

# Voluntary Sector Compact Review

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## A Compact

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Between Glamorgan Voluntary Services

and

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

2017-2021



# The Purpose of the Compact

- The compact recognises the enormous contribution made to local communities, and the community as a whole, through voluntary action. It sets out clear definitions of the responsibilities and expectations of the Council and the voluntary sector in working together.
- The compact provides a framework for ongoing collaboration, within the broader context of community planning.
- It is an agreement built on the principles of integrity, trust and mutual respect.
- The aim of the Compact is to provide a local framework within which the voluntary sector and council can work together in ways which are mutually beneficial, enabling each to contribute fully and effectively to delivering well-being for communities in the Vale of Glamorgan.



# Themes and Objectives

<b>Communication, Consultation &amp; Participation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To encourage the development and maintenance of a range of mechanisms for effective and transparent communication on issues of shared interest</li> </ul>
<b>Partnership Working</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To encourage good practice in participation, consultation and decision making</li> <li>To maximise the role of Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) in maintaining and developing the interface between the Council and other public and private sector organisations in the Vale of Glamorgan</li> <li>To encourage the development of appropriate mechanisms for reviewing statutory and voluntary services together with opportunities to become involved in review programmes in line with national and local priorities</li> </ul>
<b>Funding &amp; Resources</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop and maintain mechanisms for making the best use of the available funding and resources for the voluntary sector and Council by working transparently and creatively together and with others</li> </ul>
<b>Volunteering</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To encourage voluntary action and volunteering initiatives that demonstrate a potential to add value to existing services and meet unmet needs</li> </ul>

**Vision** - The Compact recognises that voluntary action combined with partnership working is the basis for a vibrant local democracy and strong communities in which local people:

- Actively support each other;
- Share in the decision making needed to improve their communities;
- Can fully develop and use their skills;
- Live in safe, sustainable and well-designed built environments;
- Participate in the distinct artistic and cultural life of Wales;
- Have access to a wide range of local services and facilities that improve health and well-being.

**This shared vision will only be achieved if the parties and the wider voluntary sector:**

- Understand, recognise and respect their distinctive roles;
- Work together to enable the energy and diversity of local communities to find expression through partnership.

# Shared Values

- To offer equality of opportunity for all people living in the Vale of Glamorgan, regardless of race, colour, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, health status, language preference, religion or family/domestic responsibilities;
- Understanding and acceptance of the independence and complexity of the voluntary sector;
- To enhance local democracy by empowering people to contribute to the development of their communities;
- To enable people to participate in economic, social and cultural activities in the Vale of Glamorgan;
- To actively encourage partnerships between public, private and voluntary sectors to improve the quality of life for communities and individuals;
- To encourage voluntary action to foster community leadership and enhance local democracy.
- To acknowledge the contribution of volunteers and unpaid carers to the health and well-being of Vale of Glamorgan residents.

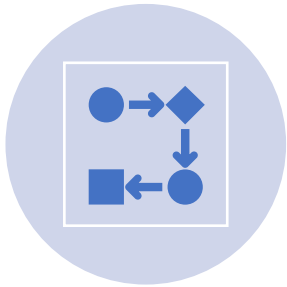


## Third Sector Engagement

GVS have sent out a questionnaire to all of its membership with a return date of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 asking:

- about their awareness of the Compact
- if the Compact is still relevant
- if it is strong enough
- for comments

# Questions



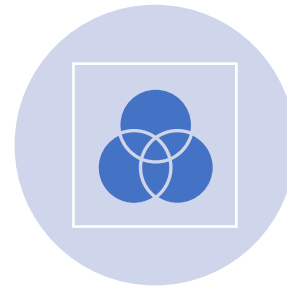
Is the purpose clear – does it need to be redefined?



Are the themes and objectives still relevant?



Do we need a new vision for the compact?



Are the values the right values?