

## Staffordshire Compact- Summary

The Staffordshire Compact is a document that sets out how public, private and VCS organisations in the county will achieve more for local people by working better together. The Compact will look to the future and give us the opportunity to bring about positive change in Staffordshire.

Within four years, we expect to have significantly improved relationships between the public, private and VCS sectors in the county around the following areas of engagement.

- Better communication
- Better consultation processes and procedures
- Better joint planning and development of policies.
- Improved funding arrangements and procedures
- More efficient sharing of information
- increasing opportunities for services to be delivered in new ways

The Compact will ensure that the improved relationship between the sectors will lead to the development of key principles and ways of working that all partners will use to underpin their partnership working. These principles and approaches will fall under four objectives that will ensure that the relationship between partners is closely linked to support local strategic priorities and bringing about positive change in the county.

These priorities are:

1. Developing effective services for Staffordshire communities
2. Building and developing the market place and supporting greater cross sector collaboration
3. Building, developing and connecting community resources and assets
4. Developing the role of the individuals, families and communities

Delivery of the Compact will be supported through a series of work plans. The Compact will provide the flexibility for geographical areas / sectors to focus on aspects of the Compact which they see as a priority although all learning will be shared and where appropriate be adopted in other areas of the partnership.

The new Compact is aspirational in its nature and will have a four year life span. It will be supported by a steering group of Compact Champions identified from each of the organisations signed up to the document.

The ethos of the Compact will be around open honest and frank dialogue, acknowledging the challenges we all face and promoting joint working to make best use of the resources at our disposal.