

CVS AIMS

1 SUPPORTING EXISTING VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

To help local voluntary and community organisations to be as effective as possible in meeting their aims and objectives, by:

- > promoting the effective and efficient use of resources within the voluntary and community sector
- > providing support, information/advice, consultancy and training.

2 REPRESENTATION

To influence the policies of statutory agencies in the allocation of their resources, in relation to direct and indirect provision - therefore:

- > to represent the views and interests of the voluntary and community sector on committees and working groups which are developing policy, planning services and allocating resources
- > to help individual voluntary and community organisations in communicating their views and interests through formal processes, including advocating on their behalf.

3 PARTNERSHIPS

To be active in inter-agency partnerships, including with the public and private sectors, where this coincides with, or furthers, the other aims of LD/CVS.

4 IDENTIFYING GAPS AND MEETING NEEDS

To be sensitive to the educational, social and health needs of the community and, where there are gaps, to consider appropriate responses that would meet that need.

To facilitate the development of new services which would meet identified needs by:

- > inter-agency collaboration
- > developing new voluntary or community organisations
- > developing CVS projects.

5 MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

To maintain the smooth and effective operation of the organisation and, in order to do this:

- > to ensure that LD/CVS, its committee, staff and volunteers are:
 - > appropriately informed on current thinking in relation to the voluntary and community sector; the availability of resources; and legislation
 - > trained in the necessary skills in order to fulfil the purposes of the organisation; ensure its smooth operation; and maximise available resources.

Formally adopted by the Executive Committee of Lancaster District CVS on [date], based on earlier CVS Aims of 21 March 1995.