

## Report of the Chief Executive

**VOLUNTARY SECTOR COMPACT**1. Purpose of report

To advise Committee on the development of a compact between Public Sector Bodies and the Voluntary and Community Sector in Nottinghamshire and to seek approval from the Committee on the adoption of the Compact by the Council.

2. Background

The Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) across Nottinghamshire has always made a huge contribution to the lives of the people of the County.

Building on examples of cross-sector collaboration during the pandemic, the Compact has been developed to provide a framework for partners to work together going forward, to build capacity in local communities in addition to helping to generate wider debate that will shape a stronger future for the VCS across both Nottinghamshire and Nottingham.

Voluntary and community groups are involved in a wide number of partnerships with local public services including local authorities, health, the police and fire and rescue services. The way in which local relationships are developed has a strong impact on communities, and the way in which services are delivered.

To implement the Compact effectively, partners are each being asked to formally adopt the Compact, and to then ensure that its principles are incorporated within their organisations work. This will support the development and longer-term sustainability of the VCS to help residents and communities effectively.

To facilitate more effective partnership working going forward, a 'Working Collaborative' alliance will be developed. The Alliance of partners will aim to better understand how the VSC contributes to, and can leverage its resources towards, an integrated 'systems approach'. It will embed good practice and use community action to address any inequalities affecting our communities and create the opportunity for innovation across the County.

A copy of the Nottinghamshire VCS Compact is attached at the Appendix.

**Recommendation**

**The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the adoption of the Compact on behalf of the Council be approved.**

Background papers

Nil