

Questions to be circulated to the eight Chairs of the eight Community Partnerships on behalf of Scrutiny Committee

Q1. In your opinion, have we the correct representation on each Partnership? Are there other agencies/partners we should consider?

Cannot speak for other partnerships, but we do have a good variation of services attending our meetings, if any special issues come up we would request support from the agency.

Q2. How proactive are Councillors in identifying ideas to spend the funding on within their communities? Are all members of the Partnership bringing ideas to the meetings and/or to the Chair?

As Chair I try to ensure all Parishes in my ward are aware of funding available, both my word of mouth and emails. Further try to make sure it is not just the Towns that carry out recommendations but also the smaller Parishes. I fully encourage all to bring forward ideas however small they may seem.

Q3. How do we currently share best practice with other Community Partnerships – when, for example, two have similar ideas?

At present we only meet up and chairs and board meetings, I am in the process of contacting CP's attached to my ward to start discussions as to similar ideas we may all have and take forward a joint research and working partnership.

Q4. How well is your Community Partnership informing local organisations that funding is available?

Via all members of the CP, emails to all Town and Parish Clerks, word of mouth and looking at local news letters to see if we have missed any local organisations out.

Q5. With reference to the Council's Strategic Objectives and the Community Partnership Board, how well do you think this matches your own Partnership's objectives? Do you have different priorities?

We adjusted our priorities last year as the size of some of the issues (Transport being one) was being undertaken by other sections of the council. Our three issues now are Isolation and Loneliness, Encourage and enable everyone to be more physically active and healthy and Education opportunities and aspirations.

We are well supported in all three of our priorities. Our Isolation and Loneliness task group have been extremely busy over this COVID-19 period and will continue to do so.

Q6. With reference to the Funding Model, is the general funding model of £10,000 /£25,000 per Community Partnership, regardless of the population base, adequate and fit for purpose in your opinion, or do you think a review of the funding model might be necessary?

My personal opinion is that it is better to have a joint set figure, to do it on number of residents would limit to amount available to the smaller towns and parishes, but their demands may be far greater due to geographical isolation etc. Maybe there could be a "schedule" of all the priorities being undertaken by all the CP and maybe support funding could be offered between themselves if it was joint working on a priority.

Unsure how this would work.

Q7. Are there any other additional comments you would like to add? *Maximum 200 words, please*

How do we as Community Partnerships make sure there are no exclusions especially but not exclusively from the perspective of the community and voluntary sectors?

The involvement of residents and unknown excluded groups at different stages and on different issues within communities?

How do we involve communities and voluntary organisations to highlight their contribution and assets they can bring to implementing solutions to community issues?

Bit Jibberish but I am sure if we look deep enough within all our Towns and Parishes there are missed opportunities of good work being undertaken?

On behalf of the Scrutiny Committee, thank you.