

Dear Peter

As a result of your letter of 2nd July about third sector commissioning, GAVS has received a substantial number of calls and emails from the sector asking us for clarification. The sector is also keen for us to outline how the sector/GAVS will respond. At this stage for GAVS it is difficult to assess what the best way forward is as your letter has raised a number of queries:-

- Why is the Council proposing that a cut of 50% should be made to the Commissioning budget rather than the 40% saving indicated by DCLG?*
- Why are the level of savings being identified by Greenwich Council so much higher than those being suggested by other Councils? (The other Councils we have contacted so far are suggesting savings around 25% as they see the government's announcements as shroud waving)*
- When the final level of savings is known after the CSR is announced, do you intend to impose the same level of savings on the commissioning budget as that that will be imposed on the Council as a whole? If not, please could you explain why?*

Considering the high level of anxiety and uncertainty your letter has produced, I would be most grateful if you could provide a response by close Monday 12th July.

I look forward to hearing from you

*Best Wishes
Martyn Coe*