



Compact Partnership Meeting March 2017

Attendees

Bruce Nisbett, SFRS

David Happs, Police Scotland

John Moore, LCTS

Paul Wilson, Volunteer Edinburgh

Jan-Bert van den Berg, Artlink

Ella Simpson, EVOG

Maureen Child Voluntary Sector Champion, CEC

Denise Horn, EVOG

Jayne Cullingworth, Phd Student - observer

Apologies

Wendy Dale HSCP

Michelle Mulveny CEC

Claire Pattullo ESE

1. Manifesto for the Third Sector

It was felt that this very much echoed what is happening in public sector organisations – with a focus on prevention.

Discussion that it would be useful to bring all the facts together across the different organisations so that there would be a richer bank of facts and more consistent use of facts and figures. More information on this in the section on the Compact Action Plan below.

EVOG's communication of the Manifesto for the Third Sector will be through:

- distribution of the Manifesto week beginning 13th March.
- Husting events with the different parties organised by EVOG in April/May – dates to be confirmed. A hustings was held here by SHAPE on the 2nd of Feb. TSSG members have agreed to attend hustings.



- EVOC will attend the inductions of new elected members to give overview of the sector – Compact Voice will be used to support this.
- Local VSFs will invite their local councillors to attend VSF meetings post elections as a way of further increasing knowledge on the third sector in areas.

2. Attendance at Compact Partnership Meeting by Partners

Concern regarding attendance at the Compact Partnership meetings, no attendance from CEC officers, HSCP or ESEN this quarter. Need regular meeting attendees for the partnership to maintain momentum.

Compact is focussed on bringing people together to shift a change in bringing PS and third sector to work better together. Feeling that we did have champions of this better style of working however now have people who are extremely busy people in their day job.

The challenges we identified:

- Public partners are going through a time of extreme churn. There is a certain amount of retrenchment at a time of change.
- Deputations at meetings can have limited effect.
- Cascading of information from meetings is not always happening.
- Previous Compact champions have moved on, need for increased feeling of ownership of the Partnership from members.
- There are many meetings to attend and there are extreme demands on time for current attendees.
- Health are too often not at the table when there is a desire to have them there from other partners.
- What do our health and council partners want out of this meeting – suggest that the meeting isn't meeting this need.

ACTION :Jan Bert van den Berg to contact Wendy Dale, Claire Pattullo and Michelle Mulvaney and see if we can make sure that they come to future meetings.

ACTION: Jan Bert van den Berg/Denise Horn to meet with David Happs and Police Scotland colleagues regarding the action plan



3. What would a poor/ok/good relationship between the third sector and public sector look like for the City.

A discussion was held to look at why there is a Compact Strategic Partnership in the City, and what impact it aims to have on the City. Summary of points raised is shown below:

Poor Relationship
Just seeing the third sector as a buyer /supplier relationship Lack of in depth knowledge of third sector contribution amongst some officials and elected members.
Ok Relationship
It was agreed that this is where are currently in Edinburgh
Good Relationship
Far more efficient services and less crisis demand - shifting resource. Cost savings Good understandings cross sector More proper referrals to partners rather than just signposting Elected members will support the third sector orgs in their areas. Trusting that change will come in the long term More accountability on the progress being made in Localities work.

The solutions suggested were:

- We need to have an improved understanding of demand based on solid demographic information and evidence of need. It is important that there is more effective information sharing. We need to improve this.

Action: *Work with partners to achieve this – prioritise within the Compact Action Plan.*

- The Compact should be focussed more firmly on the mechanisms of delivery. This might involve supporting/contributing to position papers; supporting/contributing to enquiry on prevention; working with partners to ensure that the voice of citizens and third sector is heard; creating a productive space for partners to work through specific issues/ideas.

Action: *Firm up action plan and identify specific priority areas for action (see below).*

- We need to have a clear communication plan which uses facts to draw attention to priority issues and also articulates the role of Compact and individual partners in tackling these issues collaboratively.

Action: *Articulate a simple communication strategy using social media and website.*

- Short term use of external people to help with credibility of Third Sector impact, and work on culture change.

Action: *Commission on Prevention by Compact Partnership/EVOC*



4. Edinburgh Partnership Paper

The Edinburgh Partnership Priorities paper was discussed, which is tabled for the next EP meeting and the following observations made:

- Needs should be more clearly articulated and backed by demographic and factual information. The voice of the people directly affected should be much clearer in the solutions that are being mooted or will be arrived at.
- The collaborative cross-sector means of addressing these priorities needs to be articulated more clearly and should be at the heart of future working.
- There needs to be a much clearer focus on prevention and it should be articulated in future plans how this will be achieved.
- From a Third Sector perspective we need to illustrate our approach of arriving at imaginative solutions with real examples of approaches that we know work and feel are missing.
- We need to make sure that the work feeds into Local Improvement Plans and Locality Plans.

Action: DH to feedback comments to Dona Milne (author).

Action: All attendees from Compact Partnership attending EP board meeting should ensure that comments are considered.

5. Update on Compact Action Plan

Overall presentation of Compact Action Plan progress. Overall the document is too dense to present – there is a need to work up something that pulls out where progress has been made and now looks at what the priorities should be going forward (as detailed below). Need for a “so what” reference to help keep the document grounded and references back to the impact on a citizen in order to keep things relevant.

Present an update of progress of Compact Partnership at the June EP and go through Compact Voice. Focus on letting EP them know what we are having trouble with and talk about what we need help with to create a better relationship between sectors.

Action: Ella Simpson to propose a lunchtime session at EP board meeting in June. Denise Horn to coordinate the update with partners.

Working through the action plan it was agreed that the following work now needed prioritised for 2017/18

- **FUTURE THINKING**
 - We need to work towards a better understanding of demographic trend and better evidence base of need.



- We need to articulate more clearly what we see as flexible and imaginative solutions to address need.
- We need to continue to look outwards to see what solutions are arrived at nationally and further afield.

Actions: *Sharing of information via Compact website including City Vision 2050, EVOC Position Papers, EVOC Think Spaces, Compact in Conference, Presentation to EP Board, Inquiry on Prevention.*

RESOURCING & INVESTING

- We need to understand how Investing in Community Outcomes is being implemented.
- We need to understand what resourcing and investment methodologies are working and which are not.
- We need to understand how community benefit clauses and transfer of community assets are being applied.

Actions: *Updates required from ESE and from CEC (not present – may need to be follow up meeting).*

COMMUNITY PLANNING AND REACH

- We need to make sure locality working involves all partners clearly, currently the third sector is feeling an unequal partner.
- We need to make sure that Locality and Improvement Plans are clearly informed by partners.
- Opportunity for reach through the new Police Strategy 2026 – linking with mental health providers in the City to improve understanding and reach.

Actions: *Jan Bert van den Burg to contact Paul Lawrence with input from VE Paul to see if we can improve locality planning/working blockages.*

Actions: *Denise Horn to put Maria Arnold in contact with David Happs re mental health forum*

THRIVING THIRD SECTOR

- We need to make sure that Compact Voice provides good evidence and continues to be produced. Has Compact Voice changed peoples perception of the third sector. Improve communication of Compact Voice messages.
- We need to explore cross sectoral training opportunities (e.g. sharing resources, secondments, etc.)
- We need to understand the pressures on the Third Sector.

Actions: *Explore ACOSVO leadership programme for cross sector training.*

Actions: *Develop a communication strategy for Compact Voice.*