

NPTCVS is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the consultation about Financial Inclusion

We strongly agree that a holistic and co-ordinated joint agency response is needed to enable financial inclusion it will be important for this to happen at both at national and local level.

The current financial climate makes it even more important that co-ordination is robust and well communicated, all partners understanding who does what, when and where to enable full take up of existing services.

It is important to build awareness at local level of the national resources available and how these can be accessed at local level.

The role of CVC's and third sector organisations in raising awareness of existing financial services and provision should not be underestimated.

We agree that the monitoring and evaluation framework of the strategy will be critical in assessing whether objectives have been met and the extent of its impact on financial inclusion. Whilst acknowledging that this needs to be a long term strategy it is also important to highlight gaps in existing provision based on evidence and to initiate action to meet these identified needs.

This strategy will provide a focus for promoting effective partnership working between key organisations to achieve financial inclusion.