

## Changes affecting the third sector in COVER's region in the next 5 years

<p><b><u>Political</u></b></p> <p>Change of government          Smaller government          Increased localism          Reduction in funding          Changes / decrease in regional structures          Restructuring of strategy partners (Total Place)          Community engagement          Rise of the BNP          Will there be DCs? – potential problems if not          New unitary authorities? Eg Cambs?          Changes to RDAs: funding, relationships          Proportional representation</p>	<p><b><u>Economic</u></b></p> <p>Cuts          Less money!          More / long term unemployment          Smaller, leaner organisations          Collaborative working          Higher taxes          Euro          Pay freeze          'New pensions'          New partnerships          Increase in competition          Peak oil / \$200 oil          Gap between rich and poor          No resources          Increase competition          Huge pub. exp. Reductions          VCS funding huge dependency and lots of it discretionary          Post-Olympic empty stadium and buildings syndrome          'W' double bounce effect of recession and public sector staff need VCS support that isn't there anymore          Decline in shopping</p>
<p><b><u>Social</u></b></p> <p>More unemployment for less skilled / young people          Increasing population          Ageing population – less young people: very different demographic dynamic          Possibly more volunteers          British migrants          Ex-smokers          Soc. R.O.I          Social economy          Less individual freedom          Broken Britain          Changing Expectations          Housing shortage – Implications on family structure          Skills gap – class divide</p>	<p>Climate change</p> <p>Flexible working</p> <p><b><u>Technical / Technological</u></b></p> <p>IT networking          Online services          Implants          Exo skeletons          Increase in health          Digital divide          Range of opportunities          Surveillance          New networks          New apprenticeships          Universal broadband access          Mobile          Twitter          Server based documents</p> <p>Groups of disadvantage</p> <p>Flexible working</p>