

- Value the work, knowledge and expertise of the Community Sector
- Consult meaningfully with the Community Sector
- Encourage active Community Sector involvement in local networks

### **Community organisations will:**

- Recognise the need for appropriate monitoring and evaluation when in receipt of public funding
- Seek clarity of representation and a clear mandate for acting in a representative way
- Maintain high standards of governance, conduct and openness

The Devon Compact Hub is inviting all relevant organisations to become signatories and a form is provided for that purpose at the end of the full document. The full Compact for Devon and the full Codes of Practice are available on our website: **[www.dacvs.org.uk](http://www.dacvs.org.uk)**

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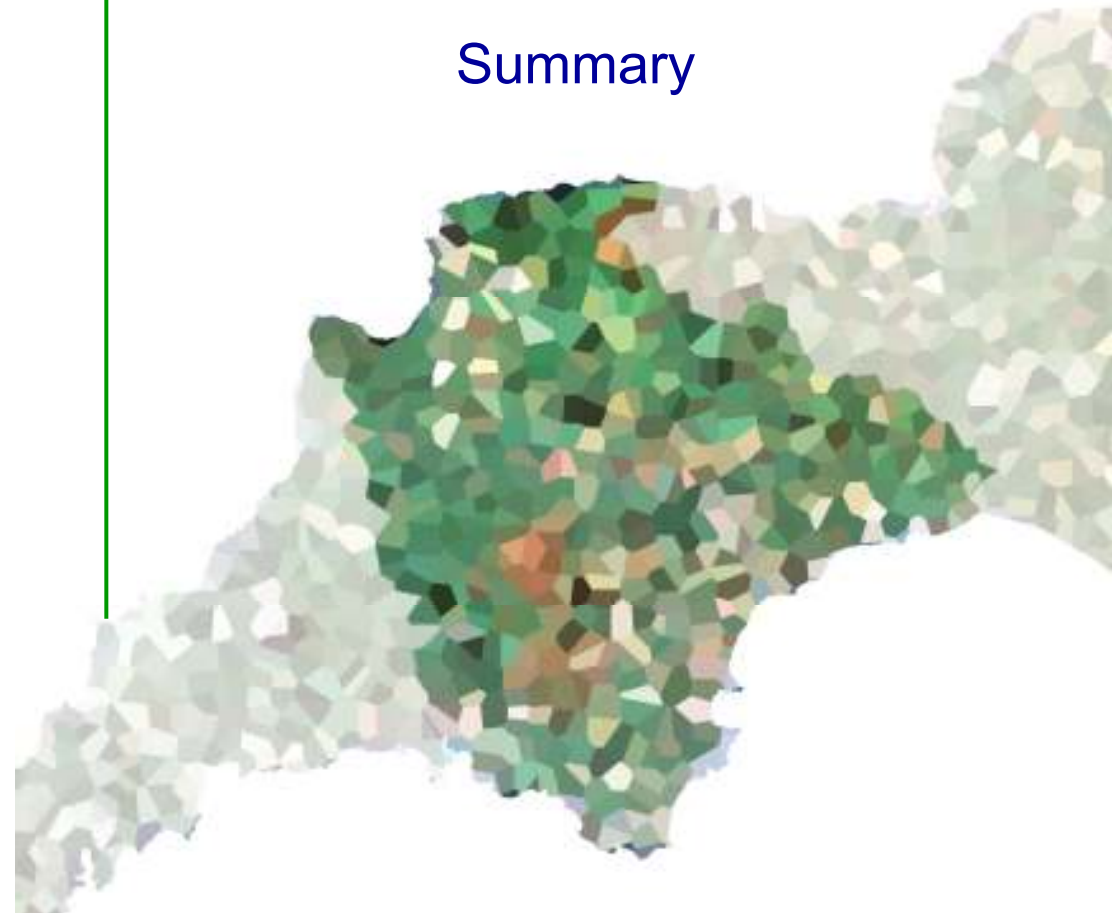
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### Compact for Devon

The Compact for Devon is a practical agreement for improving relationships and working practices between organisations in the Statutory Sector and those in the Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS). It complies with Government requirements for statutory organisations to develop a local compact as part of the national compact.

The Compact sets out:

- A shared vision and principles
- Actions from both sides
- The Statutory Sectors' commitment to respect the independence of the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Systems to help make sure that the agreement works

### Codes of Practice

The Compact for Devon is underpinned by its Codes of Practice. Six Codes have been developed; Funding and Procurement, Volunteering, Equality and Diversity, Consultation, Community Groups and Partnerships.

### The Community Groups Code of Practice:

- Provides a basis for mutual trust and understanding between the Statutory Sector, the established Voluntary Sector and the Community Sector in Devon
- Recognises the valuable contribution of community groups as an important local resource in any community
- Suggests ways to make appropriate practical changes and modifications to practice, which will have a positive impact on the work of the Community Sector

### Voluntary and Community Sector organisations and Public Sector organisations will:

- Develop and maintain best practice and mutual respect in their relationship
- Promote and share best practice for community development and action, based on building active and sustainable communities
- Address discrimination and exclusion as appropriate

### Public Sector Organisations will:

- Take account of the Community Sector's role and needs when setting policies and procedures
- Help create and maintain the conditions and support that enable community groups to succeed