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# VOLUNTARY ACTION SCOTLAND CONFERENCE – 31<sup>ST</sup> OCT 2011

Falkirk Public Social Partnership (PSP)





# FALKIRK PUBLIC SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP

DEFINITIONS

FALKIRK EXPERIENCE

FUTURE



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# DEFINING PUBLIC SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP

- Partnership
- Design
- Deliver
- Improve outcomes for local communities

*Scotland's third sector: A critical role in future public service delivery*



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# THE NATIONAL PILOT – 10 PROJECTS ACROSS SCOTLAND



## Findings:

- Guidance
- Partnerships aspects
- Clarity and trust
- Sustainable procurement
- Public Sector Reform



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# FALKIRK PSP PROJECT AIM



## **Aim**

Develop a robust commissioning framework for children's services in Falkirk. The partnership approach to this work will ensure that staff within the third sector and public sector will have the knowledge skills and capacity to participate as full members in the commissioning process.

### **Objective 1**

By April 2011 we will have developed a cohort of advocates and raised awareness of the concept of commissioning across the public sector and third sector.

### **Objective 2**

Produce a commissioning framework for children's services for the public sector and third sector in Falkirk. This framework will provide guidance on the process of commissioning and will include toolkits, principles and best practice.

### **Objective 3**

Use appropriate commissioning opportunities to incorporate PSP commissioning approach to draw together lessons learnt.

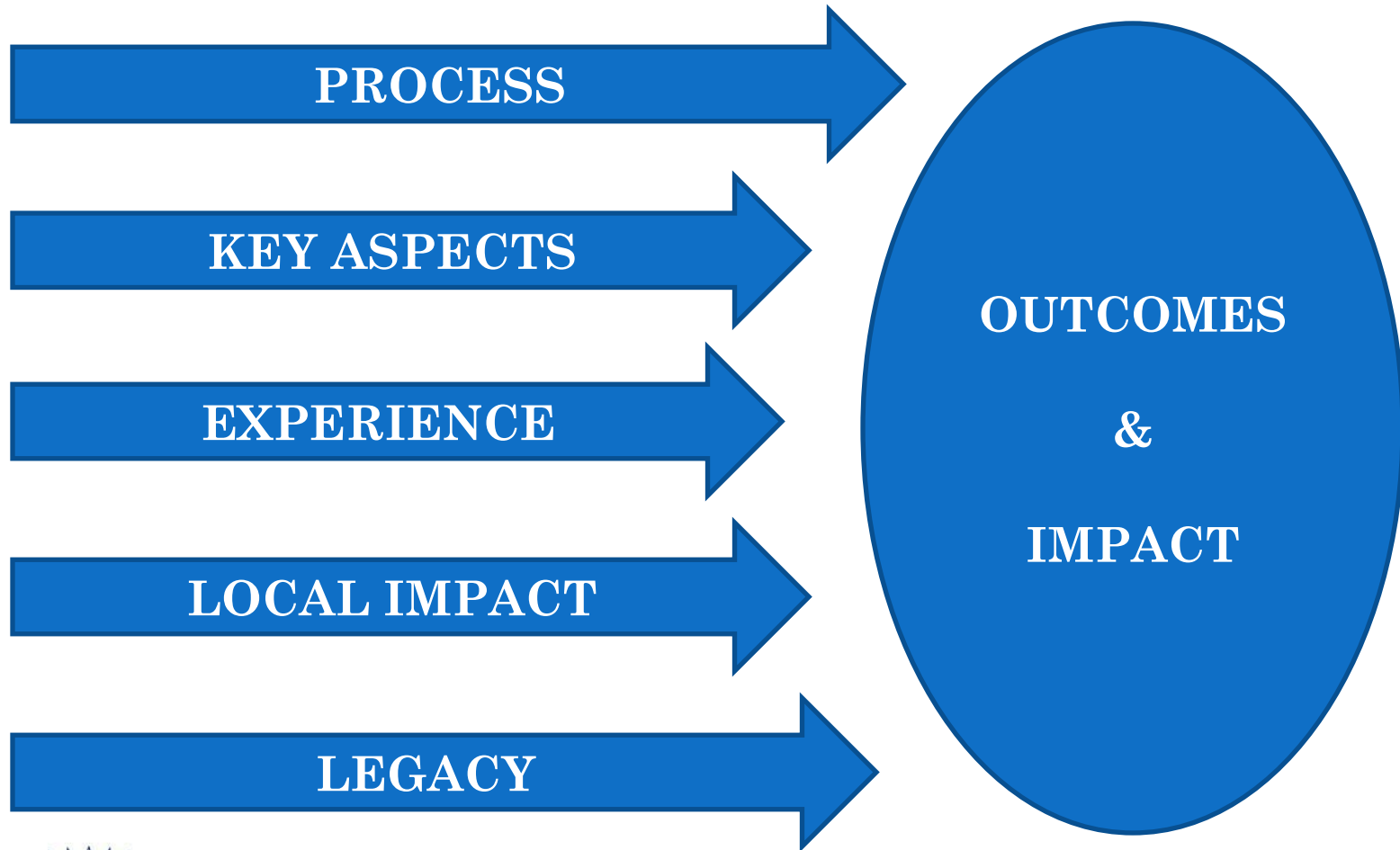
### **Objective 4**

The project will be appropriately managed





# FALKIRK PSP PROJECT





# PSP FOSTERING PILOT - PROCESS

## Initial meeting:

- PSP outline
- Why applied to fostering

Agencies  
formally opted in

## 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting:

- Detail of PSP
- Expectations and information sharing

## Several ½ day sessions on:

- Rules of engagement
- Specification development

Pilot November 2010 – October 2011





# PSP FOSTERING PILOT – KEY ASPECTS

- Honesty
- Modelling
- Openness to Change
- Child Centred
- Clear Rules of Engagement
- Flexibility



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# PSP FOSTERING PILOT – EXPERIENCE

- Challenging Process
- Requires dedicated time
- Participant Buy in
- Talking pay – relationships
- Simple Contract



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# LOCAL IMPACT

- Clear strategy
- Shared intelligence
- Improved engagement
- Improved tender opportunity
- Web based Resources/Framework
- Advocates
- Innovation and improved outcomes
- Improved partnership





# THE FUTURE IN FALKIRK

- Community Planning Partnership
  - Preferred approach to commissioning people services
- Project Team
  - Facilitate PSP initiatives/support Advocates Network
- Hub Approach
  - Re-design Children's Services



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# THE LEGACY

- Continued support for future initiatives
- Ongoing development process
- Disseminate practice
- Support/develop Advocates
- Improved outcomes



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