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Re: Intention to withdraw current local Compact

As you will be aware, a new national Compact was agreed and published in December 2010.

In light of this, the county council has been considering a review of its local Compact that was agreed between the Voluntary Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) and the County Council in 2004. We feel that this local Compact is no longer fit for purpose as it was developed and agreed in a very different financial and national political climate. In addition, it has been fed back to the county council that some in the VCF sector and the wider third sector have lost confidence in the Compact.

We are therefore intending to develop and consult you on a revised model aligned to the new national Compact. The process will be inclusive across a wide representation of the third sector and will not only aim to agree a new Compact between the sector and the county council, but to build confidence and establish a more open and transparent working relationship for the future.

The timescales for this consultation have yet to be determined but we hope that we can depend on the co-operation of Third Sector Lancashire throughout the process.

As a starting point, we would be grateful if our proposal to consult on a new Compact could be circulated to all third sector organisations in the county via the Third Sector Lancashire network.

Pending agreement on a new Compact, whilst we will leave the current document in place, this is on the understanding that some aspects are no longer fit for purpose. Therefore whilst the county council will continue to honour the spirit of the Compact in the interim period, it will not always be possible to continue to comply with all of the detail and the Compact will therefore be withdrawn and replaced.

We look forward to working with you on this important piece of work. If you have any questions please contact Jason Crausby, Third Sector Development and Commissioning Manager on 01772 533544 or via email at jason.crausby@lancashire.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

