

# National Indicator 7

Creating an environment for a thriving third sector



# Why does it matter?

- Part of new local government performance framework
- Included in Kingston's Local Area Agreement
- Raise the profile of the VCS as a local partner delivering high quality outcomes

# What does it measure?

“The contribution that statutory bodies and local infrastructure organisations make to the environment in which independent third sector organisations can operate successfully.”

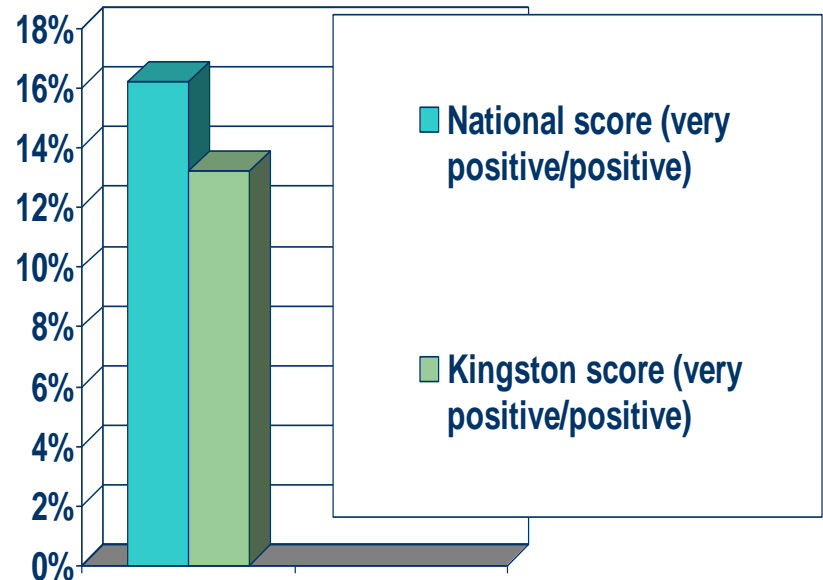
## Where are we starting from: national survey (2008) results for Kingston

- Some doubts about methodology.....
- 40% respondents were international, national or regional
- 44% had no direct dealings with local statutory bodies
- 74% don't receive grants, 66% don't have contracts

# Scores

- *Taking everything into account how do the statutory bodies in your local area influence your organisation's success?*
- National score (very positive/positive): 16.2%
- Kingston score (very positive/positive): 13.2%

(Based on 203 responses)



# Highs

- 20% are very or fairly satisfied with the advice and support they can access
- 29% strongly agree or agree that role is understood
- 30% strongly agree or agree that work is valued
- 31% strongly agree or agree that independence is respected

## Less happy with:

- How respondents are kept informed about issues affecting third sector organisations
- How respondents are consulted on relevant issues
- How respondents are involved in developing policy on issues affecting third sector organisations
- Not being able to influence relevant local decisions

## What next?

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- Survey to be repeated in 2010
- Need to gather local information as well
- Local discussions to develop action plan
- This is part of that process.....

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