

Action Plan – Community Resource Fund							
Area	Aims & Objectives	Outcome	Actions	Strategic Fit	Time-scale	Indicative Resources £	Responsible Body
1.1 - Development Trust	Establish a single joint operational group to oversee promotional activity	Creation of an Easington VCS Trust to oversee VCS support services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish legal entity to oversee support to VCS in Easington 	LAA	By August 2006	£3000	CRF Steering Group
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruit Trustees from the management groups of the CEN, ECVS and Other stakeholders 	LAA	By August 2006	N/A	CRF Steering Group
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish TRUSTED as single delivery body 		By Dec 2006	None	ECVS/CEN
1.2 – Infrastructure	Establish a facility for the co-location of the TRUSTED core services and create an asset for the sector to aid sustainability	Creation of a VCS ‘One Stop Shop’	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire and/or refurbish a shared facility for the CVS and CEN 	LAA	By March 2007	£645,000	CRF Steering Group
1.3 – VCS Support Services	Improve the capacity, efficiency and quality of services offered to the VCS by combating fragmentation and duplication of support services	Rationalization of VCS support services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a joint policy and implementation framework for TRUSTED 	LAA	By July 2006	N/A	CVS & CEN Man Boards
1.3 – VCS Support Services ‘general’	Ensure the availability of support and development services to the VCS	Additional personnel allied to the key areas of support and development	Recruitment of staff resources to deliver:				
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drive forward VCS Development Co-ordination including supporting members acting in a representative role on various decision making bodies 	LAA	By Sept 2006	£56,500	All TRUSTED
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer/Community Outreach Development 	LAA	By Sept 2006	£45,500	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial support to VCS groups to assist in financial planning, budget control, accountancy and book keeping 	LAA	By Sept 2006	£45,500				

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			(Continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding and Sustainability with particular emphasis on holistic identification of funding opportunities Promotion/Marketing and Enterprise to promote opportunities to the VCS An appropriate level of administration Establishment of training programmes directed towards 'fit for purpose' outcomes 	LAA	By Sept 2006	£52,250	All TRUSTED
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				LAA	By Sept 2006	£26,000	
				LAA	Ongoing	£25,000	
1.3 – VCS Support Services 'virtual'	Improve the capacity, efficiency and quality of services offered by the VCS	Establishment of a 'professional' joined up approach to VCS development and support by the creation of a Virtual Resource Team for the VCS to access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Procurement of professional and technical support with expertise in legal advice, business development support, etc. 	LAA	By Dec 2006	£50,000	TRUSTED
1.3 – VCS Support Services 'research'	Develop knowledge of the VCS sector, provide data for forward planning and build on available but limited research particularly at a neighbourhood level	Undertake additional research to gain a more in depth analysis of the VCS sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilise local knowledge through 'outreach work' and/or commissioning local activists 	LAA	Ongoing	£50,000	TRUSTED
1.3 – VCS Support Services 'procurement'	Establish meaningful dialogue with statutory agencies particularly with reference to tendering processes to engage with the service delivery agenda as an equal partner	Gain an in depth understanding of the procurement processes associated with statutory agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate VCS on procurement processes and procedures endemic to statutory agencies using the 'County Durham compact' as facilitating document. Target key services 	LAA/ County Durham Compact	Initially by Dec 2006, then ongoing	Included in training	TRUSTED
1.4 – Legal and Quality Standards	Establishment of legal and quality standards in the VCS		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inauguration of legislation and compliance workshops and access to legal expertise 	LAA	By Oct 2006	Included in training	TRUSTED

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1.5 – Standing Conference	Establish a representative voice for the VCS sector		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inauguration of a ‘standing conference’ for the VCS sector 	LAA	By Nov 2006	£5,000	TRUSTED
2.1 – VCS Resources	Creation of a funding pot for the VCS to develop	Establish a VCS Development Fund	Develop processes and criteria for grants.	LAA	By Sept 2006	£814,000	TRUSTED
2.2 – VCS Finances	Alleviation of retrospective funding regimes	Reduce the dependency of the VCS on structural funding by adopting “invest to save” principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Charity Bank 	LAA	Ongoing	£30,000	TRUSTED/ CHARITY BANK