



Report of the Cabinet Member for Better Communities

Cabinet – 21 June 2018

Swansea Third Sector Compact Agreement

Purpose:	To agree the updated Swansea Third Sector Compact Agreement.
Policy Framework:	Medium Term Financial Plan; Sustainable Swansea – fit for the future.
Consultation:	Finance, Legal, Access to Services.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) Cabinet approve the updated Third Sector Compact in anticipation of its formal adoption by partners on 27 th June 2018.
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1. Introduction

1.1 Background, Swansea Third Sector Compact

Swansea Council has a long and productive history of partnership working with the Third Sector in the City. A Compact agreement was signed between the parties in 1999 and has formed the basis of the working relationship between the parties ever since.

- 1.2 The Compact has been periodically reviewed but was in need of complete review to reflect changes in policy and practice affecting all partners. This document has been drafted in consideration of the Compact as a Third Sector Strategy to reflect joint working principles and to encompass a Compact and a Third Sector Strategy between Swansea Council, Swansea Council for Voluntary Services and the wider Third

Sector to provide a robust and workable framework for ongoing dialogue between the Partners.

2. Updated Third Sector Compact Agreement

The draft Third Compact Agreement with the third sector is attached as Appendix 1.

The Agreement has been drafted in partnership with the Third sector at a number of events held through 2017 and 2018 to co-produce the final version and uphold partnership ethos contained in the agreement.

Events included:

SCVS AGM 28th June 2017 – Liberty Stadium

Focus Group, 27th September 2017 - SCVS Offices

Draft Compact Review Working Group 21st November 2017 - Scout and Guide HQ.

It is proposed the Compact be formally agreed by all parties at the Annual General meeting of Swansea Council for Voluntary Services on 27th June 2018.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The updated draft Compact Agreement be adopted by Swansea Council.

4. Equality & Engagement Implications

- 4.1 The draft Compact is an updated document which forms the basis of our work across all groups, including those covering protected Characteristics.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The Agreement makes no funding commitment.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 The draft Compact sets a framework for the partnership between the voluntary sector and the local authority. The agreement builds on the existing agreement and make no additional commitments by the Authority.

Background Papers:

- Compact with the Voluntary Sector 1999, Available in Agile Working Area Civic Centre.
- EIA Screening Form.

Appendices: Appendix A Third Sector Compact Agreement.