



OBJECTIVES

- The aim of the Third Sector and Cyngor Gwynedd is to support each other to enable Gwynedd's residents and communities to thrive.
- This Collaboration Agreement, known as the "**Compact**", establishes the **principles of collaboration** that will be essential to achieving that aim.
- Its purpose is to foster relationships and establish shared expectations, rather than create legal obligations.

Why is this important?

- **Gwynedd Residents First:** Putting the people of Gwynedd at the heart of everything we do.
- **Improving Service Delivery:** Effectively addressing social issues through collaboration.
- **Empowering Communities:** The strategy encourages participatory governance, giving communities a stronger voice.
- **Efficiency:** To ensure the best outcomes and make the best use of resources during times of austerity, collaboration and reducing duplication of efforts can be beneficial.

PRINCIPLES

To achieve the objectives of Cyngor Gwynedd's Corporate Plan, **effective collaboration** and efficient use of **local resources** are essential.

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By working with the third sector, Cyngor Gwynedd aims to ensure **local benefit** and **value for money**, while leveraging the **added value** that third sector organisations offer.



The Welsh Government defines the third sector as **independent, non-governmental organisations voluntarily established by citizens, driven by social, cultural, economic or environmental objectives rather than profit. These organisations reinvest any surplus to promote their objectives.**

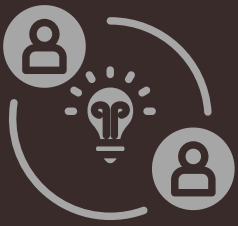
COLLABORATION PRINCIPLES



The following principles celebrate the contribution and achievements of the third sector and set out the Council's commitment to working collaboratively to support its future prosperity and sustainability:



1. Shared goals: Our relationship with the trydydd sector will contribute towards the aims and objectives of the Council Plan in accordance with the legislative priorities of the Welsh Government in order to provide services that **put the people of Gwynedd** at the centre of everything we do.



2. Early involvement: In order to provide support for the growth of the third sector we will **include them from the start** where appropriate and practical when developing policies and designing services and identify and publish commissioning opportunities and co-production opportunities.



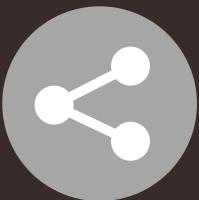
3. Social Value: When commissioning services, we will prioritise securing **social value and local benefit** wherever possible, while continuing to provide grant funding for specific purposes where this is appropriate and feasible.



4. Accountability: When providing funds to organisations we will do so through a **clear agreement with monitoring and accountability arrangements**.



5. Volunteering: We recognise the role of **volunteers** in maintaining the third sector and encourage their contribution in supporting good citizenship and healthy communities.



6. Sharing Resources: In order to support the sector in a practical way we will **work together to share resources** where appropriate.



7. Clear Communication: Through **honest, clear, respectful and two-way communication**, we will ensure that information and perspectives flow between partners, fostering mutual understanding, trust, equality and fairness.



8. Engagement: Cyngor Gwynedd will **engage effectively** through Mantell Gwynedd as an umbrella organisation and use regular meetings as forums to implement the principles and actions stated above.

GOVERNANCE - CYNGOR GWYNEDD & THIRD SECTOR

Gwynedd Residents

Welsh Government

Third Sector Support
Wales

Full Council

Council Cabinet

The Constitution



Mantell Gwynedd



Cyngor Gwynedd

Service Level
Agreement

"Compact" Agreement

Third Sector
Organisations/
Agencies

Council
Departments 

THIRD SECTOR LIAISON GROUP

Cyngor Gwynedd and Mantell Gwynedd will hold a quarterly **Third Sector Liaison Group** meeting to ensure effective communication.

Mantell Gwynedd will collaborate with the Third Sector organisations to select suitable representatives for membership of the Liaison Group.



The Group will do the following:

1. Include equal membership of representatives from the Council and Third Sector
2. Meet quarterly (more often if necessary)
3. Third sector representatives will be elected from a wide cross section of the sector and Council representatives will be chosen from service areas associated with the third sector.
4. The roles and responsibilities of representatives will be clearly defined. Third sector representatives will be expected to represent the interests of the sector as a whole, rather than those of their own organisation, and to ensure effective arrangements are in place for communication and the sharing of information between the Forum and the sector.
5. The Council and Mantell Gwynedd (on behalf of the third sector) will alternately chair meetings for a period of one year
6. The Council will take minutes and ensure administrative arrangements
7. Ensure that third sector forum groups and relevant Council groups contribute

COMMISSIONING AND PROCUREMENT

When funding and commissioning services, we will act in accordance with the principles of the Welsh Government's **Third Sector Funding Code of Practice**, promoting fair, transparent and sustainable arrangements that support effective partnership working with the third sector.

Commissioning

- We will identify the needs of the people of Gwynedd, and prioritise where necessary.
- We will listen to the residents of Gwynedd throughout the entire process.
- We will monitor, analyse and evaluate results.

Procurement

- We will be transparent and open about our intention to acquire from the programming front of our acquisition activities.
- We will assess proposals and award contracts on the basis of value for money, social value and local benefit.
- We will choose from a series of local social measures, which are proportionate to the agreement.
- We will monitor and report against the progress of realising social value propositions as well as the purpose of the agreement.

Gwynedd Council will publish and update all relevant commissioning and procurement opportunities on **Sell2Wales**.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Monitor Progress

The "Compact" Agreement will be monitored and evaluated through the Third Sector Liaison Group.

Measuring and Monitoring Progress

The success of collaboration between the Council and the Third Sector will be measured through specific measures including;

1.

Has the partnership contributed to strengthening a culture of collaboration? That is, is it sustainable and has it left a meaningful legacy?

2.

Is there evidence of enterprise and flexibility within the partnership to operate in an innovative way? That is, achieving results that could not be achieved by the Council on its own?

3.

A measurable social impact that shows practical and positive improvements as a result of the collaboration.

4.

Improving commitment and empowering local communities, creating stronger and more inclusive links.

5.

Improving the provision of services, assessing whether the services are more effective, efficient and responsive to the needs of the community here in Gwynedd.

Annual Review of the Agreement

The Compact Agreement will be reviewed annually in order to assess progress in the objectives outlined in the agreement and assist with future direction.

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