

NORTH YORKSHIRE COMPACT WORKING GROUP

Wednesday 7th June 2006 at Easingwold Business Park

NOTES OF THE MEETING

1.0	<u>WELCOME & APOLOGIES</u>	
	Neil Irving (NYFVO), Judith Bromfield (Richmondshire CVS), Paul Brand (NYCC, Community Transport), Tracey Beecroft (Ryedale Voluntary Action – for Paul Hayward), Karen Weaver (Harrogate Borough Council), Bill Cross (NYCC) Clare Iley-Christie (NYCC), Justine Williams (NYCC)	
	Apologies received from: Paul Hayward (RVA) Derek Bartrop (SWR PCT), Cllr Paul English (Skipton Town Council)	
2.0	<u>ELECTION OF CHAIR</u>	
	BC proposed NI take the Chair which was unanimously agreed by the group	
3.0	<u>TASK & REMIT OF THE GROUP</u>	
	<p>NI gave a brief summary of the background to the development of the Compact and reviewed the discussions of the wider steering group of the 28th April 2006 which had given rise to the formation of this working group.</p> <p>The group agreed that with the NY Compact in existence the role of the Working Group would be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify opportunities for developing further Codes of Practice associated with the Compact and facilitate as appropriate • Identifying opportunities to operationalise the Compact and embed it across the County Council and VCS • Reviewing the Compact 	
4.0	<u>UPDATE & PRIORITIES FOR ACTION</u>	
	BC informed the group that Members from the Safe & Sustainable Overview & Scrutiny Committee had met with NI on 15 th May 06 to discuss how NYCC could operationalise and embed the Compact across the organisation. The meeting was positive with steps being taken to raise awareness including developing space on the CC's website and organising a Member's seminar on the VCS to include the Compact. The Scrutiny Committee would be overseeing and championing the Compact across the organisation.	

	<p>KW explained that Harrogate has its own Compact – developed in 2001. It is currently being updated and one option is to merge with the NY Compact. Initial discussions on this proposal have gained support with the local VCS and there are plans in development to present a robust case to the HBC and Management Team – most likely in Sept/Oct 2006.</p> <p>Group discussion on the aims for the NY Compact included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better understanding of aspirations and constraints across sectors (2-way) • NY Compact should provide a foundation for a stronger VCS • Future work should seek to maximise the spirit of goodwill and strong relationships that developed across sectors when the Compact was being developed • Communication is key – need to utilise all available avenues such as the new NYCC newsletter. • Need to make clear links between good practice that occurs across the county and the Compact which is not happening at the moment • The Compact is not just about the document its like a marriage and will require ongoing work and commitment • The NY Compact needs a coherent brand to help raise awareness – it was agreed to use the Compact logo available from the website and think about where best to apply it across the signatory organisations. As a first step it should be applied to the information contained on the NYSP website • The NY Compact needs to be applied practically so that it becomes something more than a piece of paper and will raise awareness at the same time. • Communications should include some good news stories and local case study examples to showcase the Compact as something practical • A simple 2 side ‘flyer’ containing information on the NY Compact and signatories should be produced to raise awareness generally • A series of mixed sector training days/seminars should be developed and focus on practical issues such as full cost recovery and volunteering (in support of the development of a volunteering code) It was agreed that the cost of running local workshops should not be too onerous if there was expertise/facilities in the VCS and/or public sector organisations that could be used to facilitate/support events. <p>It was therefore agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To produce a 2 sided summary sheet on the NY Compact • To promote the Compact logo for attachment onto appropriate documents/publications/communications by signatory 	<p>KW</p> <p>ALL – through appropriate communication methods within organisations</p> <p>ALL JW (NYSP website amendments)</p> <p>JCW</p> <p>JB/NI</p> <p>JCW</p> <p>ALL</p>
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	<p>organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop two workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Full cost recovery – similar to that being promoted at the moment in York (19th June 2006) but hosted on behalf of NY and seeking to capture those who did not attend the aforementioned workshop on 19th June. ii. Volunteering – More volunteering, Quality volunteering focusing on those involved in services with high numbers of volunteers (e.g. countryside and adult care services) with a focus on developing a code for the NY Compact and a policy for working with volunteers. It should not duplicate existing work such as that ongoing in Ripon which looks at recruiting volunteers. • To publish the funding booklet ASAP – regardless of whether it is complete – the aim being to encourage further contributions from across agencies (NYCC in the first instance) by publishing that information offered by directorates to date. 	<p>NI/JCW</p> <p>JB</p>
5.0	<u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>	
	<p>NY Compact Steering Group (wider group) – Monday 13th November 2006, MR3, NYCC, County Hall, Northallerton</p> <p>NY Compact Working Group (this group) – Thursday 5th October 2006 at 10am – NYFVO, Crayke House, Easingwold Business Park</p>	