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Future role of the Third sector – final report

The Centre for Equality & Diversity (CfED) welcomes the publication of the Government's final report on the future role of the third sector in social and economic regeneration.

The report published on 24th July 2007 sets out a strategy to work with third sector organisations over the next 10 years to promote social and economic regeneration.

The main aims outlined in the report are to help give third sector organisations a greater voice and to work with the sector to strengthen communities, transform public services, encourage social enterprise and support the conditions for the sector to thrive.

Mushtaq Hussain secretary said,

“This report offers a lifeline to organisations that makes up the third sector and a demonstration that the Government sees the sector as an integral part in delivering public services.”

Kenneth Rodney Chief Executive said,

“The Government's desire to work with third sector organisations to bring people together from different backgrounds to improve life in their communities, the promise of £515 million investment in the sector and that of working to improve funding arrangements making three year funding the norm – are all refreshing ideas from the Government.”

“The Third sector has been waiting for concrete commitment from the government and this report is a good starting point.”

CfED urge the Government to ensure the momentum to engage and work with the sector be sustained for the full ten years of its plan.

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---NOTES FOR EDITORS---

- (i) The full report can be downloaded at:
www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/documents/review/ots_review.pdf
- (ii) CfED is a company limited by guarantee (5745005) and a registered charity (91114821)
- (iii) An organisation at the heart of the Borough of Dudley and dedicated to:
 - (a) promoting the interest of all Black and Minority Ethnic communities
 - (b) building effective partnerships
 - (c) creating an environment in which all people in the Borough support equality and diversity, understand and appreciate the differences between individuals and communities.
 - (d) raising the profile of all six equality strands.