Compact Codes of Practice and Checklists

Codes of Practice
These are the ‘teeth’ of the Compact: guidelines that govern specific areas and make specific key commitments:

Funding and Procurement
• Aims to promote and develop best practice in the funding relationship between the Public and Voluntary and Community Sectors.

Consultation and Community Engagement
• Aims to develop and promote best practice in meaningful and effective consultation and engagement between the Public and Voluntary and Community Sectors.

Volunteering
• Aims to set a framework for raising the profile and volume of volunteering in East Sussex, encouraging best practice in the management of volunteers and removing the barriers to volunteering.

Community Groups
• Sometimes, smaller community groups are overlooked by both Public Sector and Voluntary Organizations, and find it difficult to get involved. This Code of Practice aims to address these shortcomings and promote better understanding and awareness of the diversity and contribution of community groups.

Partnerships
• Aims to promote awareness and build knowledge and understanding between sectors about working in partnership, and to establish a framework for partners to work together more effectively to achieve common goals, develop and deliver services, and build strong, cohesive and self-determining communities.

Equal and Diversity
• Aims to comply with the Equality Act 2010 which includes a new Public Sector Equality Duty.

Using the Checklists
Both sectors are responsible for complying with the East Sussex Compact, and promoting it within individual organisations. The Compact Codes of Practice spell out in detail good practice in specific areas, and state the key commitments of both sectors.

The checklists will help you to understand how you can meet these specific Compact undertakings, in all aspects of your work.

The checklists should be used as a reference tool for the Code of Practice activity in which you are involved, for example:

• a Grant Funding Officer from the Borough Council will refer to the checklist for ‘Funding & Procurement’, to ensure that the commitments of this specific Code of Practice have been met

• a Consultation Officer at the local Primary Care Trust will refer to the checklist for ‘Consultation & Community Engagement’, to ensure that the commitments of this specific Code of Practice have been met

• individuals managing or supporting volunteers will refer to the checklist for ‘Volunteering’, to ensure that the commitments of this specific Code of Practice have been met