

Compact

working together | better together

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Why the Compact and Local Compacts

- Can be a difficult relationship – Compact is framework for improvement
- National Compact came first – but then strong emphasis on Local Compacts
- Most voluntary and community organisations are local
- Process of working together on a Compact is as important as the document

What Local Compacts are

- Involve most local public sector bodies
- “Mass movement” – engage most voluntary and community organisations
- About **how** to work together, not **what** we work on together
- Join up policies (health, police, social)
- Decided locally

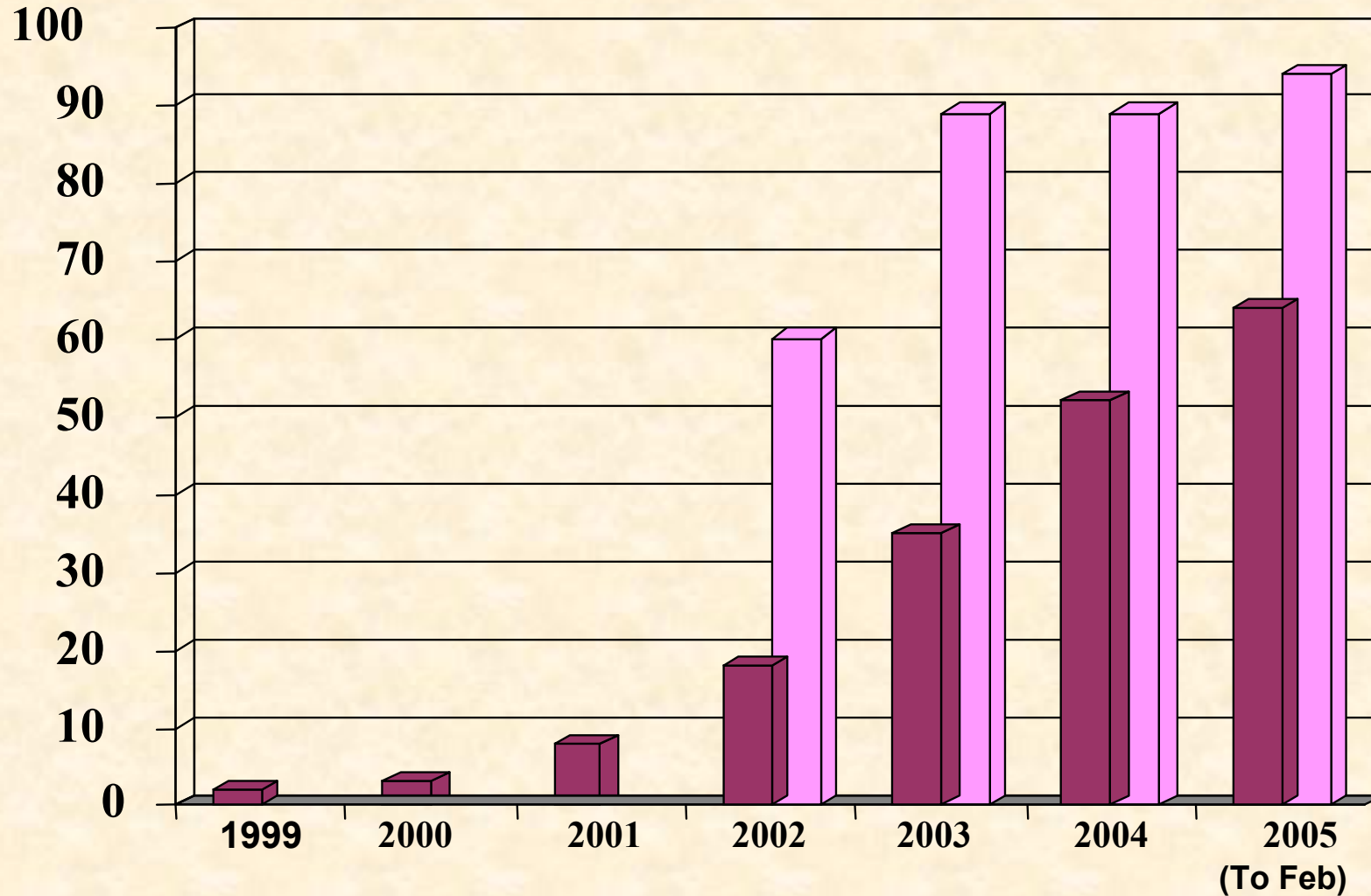
Local Compact Targets

All to start by April 2004

All to publish by April 2005

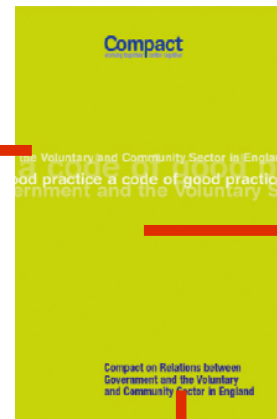
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How it works and what you can do with it ...

Undertakings on both sides
Upholding sector independence
12 week consultations
Full cost recovery
Point of reference to be cited



Joins everything up:
Government and sector
The framework for
sector's public service
delivery
and for civil renewal

Relationship-
building
Culture changing

Partnership tool

*"A Compact way of working
should be the normal way
of doing the business" –*

Charities Minister Fiona Mactaggart

What a Local Compact should join up



What can a Compact achieve?

Better Relations

Better working together

Better outcomes for community

Confidence to do new things

Enfield

Cut red tape in grants process

Plan consultation together – a springboard to new partnership approach

saving time & boosting value for money - More focus on what funding achieves

More ambitious action plan that builds on local success

Suffolk

NHS & County Council set up single funding gateway

Joint decisions using shared criteria

Communities benefit from co-ordinated approach

Prospects of developing a joint contract procurement process