

Dear Colleagues

On 10th February EVOC and representatives from the voluntary sector (see below for a full list) had a very honest and productive meeting with Cllr Jenny Dawe and Council Committee Conveners.

At this meeting it was:

- Acknowledged that communication regarding budget process must be improved.
- Acknowledged that the voluntary sector are valued partners in planning, developing, monitoring and delivering services
- Acknowledged that the voluntary sector brings additionality and social capital to the city
- Agreed there will be quarterly meetings with EVOC and the voluntary sector focused on budget monitoring and planning
- Agreed there will be regular meetings between the Network of Voluntary Organisations for Children, Young People and Families and the Convenor of Children and Families Committee
- Agreed that EVOC will work with the Council to develop seminars and events regarding impact analysis with a view to developing a shared understanding and to use that intelligence to inform future decision making at local and national level.

A full note of this meeting will be posted on EVOC website on 11th February 2010.

I have therefore decided not to proceed with a formal deputation to the full Council on 11th February; however, we will be taking a deputation to the Council meeting in March which will address details of revenue grants to organisations.

Yours truly,
Ella Simpson
Director
EVOC

Present at the meeting: Ella Simpson (EVOC), Ian Boardman (LAYC), Teresa Bray (Changeworks and Voluntary Sector Strategic Group), Vicki Ridley (Granton Youth Centre and Chair of Network of Voluntary Organisations for Children, Young People and Families), and Paul Wilson (Volunteer Centre Edinburgh)