

## Appendix 2

### COMPACT LEICESTERSHIRE

Compact Leicestershire is a guide on the relationship between Leicestershire Together Public Sector Partners and the Voluntary and Community Sector in Leicestershire

We have identified the following shared principles:

- Voluntary and community action is essential to a democratic society
- An independent and diverse voluntary and community sector (VCS) is fundamental to the well-being of society.
- Both the Leicestershire Together Public Sector partners (LTPS) and the VCS acknowledge the importance of promoting equality of opportunity for all people, regardless of race, age, disability, gender, sexuality, religion, ethnic or national origin, marital status or medical condition.
- In the development and delivery of public policy and services, LTPS partners and the VCS have distinct but complementary roles.
- There is added value in working together towards common aims and objectives. Proper communication builds relationships, improves policy development and enhances the design and delivery of services and programmes.
- LTPS partners and the VCS have different forms of accountability and can be answerable to a different range of people and organisations. But common to both is the need for selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, transparency, honesty, value for money and leadership.
- That the principles detailed in the Funding, Commissioning and Procurement Code of Good Practice and the current and subsequent agreed Compact Leicestershire codes and guidance are adhered to by both VCS and the Public Sector signatories to such codes and guidance.
- Voluntary and community organisations are entitled to campaign within the law in order to advance their aims.
- LTPS partners and the VCS recognise the need for the Public Sector partners to allocate resources to voluntary and community organisations where services are to be commissioned or grant funded. These resources include

funding, advice and other support areas, including volunteering, and they are important elements of the relationship

- There is recognition (and support) that the VCS (and social enterprises) will follow Full Cost Recovery practice when tendering and contracting with the Public Sector.
- That an agreed period of a minimum of three months notice, in advance, is given by a Public Sector body to all VCS organisations that will be affected by any change, cessation, or review of existing, current or awarded contracts, grants, agreements or support, (including accommodation assets), this does not apply where there is a previously defined and agreed end date.
- That a vibrant, diverse, and independent VCS sector is a measure of the success of Compact Leicestershire through the National Survey of Charities and Social Enterprises. Local measures will also be developed.
- No Compact Leicestershire signatory should fear or be subject to sanctions should a failure of compliance (real or perceived) be challenged.
- To ensure clarity of the roles, responsibilities and obligations of all parties (Public Sector, VCS and Private Sector) when reaching agreements, contracts and grants.
- That the Compact Leicestershire principles detailed above are written into contracts with VCS.

Your commitment:

We agree with the principles of the Compact Leicestershire and will work with our partners in the spirit of the Compact:

Name:	Date:
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