



<p><b>Title:</b></p>	<p>The results of Taking Account 3 – The Economic and Social Audit of the third sector in Brighton and Hove 2013.</p>
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<p><b>Purpose/Key Messages:</b></p>	<p>Update the Partnership on the purpose and results of the Taking Account 3 research led by Community Works.</p>
<p><b>Significance to BHC and Delivering SCS outcomes:</b></p>	<p>The third sector contribution to Brighton and Hove addresses some of the city’s most significant challenges, including in the areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment and economic development</li> <li>• Learning and education</li> <li>• Children and young people</li> <li>• Culture and tourism</li> <li>• Crime and safety</li> <li>• Health and wellbeing</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Living within environmental limits and enhancing the environment.</li> </ul> <p>The data and intelligence from Taking Account 3 will be used to inform city plans and strategies. It also provides evidence of the economic and social value and impact of the third sector on city outcomes.</p>
<p><b>What is BHC being asked to do?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to champion Taking Account 3 by disseminating the findings</li> <li>• Consider how to get best value from the data and intelligence</li> <li>• Consider the recommendations and your response to it</li> <li>• Advise on how to best maximise the impact of the research</li> </ul>
<p><b>Next steps and report back mechanism:</b></p>	<p>Plans around communicating the findings more widely.</p>

## **Background and methodology**

*Taking Account 3 (TA3) an economic and social audit of the sector* has now been completed and is an update to the studies conducted in 2008 and 2003. It assesses the contribution and health of the third sector in Brighton and Hove and was funded by BHCC and the CCG. Academic supervision was provided by Brighton University.

The TA3 research updated the core data set held on the third sector through an online survey. Further evidence of the social and economic impact of community and voluntary organisations was collated through:

- A set of impact case studies
- Analysis of grant and contract information from local public agencies
- Information on inward investment from the EU, Sussex Community Foundation, the Big Lottery Fund and other large funders

Underpinning desk research in the form of a PEST analysis identifies the challenges and opportunities facing the third sector and paints a picture of where the sector might find itself in five years.

Recommendations that policy makers, funders, third sector organisations, and third sector support organisations should take to ensure that the third sector can continue to make a positive contribution to the lives of local residents and the local economy are also included and BHC is being asked to think through how it can respond.

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