

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

23 SEPTEMBER 2021

THE NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COMPACT

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To secure committee approval to adopt the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Compact.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The Compact (**Appendix A**) has been developed by partners in the Voluntary, Community and Public Sectors and was presented to and approved by the LRF HAG on 20th April 2021 and subsequently adopted by the County Council on 10 June 2021.

2.2 The Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) has been at the heart of the humanitarian response across the City and County throughout the Covid pandemic, helping Public Bodies meet the expectations placed on them by the Government. The VCS has always made a huge contribution to the lives of the local people. The impact of Covid-19 and the response of the VCS to it has further highlighted and amplified the sector's critical role. The sector very quickly mobilised to provide support to our most vulnerable residents at the time they needed it most.

2.3 The development of the Compact has been borne out of the new relationships forged during the pandemic and is designed to provide a strong foundation for close collaborative working going forward. The Compact, asks public sector partners and the VCS to commit to a set of shared values and principles which support long-term development of effective partnership working.

2.4 To implement the Compact effectively, we are writing to each local authority partner requesting the formal adoption of the Compact, and thereby agreement to follow its principles. This will help to support the development and sustainability of the VCS, whilst publicly demonstrating the value local authority partners place in continuing the collaboration that has been developed.

3.0 Proposals

3.1 That the Compact as detailed in Appendix A is adopted by the District Council.

4.0 Equalities Implications

4.1 There are no negative equalities implications with this proposal. The voluntary and community sector engage with those individuals and communities in need of additional support within the district. Therefore, the adoption of the Compact will further strengthen this engagement.

5.0 Digital Implications

5.1 There are no adverse digital implications associated with this proposal.

6.0 Financial Implications (FIN21-22/2249)

6.1 The Council already works with and supports the voluntary and community sector across the district, therefore adopting the Compact will have no additional financial implications.

7.0 Community Plan – Alignment to Objectives

7.1 The adoption of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Compact will make a positive contribution to the Council's Community Plan 2020 – 2023 objectives primarily in respect of 'create vibrant and self-sufficient local communities where residents look out for each other and actively contribute to the local area' and 'Improve the health and wellbeing of local residents'.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Policy & Finance Committee adopt the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Compact.

Reason for Recommendation

To recognise the value of partnership working between the public sector and voluntary community sector in respect of delivering better outcomes for the community.

Background Papers

Nil.

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