



Surrey Business Plan

The scope of the Surrey Compact Implementation Group Business plan for 2010/2011 is the group's role aims, objectives, priorities and risk plan

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History

In 1996, the Deakin Commission on the Future of Voluntary Sector produced a report calling for a formal agreement between the Government and Voluntary, Community and Faith sector, to improve their relationship. In 1997, a Conference of leading Voluntary and Community Sector Umbrella Bodies backed the National Council for Voluntary Organisation's proposal for a 'Compact'. A Working Group on Government Relations was set up; it later became the Compact Commission. Following extensive consultation in both sectors, the National Compact document was published and launched in 1998. As a result of this consultation, the Government advised all local authorities and other public bodies, to be covered by a local Compact.

Subsequently, Surrey County Council coordinated a debate on whether a Surrey Compact should be set-up. An extensive cross-sector consultation was undertaken. The result of the consultation was that the Surrey Compact would be independent of both the public and the third sector to avoid the Surrey Compact becoming embroiled with inter-organisational grievances. With this strongly held view in mind, a draft Surrey Compact Document was developed and a Working Group with an independent chair was established. This is now known as the Surrey Compact Implementation group (SCIG). The draft Surrey Compact document was distributed to 3000 groups and organisations in the county. The feedback on the document was collated and analysed by independent consultants. When this process was completed, the Surrey Compact was published and launched in July 2004 and over 280 groups and organisations expressed their support at that time.

Aims

The Surrey Compact Implementation Group (SCIG) aim is to ensure that the Surrey Compact principles are routinely used as a tool by the public, voluntary, community and faith sector (VCFS) organisations and improve understanding, create respect between partners and improve partnership working relations.

To this end the SCIG, aims to support and assist the implementation of the Surrey Compact to change attitudes and behaviour in partnership working so that Compact principles are routinely adopted by public bodies and the VCFS.

The SCIG aim is to ensure the implementation of the Surrey Compact to engender respect between the public sector organisations and the VCFS.

SCIG aims to ensure the use of Surrey Compact principles to provide better services for the benefit of Surrey residents.

SCIG aims to produce and maintain six codes of practice as an instrument to deliver implementation of the Compact way of working in Surrey.

The SCIG is committed to use the Positive Dispute Resolution Code, when necessary, to facilitate resolution of Surrey Compact related disputes in accordance with the specific published code

Surrey Compact Implementation Group Business Plan

Our key objectives for 20010/11 are:

Work more effectively together to demonstrate how using Surrey Compact can help all sectors work together.

Ensure agencies embed the principles of the Surrey Compact in their working practices

Ensure the Surrey Compact Implement Group has adequate funding to accomplish commitments for 2011/12

Monitor the use and effectiveness of the Surrey Compact.

Objective: To work more effectively together to demonstrate how using Surrey Compact can help all sectors work together.

Milestones:

- Increased sign ups of all sectors especially Voluntary Community and Faith sector (VCFS)
- Organisations using the Compact when working together in partnership
- Increased use of positive disputes procedure to resolve Compact issues
- Organisations have embedded principles in their work plans and agreements with their partners
- Increased examples of the benefits of using the Compact

Objective: Ensure signatories embed the principles of the Surrey Compact in their working practices

Milestones:

- All Strategic Plans formulated through the Surrey Strategic Planning process are formally committed to and underpins the Surrey Compact.
- Appropriate training and support is given to Compact Champions and public sector members and staff.
- Organisations have embedded principles in their work plans
- Increased evidence of statutory agencies adhering to principles
- Encourage Compact Champions to advertise their commitment to the Surrey Compact.

Objective: Ensure the Surrey Compact Implement Group has adequate funding to accomplish commitments for 2011/12

Milestones:

- Seek other ways of funding Surrey Compact team
- Balanced budget

Objective: Measure the use and effectiveness of the Surrey Compact

Milestones:

- Evidence of the intrinsic value derived from using the Compact when working in partnership.
- Provide supporting evidence to funders.
- Use the survey & monitoring tools to provide feedback from organisations on how the use of the Compact produces better results.
- Work with auditing bodies to provide evidence that there is better engagement between sectors.

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 Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
 Surrey County Council
 Surrey NHS
 Surrey Police
 Wates Group
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Chairman

Elected representatives from:
 Surrey County Council
 Surrey Local Government Ass
 Surrey NHS Non–Executive Board Member

Other Organisations:
 Central Surrey Council for Voluntary Services
 Churches Together
 Guildford Borough Council
 NHS Surrey
 Runnymede Citizens Advice Bureau
 Runnymede Borough Council
 Surrey Age Concern
 Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
 Surrey Coalition of Disabled People
 Surrey Community Action
 Surrey Police
 Surrey Youth Focus

