Voluntary & Community Sector Support

(Strengthen the capacity of voluntary & community sector and promote engagement and cohesion)

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Council's Priorities- Council Plan 2008-2011

Promoting Safer & Stronger Communities

- Be safe & feel safe
- Promote equality of opportunity and reduce disadvantage
- Be cleaner & greener
- Promote engagement and cohesion
- Develop community facilities

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South Gloucestershire Council's Voluntary & Community Sector Investment

- Capital
- Revenue
- Safer & Stronger Initiative Fund
- Commissioning (CS)

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Council's definition of VCS

- Voluntary & community groups are independent, not for profit organisations, formed by people who have come together of their own free will, to respond to issues regarding the quality of life for themselves and/or their fellow citizens.

  The use of the word voluntary refers to the fact that organisations within the sector are overseen by an unpaid board of trustees or by a voluntary management committee

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Capital Programme – Criteria -Enhancing buildings, Buying furniture/Equipment/Toys

- Annual
- Launched in May
- Decisions September
- Maximum up to £3,000
- Payments on completion of the project

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Revenue – Criteria- Running costs
(activities, events, venue hire, activity costs)

- Annual
- Launched October/November
- Maximum Up to £3,000
- Decisions February/March
- Payments – April

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Safer & Stronger Initiative Fund (Delivering priorities identified by SSCG's)

- Six Monthly (May & September)
- Through S & S Community Groups (SSCG's)
- Executive decision
- Payments when agreed

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Commissioning

- Service Level Agreements – 1-3 years
- £10,000 and over - Monitored and paid quarterly
- Under £10,000 – Monitored and paid six monthly

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Thank You

- Comments/Questions

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