

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....25th January 2018

1. Title of Item/Report

VCSE Compact

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that provided an overview of the draft Compact 2018-21 (The Compact), developed jointly with Catalyst, which covers the principles under which the Public Sector and the Voluntary Community Social Enterprise Sector work together in the Borough.

The Compact covered the principles under which both the Public Sector and the Voluntary Community Social Enterprise Sector operated in their relationship with each other. It covered a range of factors including common principles, consultation and communication, funding and resources and conflict resolution. There had been a Compact in place for a number of years which had been refreshed regularly. The current document ran out in Autumn 2017.

It was timely that the Compact was due renewal as it gave the opportunity for scrutiny and consultation, to make sure it was fit for purpose. The document had been streamlined to make it more user friendly and accessible but ensuring that the salient points were still incorporated.

The draft Compact had been developed in collaboration with Catalyst and other public sector partners. The draft consultation document was launched on the 16th October with workshops held at the Catalyst annual event on the 31st October 2017, consultation closed at the end of December 2017. All comments received had been considered and fed into the draft consultation document.

The consultation demonstrated that there was strong support for the Compact. Feedback included:

- It was felt that the consultation was a good thing as it raised awareness of the Compact and then could use it later.
- The Compact acts as a reminder to work to the agreement, act professionally and it could be used for mediation

- Felt it was an aspirational document but also aimed at a high, strategic level.

RESOLVED that the draft Stockton-on-Tees Borough 2018-21 Compact be endorsed.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To provide Cabinet with an overview of the draft Compact 2018-21

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 7 – VCSE Compact as he was a member of Catalyst.

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight, 2 February 2018

Proper Officer  
29 January 2018