

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD</b>
<b>Date:</b>	24 January 2019
<b>Executive Member / Reporting Officer:</b>	Jess Williams, Programme Director, Care Together and Interim Director of Commissioning, Tameside and Glossop Liz Windsor-Welsh, Chief Executive, Action Together
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>LAUNCH OF THE TAMESIDE VCFSE AND PUBLIC-SECTOR PARTNERS – OUR PACT TO A BETTER FUTURE FOR TAMESIDE</b>
<b>Report Summary:</b>	<p>The new PACT agreement will be signed by formal members of the Health and Wellbeing Board on January 24 2019 at its public launch.</p> <p>The PACT agreement (formerly known as the COMPACT) was signed off by Tameside Health and Wellbeing Board on June 28 2018. The PACT outlines a new working relationship between the communities and the voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sectors (VCFSE) with public sector services. Health and Wellbeing Board have agreed oversight of the agreement.</p> <p>The PACT agreement consists of 3 core principles and 9 commitments. It is based on the principles of equal partnership and co-production which has implications on how we conduct our everyday work with the VCFSE, especially in the areas of commissioning, contracting and strategic / policy development.</p> <p>There are no immediate policy implications.</p>
<b>Recommendations</b>	The Health and Wellbeing Board are requested to formally sign the new PACT agreement.
<b>Links to Health and Wellbeing Strategy:</b>	This work will support listening to citizen voices; building healthier and more resilient communities; promote health and wellbeing enabling self-care of the individual and enabling communities to be supportive of each other.
<b>Policy Implications:</b>	It has been agreed that there is a reporting relationship to Health and Wellbeing Board for the PACT Leadership Group and its work programme.
<b>Financial Implications:</b> <b>(Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)</b>	There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.
<b>Legal Implications:</b> <b>(Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)</b>	Achieving this ‘new relationship’ will require clear leadership, governance and accountability. It would be helpful to set out expectations in a MOU.
<b>Risk Management :</b>	There are no risks associated with this report.

**Access to Information :**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting

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## 1. THE PACT AGREEMENT. : OUR PACT TO A BETTER FUTURE FOR TAMESIDE

- 1.1 This agreement is between Tameside's Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise Sector VCFSE<sup>1</sup> and Tameside's public-sector agencies that hold seats across Tameside Partnership<sup>2</sup>. We are all committed to Tameside and improving the life chances of the people that live here. We care deeply about their future, especially focusing on those people that face additional challenge, inequalities, and lack of opportunity. Tameside is a place to be proud of, a place where there is a commitment to striving for better. We all want to build on the strong foundations, within neighbourhoods and within communities of geography and identity in Tameside and recognise that there is enormous potential for us to harness.
- 1.2 We want to be ambitious, we want the spirit of the people of Tameside to be with us on this change to ensure we take bold steps forward in the way we work together and achieve better outcomes as a result. This commitment should be visible, a living pledge to our promise to working together differently. Something to remind each other of, to be used as a guide and as an indication of the steps forward we take together and the shared ambitions we have.
- 1.3 **PACT Principle 1 – Hear diverse local voices more directly and more often**  
We want local people to have a meaningful opportunity to be involved in decision making and local priority setting. In Tameside we want to embed ways to capture the voices of local people in decision making processes and co-design solutions. VCFSE groups are good at listening to, gathering insight from, and working to strengthen the voices of local people, with a particular focus on social inclusion. We are committed to working together to create the environment, support, and recognition for a range of diverse local voices in decision making.
- 1.4 **PACT Commitments**  
(1a) The Partnership are required to demonstrate that engagement is carried out at the earliest possible point in the future planning of services and commissioning cycles.  
(1b) Evidence will show that feedback is listened to and diverse voices from across Tameside are actively shaping services and local policy.  
(1c) There is a strong Partnership link between the Partnership Engagement Network and Voluntary Sector Influencing Group and wider VCFSE.
- 1.5 **PACT Principle 2 – An equal partnership built on trust**  
Tameside embraces creativity and difference and we want this to be reflected across our ways of working and partnership structures. We know that VCFSE organisations and Public-Sector Partners bring different strengths to the Borough and that we must harness all our assets to fully realise our shared potential. Relationships built on openness, honesty and integrity will be the key to our success and we must find more opportunities to have open dialogue with brave, respectful and professional communication across the full spread of governance and operational partnerships. We know there are barriers in our way sometimes, but we are committed to finding ways for genuine partnership working where we can re-dress the power imbalances, respectfully challenge each other when needed and come together to achieve our shared ambitions.

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<sup>1</sup> VCFSE -we mean voluntary organisations, community groups, the community work of faith groups, and those social enterprises where there is a wider accountability to the public via a board of trustees or a membership and all profits will be reinvested in their social purpose.

<sup>2</sup> Tameside public sector partners include; Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group, Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care Foundation Trust, Action Together, Active Tameside, Greater Manchester Police, Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, Jigsaw Homes Group Ltd, Department of Work and Pensions, Pennine Care Foundation Trust.

## 1.6 **PACT Commitments**

- (2a) Partnerships include VCFSE representation across all decision making and governance partnerships unless a specific justification is agreed and the right support in place to enable this.
- (2b) Evidence and experiences (from VCFSE and public agencies) gathered annually where VCFSE has influenced decision making and policy setting to be recorded in annual reports where appropriate.
- (2c) Insight gathered and shared on the strength and integrity of the partnerships in place between VCFSE and public agencies

## 1.7 **PACT Principle 3 – Investment that matches the vision**

The VCFSE in Tameside brings significant investment into the Borough<sup>3</sup> both through their ability to lever in gifts in kind – volunteering and donations, but also through securing grants, contracts and trading. A significant contributor to many VCFSE organisations is the investment and support of public sector agencies, both in kind and in strategic, long term investment. We want Tameside to be a place where this contribution and the role of VCFSE is fully realised, one where being local with deep roots and adding social value into communities is fully acknowledged and where we can truly strengthen and grow the VCFSE's capacity to meet local needs and aspirations.

## 1.8 **PACT Commitments**

- (3a) Publish the current spend (contracts, grants, and small grants) with the local VCFSE and what the aspiration is, with a plan in place to meet the aspiration.
- (3b) Develop mutually respectful mechanisms in awarding funding (with early communication and timely decisions). Grant fund whenever feasible and with processes that are particularly mindful of what works with small community organisations and social action; and commitment to support with core funding.
- (3c) Implement and monitor best practice on Social Value Frameworks that value local knowledge and track record and maximise investment secured through social value to the VCFSE.

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<sup>3</sup> State of Sector 2017 (Action Together) Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research Sheffield Hallam University - Total income in VCFSE in 2014/15 is estimated at £53 million.