

## WHAT CAA MEANS FOR THE THIRD SECTOR

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The third sector includes the traditional voluntary and community sector (VCS) and charities, and also social enterprises, co-operatives, mutuals and housing associations. The sector is a key Haringey Strategic Partnership partner which

- contributes to the development of Haringey's sustainable community strategy and delivers on priorities in the area
- represents individuals and communities
- provides services

The diversity and scope of the sector means that it contributes across most national priority outcomes to some degree. The third sector contribution to supporting better outcomes for localities will be recognised in CAA. This does not mean that the third sector will be performance managed but the effectiveness of partnership working in a local area, including the involvement and views of the third sector, will be taken into account in the delivery of outcomes. CAA will also have a greater focus on community involvement by local authorities and their partners and on user and citizen perspectives.

There are two indicators within the national indicator set, and which are also in Haringey's LAA, that are of direct relevance to the third sector – NI6 Participation in regular volunteering at least once a month and NI7 Environment for a thriving third sector.

The Audit Commission has consulted the third sector to help shape the final CAA framework:

- The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) response to CAA consultation can be found at: [http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/uploadedFiles/NCVO/What we do/Policy/Local Government/NCVO response to audit commission - 2nd consultation on CAA without sig.pdf](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/uploadedFiles/NCVO/What%20we%20do/Policy/Local%20Government/NCVO%20response%20to%20audit%20commission%20-%202nd%20consultation%20on%20CAA%20without%20sig.pdf)
- The National Association for Voluntary and Community Action response to the consultation can be found at: <http://www.navca.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/60ED6678-C3B8-4353-8AEF-88C31EC608E3/0/caaconsultationresponse.doc>

### What does it mean for the Third Sector?

CAA provides a mechanism to ensure that the needs of the local population are met through agencies working closely together to deliver improved outcomes. CAA will act as a catalyst for public bodies and agencies to deliver better outcomes for local people and better value for public money.

Further details about CAA can be found at:

- Audit Commission: <http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/caa/>
- The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO)  
<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk>
- National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA)  
<http://www.navca.org.uk/>