



VOLUNTARY SECTOR SUB-COMMITTEE - 20TH MARCH 2013

SUBJECT: COMPACT ACTION PLAN 2013-2017 PROPOSALS

REPORT BY: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek views from Members on the proposed new Compact Action Plan for April 2013 to March 2014 – and to remind Members on the arrangements for producing the Compact Annual Report 2012-13.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Compact is an agreement between organisations and the voluntary and community sector in the Caerphilly county borough. The Compact recognises the mutual benefits that can be gained from close co-operation and sets out guidelines for how all parties should work together. From April the Compact Agreement has been revised for the period 2013-17. The Compact is delivered and monitored through an annual compact action plan, which provides a detailed programme of work for shared activities. This work focuses on actions around the community strategy, volunteering, funding, procurement and working with the business sector. At every meeting of the Voluntary Sector Committee there are presentations/reports on selected areas of activity from the current Compact Action Plan. At the end of the 12-month reporting period, which culminates at the end of the financial year, an annual report will be prepared and presented to the June Voluntary Sector Committee, and subsequently circulated widely.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The revised Compact Agreement 2013-14 aligns delivering the Community Strategy through the Single Integrated Plan for community planning, which is coming into being from April 2013 with the following priority outcomes: Prosperous Caerphilly; Safer Caerphilly; Learning Caerphilly and Healthier Caerphilly.
- 3.2 Voluntary and Community Sector organisations make an important contribution to public service provision across the county borough, and therefore form a key part of the Community Strategy.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The new Compact Action Plan for 2013-14 recognises that joining the Compact Agreement for the first time are: Caerphilly borough Community/Town Councils, and Caerphilly Business Forum. The Police and Crime Commissioner Office is also coming on board, replacing the former Gwent Police Authority, a previous partner to the Compact Agreement.

4.2 The 2013-14 compact action plan covers a wide remit with 70 proposed actions, the majority of which require collaborative working. Key areas of work focuses around the Community Strategy, funding schemes, and now with strengthening links between the business sector and Compact Partners with the Caerphilly Business Forum coming on board.

4.3 Following consultation with Compact Partners and contributors to the Compact action plan some minor changes have been made to wording and some additional actions have been added, which are underlined and in bold for easy identification.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Promoting equalities is a fundamental part of the work of Compact Partners and features throughout the annual compact action plan. There is also a new activity area in the Compact Action Plan on Equalities, Welsh Language and Community Cohesion. Equalities is embedded into all work around community planning.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None.

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 All Compact Partners and responsible bodies for completing Compact actions have been consulted on the Compact Action Plan changes.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Members are requested to pass any final comments on the Compact Action Plan to Jackie Dix, CCBC by the 28th March 2013.

9.2 The Compact Action Plan to be implemented from Monday 1st April 2013, with Compact Partners and responsible bodies providing reports to the Committee if requested by the Voluntary Sector Committee representatives, and to provide a 12 month final report on progress with the Compact actions 2012-13 to the Policy Unit, CCBC.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 To ensure the Committee are in agreement with the Compact Action Plan 2013-14.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Local Government Act 2000.

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Consultees: Compact Partners and responsible bodies for completing Compact actions

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Proposed Caerphilly Voluntary and Community Sector Compact Action Plan 2013 to April 2014