



## **Worcestershire Partnership Statutory Partners: Terms of Engagement**

The public sector agencies in Worcestershire recognise that over the next 4-5 years, we will all face major budget pressures, requiring changes and sometimes reductions in services.

Our commitment is to:-

1. Talk to each other before we make major budget decisions
2. Protect critical services to the public and businesses as far as possible, by redesigning services across organisational boundaries and achieve savings by sharing strategies, resources and budgets
3. Put the needs of local people and places ahead of bureaucratic needs
4. Prevent the cumulative effect of decisions affecting some communities or groups in society disproportionately
5. Minimise adverse consequences for the local economy
6. Engage with businesses and the third sector where appropriate, and jointly consult stakeholders before major decisions are made.