

South Gloucestershire Compact

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- The Compact is an agreement between the public sector and voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations in South Gloucestershire.
- It sets out a way of working to strengthen the relationship between the sectors, for the benefit of residents and communities.



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South Gloucestershire Compact Getting it Right Together

- First produced in 2004
- Agreed by LSP in 2010
- Refreshed in 2014 agreed by LSP in July 2014



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The Compact aims to highlight the benefits of working effectively in partnership and to provide a best practice framework, allowing both sectors to understand their commitments to each other.



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- The Compact acknowledges that to serve the local community we all need to work effectively together as partners
- From the smallest community group to the largest public sector organisation all have a part to play.
- Together, the provision of the best possible services and activities for the people and communities can be achieved.



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Public Sector

- Avon Fire and Rescue Service
- Town and Parish Council Forum
- Avon and Somerset Police
- South Gloucestershire Council
- *South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group*
- Avon Local Councils Association



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Successful implementation, adherence to and use of the compact supports

- effective cross sector collaboration
- greater equality in the relationship between partners who may often vary in terms of size, sophistication and influence.
- Respecting each others mutual rights as independent bodies



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Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector

All organisations operating in South Gloucestershire are covered by the Compact

Represented by

- CVS South Gloucestershire (Vice Chair and Admin)
- The Care Forum



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How does it work?

- Independent Chair
- Compact Implementation Group
- LSP Chief Officers Group
- Local Strategic Partnership – Our Area Our Future



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Compact Implementation Group

- Members are Senior Officers from all organisations that have signed up to the Compact
- Meets twice and reports to the Chief Officers Group
- Oversees the implementation of the Compact



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Chief Officers Group

- Agrees Terms of reference for the Implementation Group
- Receives regular reports on progress and provides advice and direction
- Supports annual report to the LSP



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Local Strategic Partnership

- Receives annual report from the Independent chair
- Comments of progress
- Signs off the Compact document



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The Compact Framework

4 Codes of Practice

- Shared Responsibilities
- Consultation
- Funding
- Achieving Equality



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Code 1 Shared Responsibilities (page 9)

- Co production
- Independence
- Mutual respect
- Promotion of the Compact
- Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012
- Responsibility
- Sustainability
- Volunteering
- Working in partnership



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Code 2 Consultation (pages 10 – 12)

- **Commitments from Public sector**

Timeframes, flexibility, meaningful, accessible....using the results

- **Commitments from VCSE**

Engaging with relevant consultations, planning and engaging beneficiaries and other key stakeholders

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Code 3 Funding (pages 12 – 18)

- Planning
- Finance, funding options and costs
- Commissioning
- Commissioning and funding decisions
- Service and project delivery
- Payments
- Monitoring and reporting
- Conclusion of the financial agreement

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Code 3 Funding – Finance, funding options and cost

- **Commitments from the public sector**

Importance and legitimacy of Full Cost recovery, value volunteering, develop understanding of the cost of a service across sectors, cost of staff and volunteer development, full range of financial options including grants, three year contracts wherever possible, scale of funding arrangement is proportionate...

- **Commitments from VCSE**

Adopt an FCR approach – bid preparation cost not to be included

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Code 3 Funding – Commissioning

- **Commitments from the public sector**

clear and consistent application process, timeframes, criteria, Social Value assessment (where relevant), consistent approach across the organisation, publicise widely, process is proportionate to the size of the funding....

- **Commitments from VCSE**

...ensure eligibility to apply and deliver service, Social Value benefits, consider impact of the funding on the organisation, clear working arrangements for partnerships and consortiums....

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Code 3 Funding

Commissioning and funding decisions

- **Commitments from the public sector**

..... Selections based on value for money, and social value.....at least three months in advance (justify variances), give constructive feedback to those who are unsuccessful...to support the future quality of applications

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Code 3 Funding - Service and project delivery

- **Commitments from the public sector**

..... Discuss and agree terms prior to signing the agreement, no later than one month or more than three months after the start....

- **Commitments from the VCSE**

... establish a joint monitoring and evaluation framework prior to signing the agreement including outcomes and the measurement of social value.....

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Funding – payments

- **Commitments from the public sector**

..... Agree payment terms and schedule, in advance, value for money and once contract has been signed, in line with satisfactory monitoring... maximum of 30 days.... Bacs payments

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Code 3

Funding – Monitoring and reporting

- **Commitments from the public sector**

..... Agree joint monitoring and evaluation framework, key targets and ...

- **Commitments from the VCSE**

.....submit monitoring on time, give one weeks notice if extension is required, share data and involve service users where possible...

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Code 3 Funding – end of the financial arrangement

- **Commitments from the public sector**

....open honest discussions, 6 months in advance (where possible, assess the impact on beneficiaries, service users, volunteers and staff before making a decision... 3 months notice with clear reasons giving the organisation the opportunity to respond...performance issues...agree how underspend may be managed....

- **Commitments from the VCSE**

.....contribute to service reviews, plan exit strategy, apply for additional funding where possible, performance issues work on corrective actions, provide up to date accounts....

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Code 4 Achieving Equality

- **Commitments from the public sector**

...develop strategy with equalities groups (9 protected characteristics), to meet all aspects of equalities duty, service design, equality analysis of funding decisions (proportionately), work to develop stronger representation from equalities groups – partnerships and boards...

- **Commitments from the VCSE**

.....work with public sector to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations and build community cohesion across diverse groups, develop the sectors capacity around equalities and diversity, including strong equalities infrastructure...

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Resolving Disputes – the process

- Sets out what a VCSE organisation or public sector body needs to do if there is an issue
- The process is overseen by the Chair and the two Vice Chair
- The aim is to try to resolve disputes so that they don't escalate



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- Next steps & questions