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Since Local Government Reorganisation in 1996, the Social Work Department and Communities Department have both been represented on the Management Committee of Dundee Voluntary Action (DVA).

The lead department for the purposes of assessing annual grant and liaison with DVA has been the Social Work Department.

More recently, the balance of functions of DVA has shifted more towards those carried by the Leisure and Communities Department and, having reviewed relationships, it is recommended that the lead department role should transfer from Social Work to Leisure and Communities.

There will continue to be a designated senior member of the Social Work Department who represents that department on the Board and until further notice the Convener of Social Work will continue to represent the Council on the DVA Board.

The proposed changes are intended to reflect changing remits and functions and will ensure the most efficient use of Council resources in relation to support for DVA.

Key development targets for the next 12 months include:

- Agreement on a Compact between the voluntary sector and the Dundee Partnership.
- Agreement on a revised Volunteering Policy for the City Council which will influence volunteering policies for other public sector agencies.
- Further development of opportunities for the development of the social economy within the City.
- An investigation into the feasibility of developing a second voluntary sector centre within the City.

The Leisure and Communities Department will continue to maintain the Directory of Voluntary Organisations and the Social Work Department will continue to be the primary department with whom care sector contracts are negotiated.