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# The Cambridgeshire Compact



# What is Compact?

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- An agreement between third and statutory sectors
- Code of Good Practice framework
- A way of working and building relationships



# The National Compact

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- Sets out guidance for the way that central government depts and the third sector work together
- Codes of Good Practice
  - ~ Funding & Procurement
  - ~ Consultation & Policy Appraisal
  - ~ Volunteering
  - ~ Black & Minority Ethnic Groups
  - ~ Community Groups

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/thecomcompact.asp>



# Our Local Compact

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- One Compact for Cambridgeshire
- Developed in partnership with third sector infrastructure organisations and statutory agencies
- Published in February 2007
- Sign The Cambridgeshire Compact at

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/depts/ecsoffice/learning/compact/>



# What is in the Compact?

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- A set of Undertakings that clarify roles and expectations
- An agreement to work towards 3-year funding cycles
- Recommended 12 weeks notice of changes
- Recommended 12 week consultation periods
- Development of Good Practice Codes

# Our Codes of Practice

- Currently in development on a rolling programme:

Funding & Commissioning Code	Public Consultation Autumn 08
Community Groups Code	Public consultation late Autumn 08
Volunteering Code	Public consultation late Autumn 08
Consultation Code	Public consultation Winter 08/09
Diversity Code	Public consultation Spring 09



# Benefits of Compact

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- Greater mutual understanding & confidence
- Map the scope of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector
- Vehicle for engagement
- Sharing good practice & improving standards
- Link to policy drivers such as LAA and NI7



# Find out more.....

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- The Commission for the Compact  
<http://www.thecompact.org.uk/>
- Compact Voice  
<http://www.compactvoice.org.uk/>
- Office of the Third Sector  
[http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third\\_sector.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector.aspx)
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