Third Sector Reference Group

Minutes

1/4/2026

Present: Charlie Cumming, Bruce Crawford, Shelly-Ann Brown, Ran Majumder, Sarah Van Putten, Paul Wilson, Steve Lawrence, Paul Wilson, Helena Richards, Debbie McLachlan, Stephanie Anne Harris, Johnathan Ssentamu, Biddy Kelly, Benjamin Napier, Laurene Edgar

Agenda

1. Meeting schedule (frequency, day, time, hybrid/in person)

2.30-4.30pm Mondays, hybrid - in-person meeting place can vary/online

2. Co-opting other members

We discussed any gaps in representation on the group and members to bring suggestions to the next meeting.

3. TOR and expectations

Update version to be uploaded to the TSRG space on the Edinburgh TSI website. Notes from each meeting also to be uploaded for each meeting.

4. Chair

Stephanie Anne agreed to continue in the role of chair until June, other considering stepping up can come forward to be vice chair or chair in a phased approach.

5. Priorities: prevention; adult protection; funding; new compact; evaluation, open meeting planning - June

Leads:

Prevention subgroup: Biddy Kelly, Ranajit Majumder (expressed interest via email)

Adult Protection: Marion Findlay

Open Meetings Sub Group: Bruce Crawford, Stephanie-Anne Harris

Evaluation: Stephanie-Anne Harris

Stephanie-Anne - In relation to 'Funding' - have emailed Chris Adam Strategy Manager and Elena Grant Lead Policy & Insight Officer – City Strategies of The City of Edinburgh Council, asking when the next Steering Group meeting will be and will keep the group posted.

6. Horizon scanning

Bruce shared items for consideration for future legislation and public consultation that may impact some third sector organisations. Further work will be required once the new Scottish government has published their programme for government

7. TSRG open meetings

As per the Terms of Reference (ToR) there will be two open meetings per year for the sector to hear from the TSRG committee and for the committee to hear from the sector.

18th June 2026 10-12noon, venue TBC in person – calendar invite sent

November/December meeting – online

8. Communication

Website should be updated and minutes posted on it soon, date TBC

9. Date of next meetings

4th May 2026; 2.30-4.30pm EVOC office/online – calendar invite sent.

1st June 2026; 2.30-4.30pm EVOC office/online – calendar invite sent.