

Purpose: To advise members of the North Ayrshire Integrated Joint Board (IJB) of developments from the Scottish Government around the future of the Third Sector Interface.

Recommendation: That members of the IJB note developments.

Glossary of Terms	
NHS AA	NHS Ayrshire and Arran
HSCP	Health and Social Care Partnership
TSI	Third Sector Interface
ACVS	Arran Community & Voluntary Service
TACT	The Ayrshire Community Trust
VAS	Voluntary Action Scotland

1.	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
1.1	This report is to inform members of the Integrated Joint Board of developments around the future of the Third Sector Interface (TSI) and current discussions with the Scottish Government.
2.	BACKGROUND
2.1	In December 2017 all 32 TSIs from across Scotland met with the third sector unit from the Scottish Government to receive an update on the future direction of the TSIs. This followed an extensive evaluation carried out in 2016, since then the scale and pace of change has continued. The review gave an insight into the breadth of services and issues TSIs face but did not reflect clearly what the new role will be in the context of emerging challenges and pressures.
2.2	The response reflected a closer more direct working relationship will be developed between the Scottish government and the TSIs. The Scottish Government made the decision to cease funding in September 2018 for Voluntary Action Scotland (VAS), who currently support the network. The funding resource will be retained to fund a future intermediary in another form, as yet not decided.
2.3	Scottish Government wish to strengthen the role of the TSIs as a force for change, to support a flourishing third sector, and to play a vital role in progressing National Outcomes for people and communities across Scotland. Evaluation Support Scotland have been selected to support the TSI's develop a framework for future outcomes. A working group of 8 TSI Chief Officers has been formed to produce a suitable draft by September 2018. These new National Outcomes should set out what is expected of TSIs in return for funding.

2.4	The document will be shared at an event with the 32 TSI s in September and finalised by January 2019. No measurement reporting will be addressed until the framework is in place.
3.	PROPOSALS
3.1	It is requested that the IJB note the developments.
3.2	<u>Anticipated Outcomes</u>
	That the IJB are made aware of future changes around the role of the third sector interface and how they will be supported.
3.3	<u>Measuring Impact</u>
	No measurement reporting will take place until the framework is in place.
4.	IMPLICATIONS

Financial:	None
Human Resources:	None
Legal:	None.
Equality:	None
Children and Young People	None
Environmental & Sustainability:	None
Key Priorities:	
Risk Implications:	Funding beyond September '18 currently agreement in principle
Community Benefits:	None

Direction Required to Council, Health Board or Both	Direction to :-	
	1. No Direction Required	√
	2. North Ayrshire Council	
	3. NHS Ayrshire & Arran	
	4. North Ayrshire Council and NHS Ayrshire & Arran	

5.	CONCLUSION
5.1	That IJB note the developments in relation to TSIs.

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