

NORTH YORKSHIRE COMPACT WORKING GROUP

Monday 25th February 2008 at County Hall, Northallerton

NOTES OF THE MEETING

1.0	<u>WELCOME & APOLOGIES</u>	
	<p>Neil Irving (NYCC), Paul Hayward (RVA), Karen Weaver (Harrogate Borough Council), Judith Bromfield (Richmondshire CVS), Helen Black (NYFVO), Kay Ritchie (NYCC).</p>	
2.0	<u>FUTURE CHAIRING ARRANGEMENTS</u>	
	<p>It was noted that as NI no longer represented the NYFVO on the working group, it may be appropriate for a new Chair to be identified. It was agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair should be drawn from both the VCS and statutory sector.</p>	
3.0	<u>COMPACT QUESTIONNAIRE</u>	
	<p>The findings from the Compact questionnaire circulated in July 2007 had previously been presented at the NYSP Wider Partnership meeting in November 2007;</p> <p>Have the consultation practices of public sector orgs improved since 2005?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, a general improvement 27% • No or little change 59% • No, a general decline 14% <p>Have you seen improvements in funding support from public sector orgs since 2005?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, a general improvement 19% • No or little change 55% • No, a general decline 26% <p>Awareness of the compact amongst the VCS was generally very low and many organisations had not seen any benefit from its development.</p> <p>JB agreed to prepare a more detailed analysis of the results for the next meeting of the working group to inform future development of the NY Compact.</p> <p>NI agreed to prepare a short feedback/thank you to VCS organisations who completed the survey which could be included in LIO newsletters</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>NI</p>

4.0	COMPACT DEVELOPMENT	
	<p>The current position was noted;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LIOs were signed up to the Compact, not individual VCS organisations and signatures were not a precondition for contracting services; 2. The Steering Group, with representatives from all partner organisations signed up to the Compact, meets twice per annum; 3. The Working Group, appointed by the Steering Group, meets twice per year to further the work of the Compact as per the terms of reference; 4. the importance of promoting community empowerment and the implications of the CAA review of partnership working (NIS4 & 7) <p>Possible future developments;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In line with feedback from the survey, introduce a process for recording and responding to problem/complaints for all partners; 2. Increase awareness of Compact Officers (including ensuring that each organisation has someone who assumes this role!), by updating the Compact information sheet. It may also be useful to produce a sample role description; 3. Organise activities to raise awareness and training for staff working with the Compact (both statutory and VCS); 4. Planning for Compact week (first week in November); 5. Improve reporting lines on the Compact e.g. through LSPs and to the NYSP Executive and Partnership e.g. annual reports to highlight successes and areas of concern; 6. The Working Group should be seen as a task and finish group, with membership specific to the task at hand. It should be flexible in terms of size and frequency of meetings; 7. The group should look at the emerging procurement and commissioning agenda and emphasise the role of the Compact in this. <p>Actions required;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Summary sheet to be updated, incorporating the codes of practice; b) Examples of training packages; c) Monitoring process example; d) Named Compact Officers to be identified; e) Draft job description for Compact Officers – including LSP, policy development and partnership working; f) Report for the Steering Group – including survey outcomes, importance of the Compact and the duty to involve, links to the LAA etc. 	<p>PH KW KW KR NI</p> <p>JB</p>

5.0	AOB	
	None.	
	DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETINGS	
	<p>NY Compact Working Group (this group) 14 April 2008 at 1.30pm, County Hall, Northallerton</p> <p>NY Compact Steering Group 3 June 2008 10.30 am – 12.30 pm, County Hall, Northallerton</p>	