

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

25th January 2018

**REPORT OF THE
CORPORATE MANAGEMENT
TEAM**

CABINET DECISION

**Portfolio (Access, Communities and Community Safety) – Lead Cabinet Member –
Councillor Steve Nelson**

DRAFT STOCKTON BOROUGH COMPACT

1. Summary

This report provides Cabinet with 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.

2. Recommendations

Cabinet consider and endorse the Stockton-on-Tees Borough 2018-21 Compact.

3. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members) should consider whether they have a personal interest in any item, as defined in **paragraphs 9 and 11** of the Council's code of conduct and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with and/or taking account of **paragraphs 12 - 17** of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 16** of the code, in any business of the Council he/she must then, **in accordance with paragraph 18** of the code, consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest and the business:-

- affects the members financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code, or
- relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the member or any person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code.

A Member with a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, may attend the meeting but must not take part in the consideration and voting upon the relevant item of business. However, a member with such an interest may make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to that business before the business is considered or voted on, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under a statutory right or otherwise (**paragraph 19** of the code)

Members may participate in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have an interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, where that interest relates to functions of the Council detailed in **paragraph 20** of the code.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

It is a criminal offence for a member to participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest (and where an appropriate dispensation has not been granted) **paragraph 21** of the code.

Members are required to comply with any procedural rule adopted by the Council which requires a member to leave the meeting room whilst the meeting is discussing a matter in which that member has a disclosable pecuniary interest (**paragraph 22** of the code)

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SUMMARY

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet consider and endorse the draft Stockton-on-Tees Borough 2018-21 Compact.

DETAIL

1. The Compact covers the principles under which both the Public Sector and the Voluntary Community Social Enterprise Sector operate in their relationship with each other. It covers a range of factors including common principles, consultation and communication, funding and resources and conflict resolution. There has been a Compact in place for a number of years which has been refreshed regularly. The current document ran out in Autumn 2017.
2. It was timely that the Compact was due renewal as it gave the opportunity for scrutiny and consultation, to make sure it is fit for purpose. The document has been streamlined to make it more user friendly and accessible but ensuring that the salient points are still incorporated.
3. The draft Compact has 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 have been considered and fed into the draft consultation document.
4. 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.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with production, communication and support to the Compact are covered within the CCE budget.

RISK ASSESSMENT

The risk assessment is considered to be low.

COUNCIL PLAN THEMES

The proposal supports the work across all Council Plan themes.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An Equality Impact Assessment has not been carried out as the new Compact does not make substantive changes from the 2014-17 Compact.

CONSULTATION

The draft Compact has been consulted on widely with the VCSE sector between 16 October 2017 and 31 December 2017, including at workshops at the annual Catalyst Conference on 31 October 2017.

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