

Richmond upon Thames

Compact Statement

Our vision is for a strong and sustainable partnership between the voluntary and statutory sector; which recognises and values the unique contribution of the voluntary sector to the well-being of the local community. Our aim is for there to be a vibrant and independent voluntary sector that is able to meet the needs of its communities and gives a strong voice to service users, potential users and carers which is fully understood by all stakeholders.

Partners:



Foreword

Welcome to the Richmond upon Thames Compact. Voluntary and community sector organisations play a vital role in the lives of our local communities, enriching lives through volunteering, giving a voice to those who want to be involved in their local community and delivering a wide range of very local services. The Council values its collaboration with the voluntary and community sector; funding and promoting a range of opportunities to support the sector and enhance the engagement and involvement of local people in it.

Richmond upon Thames Compact Principles

These are the values and behaviours which underpin and direct our work.

1. We will promote an open and honest relationship between the voluntary and statutory sector, recognising both the common and respective challenges they face.
2. The independent nature of the voluntary sector is fully recognised.
3. The valuable contribution that the voluntary sector makes to the economic, environmental and social development of the local area is recognised.
4. Full account of the Compact commitments will be considered when commissioning and procuring services from the voluntary sector.
5. All stakeholders operate within set legal parameters which are acknowledged by each other.
6. The involvement of all stakeholders ensures that new policies and services can contribute as much as possible to meeting the needs of the community.
7. Services can best be provided by a variety of voluntary and socially enterprising, public and private initiatives which build on respective strengths and complement each other.
8. Decisions are better when they are made with the active participation of all partners.

Richmond upon Thames Compact Outcomes

These are the results we expect to achieve through working better together.

1. A strong, diverse, sustainable and independent voluntary and community sector
2. Active partnership working and collaboration producing synergies in how we work together
3. Effective services which value diversity and equality, and promote a healthy marketplace
4. Effective and transparent services are developed through taking into account a wide range of views and experiences, including those of service users, potential users and their carers
5. Responsive and high-quality services are enabled through appropriate and proportionate commissioning practice
6. Value for money for residents
7. Change is managed well.

Richmond upon Thames Compact Partners

We encourage a wide range of partners to become signatories to the Richmond upon Thames Compact. A list of our partner signatories can be found on the Council's website.

Richmond upon Thames Compact Toolkit

The Richmond upon Thames Compact Toolkit has been drawn up for both voluntary and statutory sector partners and describes in more detail those indicators by which we can measure our partnership working.

Richmond upon Thames Compact Implementation

There are a range of mechanisms for the implementation of the Compact. The aims are to raise awareness of the Compact, create an accountability framework for organisations that sign up to its principles and outcomes and capture the learning where the Compact has worked well and issues have been resolved.

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