



The voice of the voluntary and community sector

Northumberland VCS Consortium Survey Monkey Survey December 2009

We have filtered out, for the first four questions, those organisations which had **not** received funding from a local authority during the last 3 years.

The remaining 5 questions have not been filtered and are summaries of the responses of all those who have answered them.

This summary does not include comments at the end of most questions provided by many respondents.

Summary of survey results

Survey Monkey: Wed 9 December – Wed 16 December

We invited by email over 350 VCOs to take part in the survey. We had responses from 172 (49%). This is an extraordinarily high response rate and indicates the importance given to the issue.

- Q1 64% received funding from one or more local authorities during the last 3 years

- Q2 Of those that did, 47% would have to cease some activities if there was a 20% cut in Council funding next year, 18% would be making staff redundant and 6% would close down

- Q3 Of those that did, 35% would have to cease some activities if there was a 10% cut in Council funding next year, 13% would be making staff redundant and 4% would close down

Q4 36% thought that the sector should be subject to the same level of cut as the Council overall; 63% subject to less than that percentage.

Q5 75% of the 159 who answered this question predicted a rise in demand for their services next year (2010).

Q6 Expectations of the different types of funding from Council (Giving, Investing, Shopping) were spread reasonably evenly over Yes (118), No (159) and Not Sure (132). The highest single response was for No when asked if they expected to have their services purchased through contracts.

Q7 If support services withdrawn there would be least impact on:

Managing your organisation's premises
ICT

And most impact on:

Enabling orgs to work more effectively with public bodies
Representing and promoting your sector
Encouraging similar orgs to work together in networks

Q8 Organisations were asked to identify from where they access a range of 12 different support services (NB some might obtain the same service from more than one source)

CVA Blyth Valley	86
Comm Action Northumberland	278
Wansbeck CVS	125
Northumberland Comm Dev Network	134
VCS Learning Consortium	89
VoiCeS	62
Northumbria Youth	105
Adapt (north east)	42