

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

23 JUNE 2010

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SOCIAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

VOLUNTARY SECTOR COMPACT- REFRESH CONSULTATION

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 For Members to consider the Compact Leicestershire document between the Leicestershire Public Services Agencies (PSA) and the Voluntary and Community Sector in Leicestershire and to respond to the document as part of the consultation process.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **Members note the Compact Leicestershire document and provide comments to the Consultation questions, for officers to formulate a response to the consultation process.**
- 2.2 **Members delegate to the Head of Social & Economic Development, in consultation with the Chair of this committee to formally respond to the consultation on the Compact Leicestershire document.**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1. The Leicestershire Compact was launched in June 2003 formalising the relationship between Leicestershire County Council and the Voluntary sector. It is now time to look at what has been achieved to date and how that can be built on.
- 3.2 The refreshed Compact Leicestershire (App A) will raise a number of challenges, not least that it aims to develop a whole area approach, (including District and Borough Councils), drawing all sections together in an agreement with the Voluntary and Community sector (VCS).
- 3.3 Consultation on Compact Leicestershire started on 10 May 2010 and finishes on 30 July 2010. Leicestershire Together is also planning to hold District/Borough consultation events. Members are asked to consider the Document and provide comments to the formal consultation questions shown in Appendix B

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 It is hoped that the refreshed Compact Leicestershire will make it easier to commission services between the various statutory authorities and the VCS.

This will have impact on all 4 themes of this Council's Corporate Plan (Safer, People, Places and Well-run Council).

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.2 No direct financial implications have been identified with recommendations in this report, however, members are asked to note that as part of the 'Undertakings by Signatories of Compact Leicestershire there is an expectation that PSA's recognise the value of long term contracts to the VCS when making decisions as to contract length, which includes to ensure (where appropriate) that contract agreements are for a minimum of three years funding.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 No direct issues have been identified in this report; however, following the consultation there will be an expectation on this council to 'sign up' to the compact and the partnership agreement.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 No direct issues have been identified

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 No direct issue are identified, all projects/initiatives with the VCS undergo their own Equalities Assessments.

9.0 RISKS

A detailed risk register will be drawn up for this project.

Probability

Very High A				
High B				
Significant C				
Low D		2		
Very Low E			1	
Almost Impossible F				
	IV Negligible	III Marginal	II Critical	I Catastrophic

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Impact

Risk No.	Description
1	Members do not agree with some of the aspects of the agreement
2	Action planning does not fully support the principles of the Compact

10.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE**

10.1 There are no issues relating to climate change arising from this report

11.0 **CONSULTATION**

11.1 Compact Leicestershire is currently out for consultation and the consultation ends on 30 July 2010.

12.0 **WARDS AFFECTED**

12.1 All wards are affected.

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Appendices A Compact Leicestershire
B Compact Leicestershire- Consultation questions.

Background Papers None.