



# Compact

for Havering

## *Draft Codes of Good Practice*

### *Introduction*

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## **Codes of Good Practice Consultation March 2008**

In July 2003, the Havering Compact Agreement was launched. The Compact has been developed in order “to provide a framework to enhance collaboration and to govern working relationships between voluntary, community and statutory agencies” (Compact for Havering 3.4), to improve communication and develop networks across the Borough. This will be an excellent tool for working together and will aid the development of the Havering Community Strategy.

At the launch of the Compact 4 thematic priorities were outlined. These have now been fleshed out into Codes of Good Practice The purpose of the Codes is to turn the commitments within the Havering Compact into local standards and guidance on working together and so should be read in conjunction with the Compact.

All local authorities and many other public bodies are required to have a Compact with the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS). While these are not legally binding documents, their principles are endorsed by Government Departments (through the Home Office), Local Government Associations and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO).

The good practice guidelines contained in this Code will be used throughout the Council and by organisations in the VCS. Where they are not used, the Council, Primary Care Trust or a VCS organisation must state the reasons for not doing so. Should disagreements arise where the Compact or Code is not followed, a three stage procedure exists to address concerns which is included with the Draft codes on this disc.

Although still Drafts, these Codes are at the stage where they are ready to go out for final consultation at the Compact AGM on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008. All responses must go in to Michael Dunlop, the Codes of Compact Administrator, by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

All Sub-groups are open to all sections of the Community to join, please contact the Sub-Group chair for further details.

Rather than reinvent the wheel the Havering Compact Steering Group Committee have drawn on other documents to help the drawing together of the Codes of Practice and in particular wish to highlight the help of the Redbridge Code of Good Practice.

I would like to thank the Chairs of the Sub-Groups for their achievement so far – Kim Guest, Sue Lucey, Michael Dunlop and Mr Sethi. Also thanks to Sue Lucey for being Vice-Chair of the Steering group and to Anita McDade and Monique Pirie for providing input from Havering Council, and last but not least to the Compact Champions Paul Kennard, John Harlow, and Roger McFarland.

**Revd Lythan Nevard, Chair of the Compact Steering group.**