Third Sector Reference Group

Minutes

1/6/2026

Present: Stephanie-Anne Harris, Shelly-Ann Brown, Debbie McLachlan, Jonathan Ssentamu, John Hawryluk, Paul Wilson, Kimberley Swan, Sarah Van Putten

Agenda

1. **Apologies**: Bruce Crawford, Laurene Edgar, Charlie Cumming, Helena Richards, Ranajit Majumder, Benjamin Napier

2. Notes from the meeting held on 4/5 - approved

3. 18th June: Third Sector Connects planning update - So far approx. 30 people have registered. Publicity for the event which is being held at the Future's Institute has been circulated using EVOC's mailing list. Agenda will include launch of the sector report by EVOC, an update on the TSRG and its priorities and working groups and there will be time for networking and connecting. Stephanie-Anne, Bruce and Paul will meet before the 18th to finalise the agenda etc.

4. Third Sector Grants Programme: feedback from P & S Committee

Chris Adams has shared a draft job spec and outline that will be used to seek applications from the sector for the Steering Group. The process is broadly similar to the one used to recruit members to the TSRG. Members to support by promoting and asking relevant interested persons to apply.

Members agreed to have the development session with the integrated joint board on the third sector at a later date than August 2nd due to the holiday period.

5. Sub groups - updates: Adult Protection; Prevention; Evaluation; Change Management Group

Member leads of each sub group will give an update on the progress of their subgroup on the 18th of June at the Third sector connects open discussion meeting.

You don't have to be on the TSRG to join a subgroup. The subgroups are open to anyone to join.

- AP - Marion Findlay lead
- Prevention - Biddy and Ran leads
- Evaluation - Stephanie Anne (not yet started)
- Change Management Group - Stephanie Anne has taken over the chairing of this group from Ewan Aitken. A review of the first pilot will be taking place and lessons

learned identified. Three applications were submitted and will be taken forward to the next step which is the business planning stage.

The group agreed that information about the subgroups/its purpose etc. will need to be written up/circulated so that the group is up to date with what is happening beforehand and this information can be communicated with the sector using the TSI website.

S A B will accept all information and can send to the group regarding subgroup matters and any other information so that the group is up to date with discussions at the TSRG meeting.

6. Issues arising from EIJB meeting, SPG meetings, other Partnership meetings

Edinburgh Partnership - Wednesday, 10th June, 2026 1.30 pm (agenda not released yet)

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board - Tuesday, 16th June, 2026 10.00 am (agenda not released yet)

7. Forthcoming Council meetings

Agenda for Education, Children and Families Committee on Tuesday, 9th June, 2026, 10.00 am - Modern Council

Item on this agenda re the Connected Communities Fund. Members were asked to email S-A if they had any issues or concerns that should be considered before the meeting.

8. AOCB

Jonathan has expressed volunteering on the Prevention subgroup. Biddy and Ranajit to be informed by Stephanie Anne.

9. Date of next meeting(s) -

22nd June, 2.30pm - 4.30pm hybrid (EVOC office/online)- follow up after the Open meeting on 18/6

24th August, 2.30pm - 4.30pm hybrid (EVOC office/online)- if required after the summer break

7th September, 2.30pm - 4.30pm hybrid (EVOC office/online)- resuming meetings on the first Monday of the month

5th of October, 2nd of November, 7th of December, 2.30pm - 4.30pm hybrid (EVOC office/online)

(All calendar invites sent to members)