

## Funding Commission: proposed work plan

In tackling the themes, we propose that the Commission forms sub-committees to answer the following questions:

Overall question: 'What funding or financial instruments are needed to encourage independent action?'

Sub questions:

- What instruments are needed?
  - What has been tried in the past and failed?
  - What has been tried in the past and forgotten?
  - What lessons can be learnt from abroad?
  - What instruments already exist but have never been scaled up?
  - Are there any new radical ideas worth testing?
  
- What are the capacity building issues around each of these instruments?

Given the size of the Commission and tight timescales, we propose that this is the most effective way to manage the work programme.

The role of the sub-committees will be to provide a strategic lead on each theme. Sub-committees will be required to:

- Oversee and direct the NCVO research in that area;
- Identify and meet experts in the field;
- Identify three or four proposals for further consultation.

The timescale for doing this would be roughly six weeks. Ideally, proposals could be discussed and agreed at the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July. Following this, a paper could be produced for further consultation with the VCS and other experts. Following feed-back from the consultation, the sub-committee would be required to oversee the refinement of the proposals.

To support the sub-committees in their role, NCVO will provide:

- research support;
- policy support;
- administrative support.

If Commissioners accept this approach, a provisional list of group members is provided below:

<b>Sub-group</b>	<b>Members</b>
Social Investment	Michael, Toby, Fiona
Local funding (including assets and endowments)	Brian, Stephen, Claire, Dinah
Philanthropy (including CSR and tax effective giving)	Paul, John, Dawn