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1: Code of practice on funding and resources			
1.1	Respect confidentiality and be clear about whom they represent and how they came to their views when engaging in any consultation exercises.		
1.2	Ensure they are eligible when applying for grants or tendering for services.		
1.3	Have clear lines of accountability, especially with joint bids (including consortia arrangements).		
1.4	Identify and plan for risk ensuring outcomes are not adversely affected.		
1.5	Ensure that appropriate financial and governance systems and quality standards are in place to meet appropriate and agreed reporting and accountability obligations.		
1.6	Provide monitoring and evaluation forms promptly when in receipt of public sector grants or contracts.		
1.7	Agree terms of delivery at the outset and be aware of the risks, which they are responsible for, in particular, the risks associated with the delivery of outputs or outcomes.		
1.8	Plan in good time for different situations to reduce any potential negative impact on both beneficiaries and the organisation should there be changes to levels of funding.		

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2: Code of practice on Volunteering			
2.1	Assist potential volunteers to find volunteering opportunities to fit their needs, interests and abilities by working in partnership with other agencies.		
2.2	Promote and support volunteering to all within Kent, by seeking to reflect the diversity of all communities through positive and robust application of equality of opportunity.		
2.3	Effectively sign post potential volunteers wishing to volunteer outside the boundaries of Kent.		
2.4	To ensure that sufficient time and resources are available for the training of volunteers and that training is tailored to needs and abilities.		
2.5	Recognise the particular value in trustee volunteering and governance roles as underpinning the VCS and seek to promote and attract volunteers with suitable skills.		
2.6	Support the involvement of volunteers in policy and programme development to encourage ownership and responsibility and to recognise volunteers as stakeholders in organisations.		
2.7	Identify named persons within organisations or sign post to appropriate organisations (e.g. Volunteer Centres) who are responsible for volunteer support and the management of information as required by the Charities Commission and Volunteering England ("Do-it" database www.do-it.org.uk)		

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3: Code of practice on Communication and Engagement			
3.1	Embrace the participation in public sector engagement, including co-operating with each other through intermediary bodies and local networks to streamline the process.		
3.2	Take account positively of the specific needs, interest, contributions and diversity within the sector.		
3.3	Respect the confidentiality of information, when given access to it on that basis.		
3.4	Ensure the accuracy and relevance of information presented to public sector partners.		
3.5	Communicate and engage in such a way that reflects, as far as is reasonably practicable, the view of the VCS and not simply that of individuals or one organisation.		
3.6	Where an individual is in a representative role ensure there are mechanisms in place for appropriate feedback.		

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4: Code of practice on Equality and Diversity			
4.1	Work with minority groups to tackle disadvantage.		
4.2	Ensure equality of opportunity in partnership.		
4.3	Work to ensure minority groups are included within existing and new and emerging VCS structures.		
4.4	Minority groups working across the VCS to improve access to services, quality of life and alleviate poverty.		
4.5	Work with minority groups to develop and access training opportunities.		
4.6	Play an enabling role that supports minority groups.		