

Warwick District Compact Action Plan 2009/10

21st July/draft 1

Context / Background:

Local partner agencies in Warwick District recognise the huge value and benefit of the voluntary and community sector in improving quality of life in Warwick District. They are committed to working effectively with the sector to support and strengthen it and to enable it to provide better quality services.

The Warwickshire Compact:

The Warwickshire Compact is a voluntary agreement, which supports effective working with the voluntary and community sector across Warwickshire.

The purpose of the Warwickshire Compact is to improve working relations by setting out the principles and standards that public agencies and voluntary and community organisations can expect of each other when working in partnership for the benefit of local people.

The Warwick District Compact Action Plan 2009/10:

Local agencies in WD work closely with the voluntary and community sector on a wide range of issues and activities. However through this action plan, local agencies have identified specific actions that will help support the sector more effectively. In this way partners will be able to continue making real improvements for the voluntary sector and their customers, in accordance with the principles of the Warwickshire Compact.

The work will be monitored through the Warwick Partnership Executive Group (WPEG-which oversees the Local Sustainable Community Plan) and the theme Co-ordination group.

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Compact Undertaking Public sector	Recommendation	Actions	Timeframe	Responsible organisation/officers	Update
<p>1. Procurement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme Design • Application and Tender Process • Agreeing Terms of Delivery • Agreeing Payment Terms • Agreeing monitoring and reporting • Concluding Financial Relationships 	<p>Involve Third sector in design Training for VCS</p>	<p>Ensure information regarding tender opportunities made available to voluntary sector.</p> <p>Investigate provision of an awareness session for voluntary sector regarding procurement and tendering</p>			
<p>2. Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme Design • Application and Tender Process • Agreeing Terms of Delivery • Agreeing Payment Terms • Agreeing Monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pooling public sector funds • Creating a single application process for grants 	<p>Review WDC's and WCC's Grant giving policies and procedures Provide support through Funders Forums, surgeries, workshops.</p>	<p>Ongoing – timetable of events</p>	<p>CAVA</p>	

<p>and Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concluding Financial Relationships 	<p>Provide ongoing advice and guidance to Voluntary and Community Sector</p> <p>Introduce longer term funding arrangements for key voluntary sector partners/community organisations</p>	<p>Support current SLA.s with Voluntary Sector organisations</p>			
<p>3. Services and Programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation and Community Involvement • Programme Design • Monitoring and Evaluation 	<p>Improve access to Statutory partners services by disadvantaged communities Build consultation into your regular planning cycle-consult early</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory partners to develop a coordinated approach to supporting the VCS via the Warwick Partnership and in accordance with COMPACT <p>Sustaining existing projects that are meeting SCS aims and priorities.</p>	<p>Work with the Voluntary sector when ensuring the effective implementation of the Community Involvement Strategy</p> <p>More effective communication through use of IT</p>			

4. Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Consultation • Policy Appraisal • Consultation and Policy Development • Analysis • Feedback • Evaluation 	Involve voluntary / community sector in policy / strategy development	Ensure voluntary / community sector input into relevant strategies / policies	Ongoing – as policies / strategies are developed.		
5. Consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Consultation (12 weeks written reply) • Consultation Process • Analysis/feedback • Evaluation 	Statutory partners consult with Voluntary Sector	Identify, plan and feedback on specific Consultations.	Future Consultation timetable on website		
6. Community Involvement and Partnership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying Community Needs and Consultation • Identifying and developing plans • Promoting equalities, diversity and community cohesion 	Improve awareness of the work of the Voluntary Sector and the role it plays in delivering strategic priorities, working in partnership and delivery of front line services. Promote equalities (eg anti poverty strategy?)	Attendance at and delivery of induction sessions to elected members, new employees and Corporate Management Forum Role of Councillors on VCS Boards. Annual Compact Celebration CAF steering group	Ongoing – timetable of dates Nov 09		

<p>partnerships</p>		<p>to meet with WDC Political Party Leaders, and wider members Ensure VCS engagement in the 7 community forums through the Community Anchor organisations (eg. Span). Identify joint training opportunities</p>	<p>Annually</p>		
<p>7. Strategic Leadership and Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Strategy • Planning and Delivery • Independence • Funding • Policy and Development • Better Government 	<p>Improve Engagement with the Local Strategic Partnership and Theme Groups</p> <p>Identify opportunities for Asset Transfers</p> <p>Develop the Compact Review Process</p>	<p>Theme Groups are representative of the Voluntary and Community Sector- VCSA Progress asset transfer pilot.</p> <p>Circulate to members and distribute Compact Annual Report</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>		