

 Warwick District Council Executive		Agenda Item No. 9
Title:	Warwickshire Compact with the Third Sector/Civil Society	
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Service Area	Community Partnership Team	
Wards of the District directly affected	All	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006	No	
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	-	
Background Papers	None	

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	No
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	Yes (302)

Officer/Councillor Approval		
With regard to officer approval all reports <i>must</i> be approved by the report author's relevant Deputy Chief Executive, Finance, Legal Services and the relevant Portfolio Holder(s).		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Deputy Chief Executive	23.2.11	Andrew Jones
Chief Executive	18.2.11	Chris Elliott
CMT	23.2.11	Bill Hunt
Section 151 Officer	23.2.11	Mike Snow
Legal	-	N/A
Finance	23.2.11	Mike Snow
Portfolio Holder(s)	18.2.11	Cllr Les Caborn
Consultation Undertaken		
Countywide consultation with voluntary and community sector groups took place in late 2010 on the content of the new Compact. This was led by Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA).		
Final Decision?		Yes
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks the Executive's endorsement of the revised Warwickshire Compact.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Executive endorses the new Warwickshire Compact for implementation from 1st April 2011.
- 2.2 That the Executive approves for the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, to make revisions to the Compact following comments from other organisations.
- 2.3 That Executive notes that, subject to approval of this framework, the delivery of Fit For the Future will need to take account of the updated Compact.

3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Warwickshire Compact provides a set of commitments which guide relations between Warwickshire's public agencies and voluntary organisations. All partners agreed that the Compact agreed in 2005 was overly-complicated and needed refreshing in line with national guidance.
- 3.2 The Warwickshire Compact has been re-drafted following local consultation, and in line with the new national Compact published in December. The refreshed Compact provides a simplified and realistic framework through which relations can be managed within the context of rapid changes to funding relationships.
- 3.3 It is suggested that Executive approves the updated Warwickshire Compact, attached as Appendix One, for implementation from 1st April 2011.
- 3.4 Other public and voluntary agencies are expected to approve the Compact within a similar timescale. It is suggested that any revisions to the Compact, following comments from other organisations, can be approved by the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder.
- 3.5 The updated Compact will need to be considered in relation to the delivery of the Council's Change Programme as described in Fit For the Future.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED

- 4.1 No alternative options have been considered.

5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

- 5.1 There is no impact on the budget as this is for the Executive's endorsement only.
- 5.2 Warwickshire Compact represents an attitude to working with the civil society rather than a financial commitment from signatory partners. The Compact advocates for the ongoing consultation and involvement of the civil society in the development of services and strategies with statutory agencies, and thus represents no impact on budgets over and above those already earmarked to support the sector.

6. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 6.1 Adoption of the refreshed Warwickshire Compact is in line with the principles endorsed by the signatory partners to 'Warwick District's Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2026'.

7. **BACKGROUND**

- 7.1 The purpose of the Compact is to ensure that changes to service delivery agreements and support to the third sector are implemented in as fair a manner as possible. This includes:

- Giving organisations advance warning of any changes
- Assessing the impact of any changes
- Where possible tapering the loss of funding and providing transitional support
- Securing support to develop new business models

- 7.2 The original Compact has been operating since 2005.