Reviewer's report

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The authors have clearly considered the previous reviewers' comments at some length and have responded to these in a constructive and considered manner.

1. Major essential revisions

None

2. Minor essential revisions

I would like to see some expansion of the short overview of the 'distinctive characteristics' that are commonly connected with tso's as this is such a key premise of the article and would seem therefore for a little more considerations.

3. Discretionary reviews

For future research to consider the differences within the third sector in relation to size and scope as well as areas of work. Social enterprise would be another interesting group of organisations to include in this.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests' below.