

Voluntary and Community Sector Partners will:

- Encourage and support effective participation in consultation exercises
- Define and demonstrate clearly how they represent their membership and ensure that a clear mandate exists for the representation to take place
- Have regard for the regulatory framework that governs their organisation when engaging in consultation
- Ensure that the information they present to the statutory sector is accurate, objective and unbiased

The Devon Compact Hub is inviting all relevant organisations to become signatories and a form is provided for that purpose at the end of the full document. The full Compact for Devon and the full Codes of Practice are available on our website: www.dacvs.org.uk

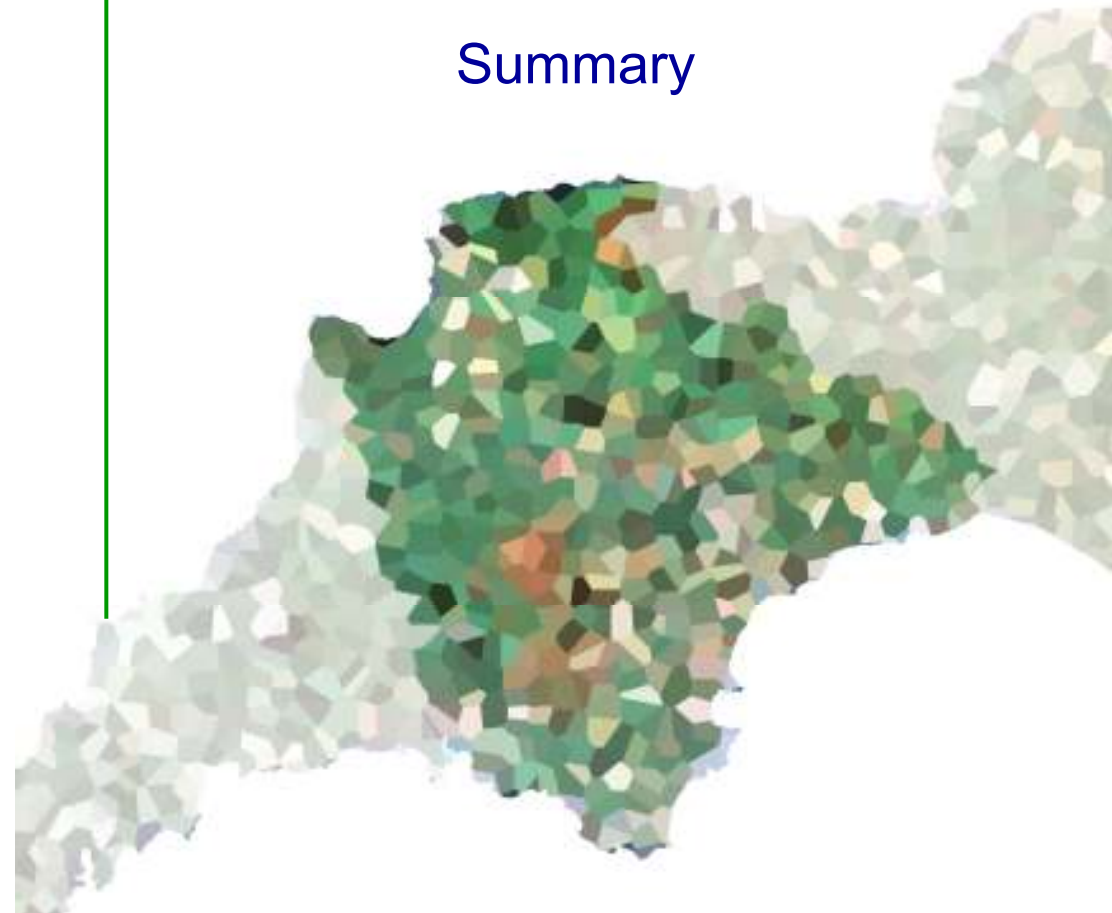
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The Compact for Devon is a practical agreement for improving relationships and working practices between organisations in the Statutory Sector and those in the Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS). It complies with Government requirements for statutory organisations to develop a local compact as part of the national compact.

The Compact sets out:

- A shared vision and principles
- Actions from both sides
- The Statutory Sectors' commitment to respect the independence of the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Systems to help make sure that the agreement works

Codes of Practice

The Compact for Devon is underpinned by its Codes of Practice. Six Codes have been developed; Funding and Procurement, Volunteering, Equality and Diversity, Consultation, Community Groups and Partnerships.

The Consultation Code of Practice:

- Aims to have a positive impact on the way in which the Statutory Sector consults with the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Offers best practice pointers for consultation within sectors
- Sets out the key responsibilities and commitments that each sector has to ensure that consultation exercises deliver the best possible outcomes
- Makes clear that consultation should take place where it represents clear added value, and where the outcomes of the exercise are genuinely open to influence and change

Public Sector Partners will:

- Consult with the Voluntary and Community Sector when it is appropriate to do so
- Think carefully about who to target for consultation, so as to be as inclusive as possible
- Make the greatest impact possible out of the time and resources available for consultation
- Recognise that participating meaningfully in consultation costs the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Use a range of methods for consultation
- Provide feedback on the results of consultation