

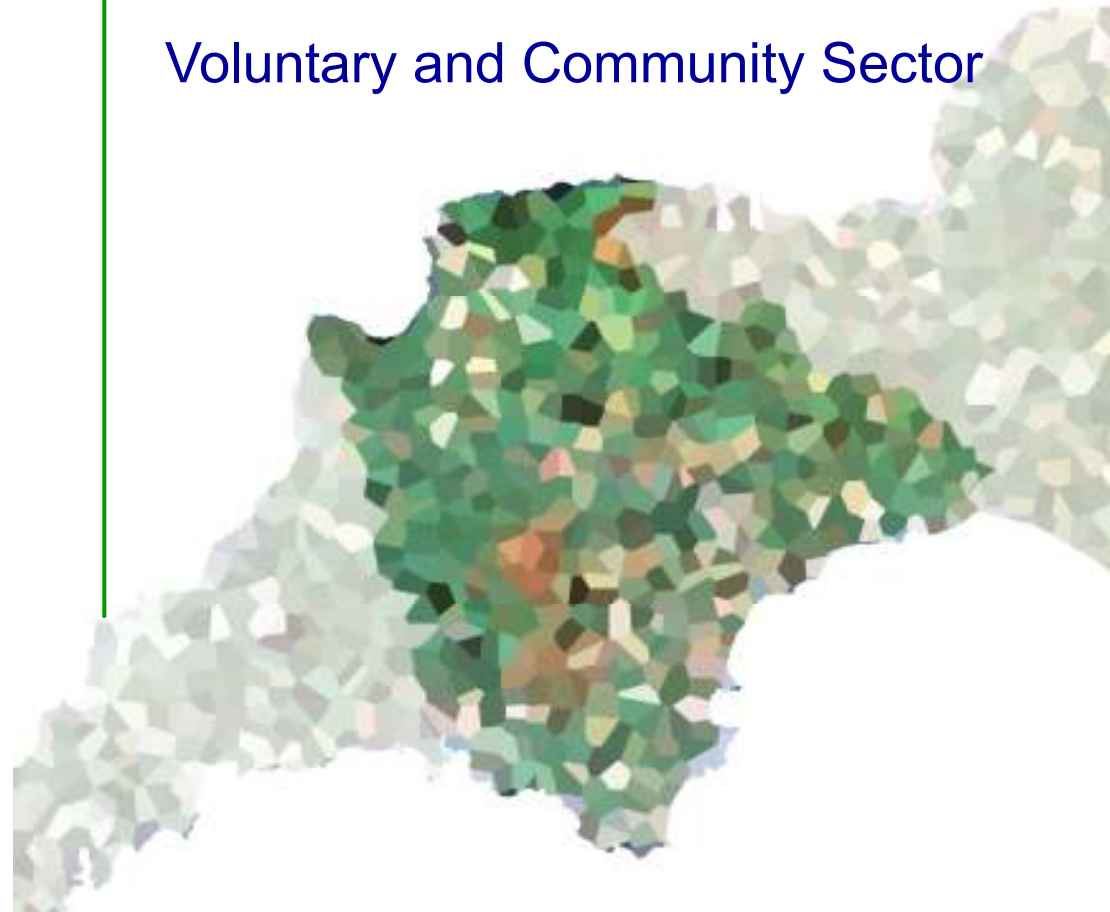


A Compact  
for Devon

## 10 Things You Need to Know about the Consultation Code of Good Practice

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**Are you a voluntary or community group in  
Devon?**

**Does your organisation come into contact with  
statutory services such as local councils, health  
police or probation?**

**Do you take part in consultation exercises within  
your own sector, or with the statutory sector?**

**If not, would you like to?**

**If so ... you need to read this**

1. This Code forms part of the Compact for Devon and aims to have a positive impact on the way in which the statutory sector consults with the voluntary and community sector
2. It sets out the key responsibilities and commitments that each sector has to ensure that consultation exercises deliver the best possible outcomes
3. Consultation should take place where it represents clear and established added value, and where the outcomes of the exercise are genuinely open to influence and change

4. The nature, scale and scope of each consultation exercise will be proportionate to the resources available and the outcomes of the consultation
5. The additional costs to the voluntary and community sector of engaging in consultation will as far as possible be met by those agencies consulting
6. Consultation exercises will be well planned in terms of approach, principles and methods used
7. Who to consult with will be given careful thought in order to be as inclusive as possible, whilst bearing in mind the need to be proactive to genuinely engage hard to reach sections of the community
8. Consultation outcomes will be well publicised
9. Review and evaluation will be built in to all consultation processes
10. To view the full Compact for Devon and the six Codes of Practice go to **[www.dacvs.org.uk](http://www.dacvs.org.uk)** or get further information from a local Council for Voluntary Service (CVS). To contact the Compact Administrator telephone 01392 202057