

A Voluntary Sector View

1. Bucks Infrastructure Group

- Taking forward a Compact between Voluntary and Statutory Sectors
- Partnership working – Education, Social Care, Health and Voluntary Sector linked and interdependent
- Links with Raise, Learning and Skills Council, SECCIA and GOSE

2. Funding Issues

- Need for sustained core funding
- Need to get out of “funding trap”
- Clarity about priorities and available funding
- Collect all infrastructure groups under one portfolio
- Recognise training, staffing laws, consultations etc., as additional costs to small organisations

3. Volunteering

- Need to support Volunteer Bureaux
- Drive to encourage volunteering and Community involvement
- Pivotal role and scarcity

4. User Issues

- Involvement at all levels
- Advocacy support
- Supported living (new initiatives)

Carer Issues

- Should not be taken for granted
- Implications on services if unable to continue

Areas of Deprivation in Bucks

- Disabilities are no respecter of affluence
- Effects of Deprivation in thriving communities