

Implementing the *Delivering Community Services in Partnership Policy*

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The Next Steps

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Funding and Contracting Reform

The road so far.....

- ⦿ Partnership Forum
- ⦿ *DCSP Policy*
- ⦿ Central support unit (Funding and Contracting Services)
- ⦿ Component I funding roll-out
- ⦿ Component II process well underway

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Key Themes

Nature of the Relationship

- Citizens at the centre of the relationship between the public and not-for-profit sectors.
- Engage the not-for-profit sector in the policy, planning and design of community services.
- Maximise outcomes for service users, move away from inputs and financial reporting.
- Focus on sustainability.

- ◉ DCSP Policy and supporting tools are about co-design, developed through co-design.
- ◉ Government agencies become accountable and make decisions based on addressing a community outcome.

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Key Themes

Funding & Contracting Options

- Funding Arrangements (i.e. Grants).
- Contracting Arrangements (i.e. Service Agreements).
- Scope of Application:
 - State Government agencies
 - Not-for-profit organisations
 - "Community Services"
- NGHSS Indexation Policy.

- ◉ Government agencies now engage with the community sector rather than dictate to it.
- ◉ Centralised support function and standardised tools and templates.

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Key Themes

Reducing the Administrative Burden

- Reduce the burden of dealing with Government.
- Standardised templates, terms and conditions.
- Reporting focuses on service delivery and is commensurate with scale and risk.
- Longer-term contracts.

- ◉ Consistent practice across government agencies.

Reducing the Administrative Burden

Measures to Date

- ◉ Standardising procurement practices
- ◉ Moving to longer-term contracts
- ◉ Moving away from financial reporting
- ◉ Developing 'Good Practice' Procurement Framework
- ◉ Facilitating a range of education and training sessions
- ◉ Expanding the use of Tenders WA

Reducing the Administrative Burden

Reducing the Administrative Burden Taskforce

- ⦿ On 31 May 2012, established a Reducing the Administrative Burden Taskforce
- ⦿ Chaired by the Department of Finance
- ⦿ Comprises representatives from both sectors – with relevant experience
- ⦿ Identify future areas of focus

The Road Ahead

Continuing the reform

- ◉ Focus on 'Reducing the Administrative Burden' as a priority area
 - ◉ Linkage with Commonwealth reform initiatives
- ◉ Review community services procurement practice
- ◉ Develop strategies for Direct Agency Support based on review recommendations
- ◉ Support existing stakeholder committees
- ◉ Understand and respond to training needs