

North Lincolnshire VCS Charter



This Charter has been developed collaboratively between the voluntary and community sector and the members of the place partnership. It is intended to be as inclusive as possible and will be kept under constant monitoring and review to measure outcomes, impact and reflect the developing relationship across the sectors.

Whilst this Charter is not a “legal” binding document it will be published as will progress reports demonstrating the support and commitment of all partners.

The partnership ambition for North Lincolnshire is to be the #Best Place to live • work • visit • invest. Collaborative working between all organisations across the Place is key to achieving this ambition and will ensure we deliver our shared outcomes which are for the people of North Lincolnshire to be safe well prosperous and connected.

Charter Values

The signatory partners will adhere to the following values that will underpin the way we behave towards each other:

Equality, Respect, Integrity, Objectivity, Transparency, Accountability, Honesty, Consistency

By signing up to this charter we agree to the following principles

Charter Principles

- subscribe to the belief that by working together we can achieve better outcomes for people
- value the contributions of each organisation and embrace the value of volunteering
- recognise that relationships go wider than commissioning, contracts and grant aid processes
- accept the different environments and legal parameters that the VCS and partner organisations work under and recognise the added value these differences bring
- recognise and value the diversity and strengths of the VCS and partner agencies value everyone’s contribution
- agree to full and meaningful engagement and involve each other in decision making on matters that affect communities

- work together to ensure that hard to reach communities and groups receive the same level and quality of support
- commit to sharing intelligence and information where appropriate in order to ensure effective action is taken to respond to challenges
- commit to encouraging ambition, positivity and promoting the shared ambitions for the area
- working together at the earliest opportunity in the planning and development of future services in order to be as creative and innovative as possible in our joint response to local need and reducing resources
- We will work as a network of community leaders who make things happen and galvanise collaboration between the partners on areas of shared interest

Critical Success Factors

- There will be a whole North Lincolnshire place approach, based on shared priorities; driven by the context of people and place and not individual organisation’s needs or priorities
- There will be a culture of genuine co-operation and collaboration; delivering the shared ambition and outcomes to the people and places of North Lincolnshire
- Information and intelligence is shared where appropriate in order to ensure effective action is taken to respond to opportunities
- The different needs, aspirations and drivers of the communities are recognised and balanced
- There will be involvement and collaboration at the widest possible level through establishing networking opportunities, including online forums and other mechanisms for ensuring that the citizen voice is heard
- All voices and opinions and perspectives are valued equally
- Full and meaningful engagement is obvious through a collective partnership board recognising and respecting the contribution made by all parties in decision making on matters that affect communities