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The Renewed Draft Torbay Compact

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1. What are we trying to achieve for our communities?

- 1.1 A fair and valid agreement which governs the relationship between the voluntary and community sector in Torbay and the Torbay Strategic Partnership, facilitating both to work together for the mutual benefit of the Bay and its people.
- 1.2 TSP members will recall a refreshed draft Torbay Compact was presented to this Partnership in May of last year. It was drawn up following a new national Compact published in December 2009. The draft was subject to a three-month consultation period last summer after endorsement by the TSP. However, during that consultation, the new Coalition Government announced another renewal of the National Compact. A draft National Compact was released for consultation in the autumn and a new document officially published just before Christmas (2010) and is available at http://www.compactvoice.org.uk/sites/default/files/the_compact.pdf.
- 1.3 The Torbay Compact steering group waited to see that document in order to be as up to date as possible in its renewal of the Torbay local Compact. The time lapse also made it possible to canvass views, as part of an extended consultation, from representatives of Torbay's voluntary and community organisations at a conference for the sector held in September (see report *Securing a Vibrant "Big Society" in Torbay*, presented to the TSP in November 2010)
- 1.4 The Compact steering group noted that many of the views captured at the conference workshop tallied with the principles of the latest renewed National Compact. It was decided to use the document as a pattern for the renewed Torbay Local Compact.
- 1.5 The main principles of the new draft can be read at pages 5 – 11, Appendix 1. It has the same foreword by the Mayor as the previous draft, which can be updated as necessary. The foreword by the voluntary sector head is also similar. The final draft will feature photographs of local scenes and case studies illustrating local partnership working, to make it more visually attractive.
- 1.6 A discussion document about how the new draft Torbay Local Compact could be monitored and implemented is at Appendix 2.

2. Relationship to Community Plan

- 2.1 All quadrants of the community plan wheel.

3. Recommendations for decision

- 3.1 The Torbay Strategic Partnership to publish the draft renewed Torbay Compact set out at Appendix 1 to this report for a six-week consultation period. (The shorter time period reflects the previous 12-week consultation over the draft Torbay Local Compact launched from June to September last year.)
- 3.2 The Torbay Strategic Partnership is invited to give its views regarding transparency and accountability procedures for the renewed draft Torbay Local Compact as set out in Appendix 2 to this report.

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