

Bristol Compact Steering Group – Thursday 19th May 2005

Present: R Benington (Bristol Partnership), J Charters (BCC Procurement), Norma Barrett (Learning & Skills Council), Faith Davey (The Care Forum), Derek Dodd (BCC Regeneration), Howard Wilson (Connexions West of England), Wendy Stephenson (Voscur), Ayannah Griffith (BDA), Christine Story (BCC), Zahid Dar (BDA)

Chair : Annie Hudson (BCC Social Services)
Minutes : Niall Harle

<p>Apologies: Aileen Edwards (NextStep), Ashy McKay (BCC), Elizabeth Williams (PCT), Mike Roe (Police)</p>	
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Annie Hudson advised group of her temporary position as acting Director of Social Services & Health. Apologies from DD over confusion of the time of meeting.</p> <p>2. Minutes of 24th Feb & Matters Arising</p> <p>2.1 The regional Lead Funder project is moving ahead, albeit slowly. A bid for funding to Active Communities Unit has been successful and a p/t worker will be employed. 2.2 Terms of reference of the Steering Group amended in line with the discussion at last meeting. 2.3 Jim McNeil is to be rep for Voscur</p> <p>3. Funding and Procurement Code of Conduct</p> <p>3.1 Bristol Implementation Guidance was delayed until the release of the National Code of Conduct. 3.2 Bill McKittrick agreed annual report to Bristol Partnership (Nov?) 3.3 Sub Group to find a way for individuals to sign up as process is written, rather than after. Who must be there at beginning? – Health, BCC, LSC 3.4 DD – BCC will be setting up Select Committee on working with the voluntary sector in coming year, Ashy McKay lead officer. 3.5 Reference to the Bristol Compact written in</p>	<p>DD to convene funding sub group</p> <p>To be included as a standing item – Committee update on this agenda</p>

to the draft terms of reference.

3.6 Representatives of Voluntary Organisations will be invited to select Committee.

3.7 BCC to Review Investment Strategy for Community & Voluntary Sector, and Economic Development by the end of summer, ready for next years funding negotiations.

4. Bristol Procurement Summit

4.1 Defined as a 'Good Practise Workshop'

4.2 Will help launch the Funding and Procurement Code of Conduct

4.3 The value of advocacy in aiding equal opportunities & sustainable development in procurement identified.

5.Compact Plus – Q&A

5.1 explained that the Home Office say the Compact Plus is designed to produce shorter compacts with a benchmarking similar to Investors in people. Deadline for consultation on 12th July.

It was agreed it was important to express a 'Bristol' point of view.

Next meeting decided -

Some group members leave due to meeting commitments elsewhere

6.Guidelines for BME Workers

Zahid introduced a paper giving the case for separate implementation guidance covering working with BME communities.

The question of what a separate document would achieve was discussed.

GVA Grimley & Entente appointed as consultants.

Richard Hebby from NCVO suggested as a speaker

Date for summit yet to be set, needs to be after the release of the code of conduct. Possibly the first week of November (Compact week)

Planning Group to be formed to ensure the summit fulfils its desired objective.

Christine Storry volunteered to head the group, contact details to be circulated.

Get thoughts to Derek by 7th June, Derek will circulate and then send final decision from the whole of the Compact Steering Group.

Wednesday 15th, 3.30 pm, The Care Forum At The Vassall Centre

DD to clarify BCC policy regarding integrated equalities.

Examples of Islington & Gateshead to be circulated, along with National BME Code of Conduct (available at www.thecompact.org.uk)

7.Complaints Procedure

Postponed until next meeting.

Further Points

DD to standardise the format of the implementation guidance documents and prepare a cover report. Also to invite comments on how to implement into organisations, with action points for each.

Equalities Implementation Guidance to be emailed to Learning & Skills Council