



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**COMMUNITY REGENERATION COMMISSION**  
**25 JANUARY 2005**

Report of the Director of Policy

## Consultation on Draft Funding Code of Practice

### RECOMMENDATION

1. To consider the Derby City Compact Draft Funding Code, as part of a joint Council and voluntary sector consultation process.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

2.1 The Derby Compact Forum has been meeting quarterly, since November 2003, to take forward the principles agreed in the Derby Compact document. Within the national Compact, there are five codes of practice:

- consultation and policy appraisal
- funding
- black and minority ethnic organisations
- volunteering
- community groups.

Derby Compact is working to developing local codes on each of these themes, based upon the principles of the five national codes.

- 2.2 The Derby Compact Forum has now completed its work on the first of these – a draft Funding Code. The draft Funding Code sets out the responsibilities of both the Council and the voluntary sector to improve current practice. It also includes a timetabled action plan. The code is attached at Appendix 2.
- 2.3 Following the consultation period, the final version will be submitted for approval to Cabinet on 5 April 2005.

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**Background papers:** Minutes and working papers of the Compact Forum on file in the Area and Neighbourhood Unit  
**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 – Implications  
Appendix 2 – Draft Funding Code

## IMPLICATIONS

### Financial

1. We are proposing to Cabinet that we use £6,240 from the Community Grants Budget to support the work of the Forum in 2005/06.

### Legal

2. There are no direct legal implications of the Funding Code, which would be a voluntary code of practice agreed between the Council and the voluntary sector. The code will not apply to situations where the Council is procuring the supply of goods or services. The letting of any such contract by the Council will be governed by any tender documents relating to the contract, the Council's contract procedure rules and any relevant external procurement rules.

### Personnel

3. Co-ordination of the Council's input into the Compact is being undertaken by the Community Development and Voluntary Sector Support team within Community Policy.

### Equalities impact

4. The Funding Code will help to improve access to Council funding for the voluntary and community sector.

### Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 5.1 The proposal comes under the Council's objectives of **strong and positive neighbourhoods** and **integrated, cost effective services**.
- 5.2 The proposal furthers the priority of **enhancing our community leadership role through partnership working and listening to, and communicating with, the public**.