

NORTH YORKSHIRE COMPACT WORKING GROUP

Thursday 5th October 2006 at Easingwold Business Park

NOTES OF THE MEETING

1.0	<u>WELCOME & APOLOGIES</u>	
	Neil Irving (NYFVO), Karen Weaver (Harrogate Borough Council), Bill Cross (NYCC) Derek Bartrop (SWR PCT), Justine Williams (NYCC)	
	Apologies received from: Judith Bromfield (Richmondshire CVS), Paul Brand (NYCC, Community Transport), Paul Hayward (RVA) Cllr Paul English (Skipton Town Council)	
2.0	<u>NOTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u>	
	<p><u>Harrogate Update</u> KW reported that work to formally sign Harrogate BC up to the NY Compact is on track and anticipated for November 2006. The proposals have been considered by an HBC project team and the VS Forum who are both happy for formal sign up to go ahead so there is reasonable confidence that the proposals should be agreed by the BC and Strategic Partnership. KW is developing work on an implementation plan</p> <p><u>Seminars - Volunteering</u> The Volunteering seminar went ahead as planned. Unfortunately the outcome did not include a draft code as discussion at the event focussed on fostering greater understanding of the role of volunteer centres and the opportunities offered by the development of the LAA for NY.</p> <p><u>Seminars - Full Cost Recovery (FCR)</u> The Full Cost Recovery (FCR) workshop had not been progressed, although it was noted there was a session for VCS organisations on FCR in Ripon in the coming weeks.</p> <p>It was agreed that the FCR session planned through this group sh/would focus on public sector workers. It was agreed to consider the content of the previous FCR seminar in York – getting feedback from participants to more effectively refine the content of any future NY session.</p> <p><u>LAA</u> It was noted that the draft LAA submission contains a volunteering stretch target. NI provided some additional background information on the development of programmes and performance monitoring measures. The development of additional measures to evidence an</p>	

	<p>increase in volunteering in addition to the mandatory survey data has strengthened the proposed target's likelihood to be included in the final agreement – GOYH have also indicated it may be possible to tie the majority of the reward element to the outcome of these additional measures rather than relying on the outcome of the household survey which is widely believed to be an ineffective vehicle to reliably capture this kind of data.</p> <p>Under the terms of the proposed target there would be a greater proportion of the reward element attached to attracting new volunteers from those communities identified as hard to reach – for example older, disabled and BME individuals. There may also be greater reward attached to volunteering in particular roles – for example special constables, magistrates and school governors (NYFVO would also like to see trustees added to this list) however further work is required to illustrate conclusively that these are the areas where North Yorkshire has trouble recruiting volunteers.</p> <p>NI reported that at the last Stronger Communities meeting and in private conversation with GOYH they appear happy with current proposals. Their only concern is that this outcome on its own may not be enough to constitute a stretch target worthy of the potential £1m reward element. It may therefore be that the proposed increase in volunteering target either becomes a 0.5 stretch target or is joined with other outcomes (such as culture or sport) to create a whole stretch target.</p> <p>BC explained how the LAA was progressing between now and the draft submission at Christmas – there are now individual named Performance Improvement Officers allocated to each proposed stretch target (now termed reward element targets), these officers will be liaising with lead officers from each Thematic Partnership associated with each RET. There are currently 18 RETs under development – it is likely that at least three of these will not go forward to more detailed discussion with GOYH as they cannot be worked up sufficiently within the timeframe or are not sufficiently robust to justify a stretch.</p> <p><u>Flyer</u> The proposed flyer had not yet been produced but it was agreed a draft would be circulated to members of this group and the wider steering group within 7 days</p> <p>The group agreed it would be beneficial to try and include a local flavour to this any future publications. KW advised that Harrogate is already working on a local summary leaflet and it was agreed to liaise to try and combine</p>	<p>JCW</p> <p>KW/JCW</p>
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	<p><u>Compact Logo</u></p> <p>The size of the Compact logo had caused problems for NYCC in adding the compact logo to their site and that of the NYSP – staff sickness had caused further delays in resolving these issues – however, it was hoped that these issues would be resolved and the Compact logo added to the NYSP site within the next week.</p>	
3.0	<u>FUNDING BOOKLET FRAMEWORK</u>	
	<p>The draft funding booklet was circulated for comment with the agenda. It was agreed that the group would respond with any further comments within 10 days. Discussion at the meeting noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ “Compact Funding” (p1) should be changed to Funding for the VCS to more accurately reflect the aims of the booklet ♦ The booklet – although still incomplete should still be published in its current format ASAP so as to prompt further development ♦ The comment on p5 about funding information bi-monthly update should be removed ♦ The final column – lead officers – should be expanded to include direct contact details for named officers ♦ The column headings should be repeated at the top of each page ♦ The publication should be referred to as a funding directory (not booklet) as it was considered most appropriate for the publication to be made available through the internet rather than as a published document. ♦ The publication should be made available through the NYSP and partner sites as a pdf document <p>It was agreed that a new version of the document would be circulated incorporating these and any further comments and made available on the NYSP site in the Compact area ASAP</p>	JCW
4.0	<u>DEVELOPING FURTHER CODES & UPDATING THE COMPACT</u>	
	<p><u>Further Codes</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the Volunteering and BME codes need developing ASAP. See above for information on the development of the Volunteering Code</p> <p>It was agreed JCW, DB and two additional volunteers – drawn from the wider steering group – would develop a draft code for volunteering to be considered at the steering group meeting on the 13th November 2006.</p> <p>It was agreed that the meeting of the wider steering group on 13th November 2006 would identify and charge a small sub group with responsibility for developing a BME code for the Compact.</p>	<p>JCW, DB + 2 volunteers</p> <p>NI</p>

	<p><u>Updating and Reviewing the Compact</u> It was agreed that the group should have formal Terms of reference, outlining membership, role, links and responsibilities and the process for approving changes to the Compact. These would be presented to the wider steering group on 13th November 2006.</p> <p>It was agreed that the NYSP should have ultimate responsibility for formally reviewing and updating the Compact. Once the ToR of the groups are agreed a report should be sent to the NYSP.</p>	NI
5.0	<u>UPDATE ON THE LAA</u>	
	See Item 2 above	
6.0	<u>AOB</u>	
	<p><u>Steering Group Meeting 13th November 2006</u> The following items were proposed for inclusion for the 13th Nov:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ FCR update (seminar opportunities) ◆ Development of Volunteering code – initiation of consultation on draft ◆ Development of BME code ◆ Terms of Reference – Steering Group, Working Group, NYSP ◆ Implementation plans – timescales and reporting mechanisms for signatory organisations. It was agreed BC, KW and DB would each present an implementation update based around their own organisation ◆ National Compact Week & National Volunteering Week ◆ Forward plan of meeting dates <p>It was agreed to investigate the potential of the new NYCC newspaper for promoting stories on the Compact and allied initiatives such as volunteering.</p> <p><u>Travel Claims</u> Allied to the FCR discussion the issue of funding VCS attendance at meetings was raised. In response to a request for reimbursement which had recently been made to the County Council BC reported that plans were in place to standardise procedures across directorates – most likely being that infrastructure organisations already in receipt of county council funding would not receive reimbursement but other organisations would – most likely at 30p/mile. It was argued in discussion that this approach would raise numerous questions were it adopted without consultation – including clarifying which organisations were considered to be infrastructure and which not, under what circumstances payments could be made to other bodies, what would happen where new initiatives (such as the LAA) arose after payment had been made to these organisations which required increased levels of attendance etc.</p>	BC

	<p>It was agreed to prepare a formal proposal for consultation across the sector and to keep partner agencies abreast of proposals as they may ultimately have an impact on the expectations of the VCS across other public sector organisations.</p> <p><u>Forward plan of meetings</u></p> <p>It was agreed to set a forward plan of 6-monthly meetings for the wider group – the Compact Steering Group to allow members to plan diaries and for the Working Group to meet soon after each of those meetings to ensure action points were effectively taken forward.</p>	BC
7.0	<u>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</u>	
	<p>NY Compact Steering Group (wider group) Monday 13th November 2006, MR3, NYCC, County Hall, Northallerton Wednesday 18th April 2007, County Hall, Northallerton (Room TBA) Wednesday 7th November 2007 County Hall, Northallerton (Room TBA)</p> <p>NY Compact Working Group (this group) Wednesday 29th November 2006 at 10am NYFVO, Crayke House, Easingwold Business Park</p>	