

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?

As we develop the partnerships we will hopefully identify more relevant partners that operate in the community that can help in identifying and contributing to projects that benefit a wider representation of the community. Currently it feels that we have too many Councillors on them so can become more like a Committee than a community focussed partnership.

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?

At the FPCP very few projects have been suggested by councillors. The majority of the projects have been through the Chair and the Communities Officer. We have started to recruit more community representatives which I anticipate will lead to better projects

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

This is an area that needs developing, at the moment we are reliant on the Communities Officer or at the Chairs meeting albeit we are reliant on what information a Chair may chose to impart. A section on the internal web page could be an option so people other than Chairs or the panel can keep themselves up to date.

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

Very well, we have good contacts with local community magazines and radio stations so new projects receive good coverage.

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?

I believe the FPCP are in accord with the Strategic Board

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?

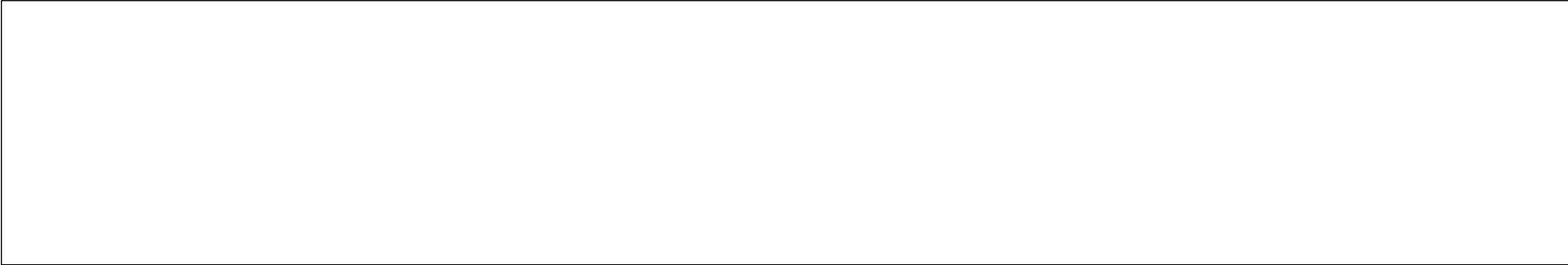
As the Partnerships develop there may be a need to add addition funds, it will depend how proactive they are and that they are delivering value for money. The FPCP (and others I believe) have introduced Small Grant Funds which seem to be well received by the community and are likely to become more popular as community groups re-launch themselves following the lockdowns.

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

A review of the core members of each Partnership trying to reduce the number of Councillors and encouraging community representatives may attract more people with the right skills to participate. It is disappointing as outlined above the low number of projects that are referred to by Councillors.

It would be good if it appeared easier to receive financial support from the Strategic Board to local projects that could be developed, at the moment the strategic board has their agreed projects which are by nature strategic and that means there is limited funding to develop local projects.

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On behalf of the Scrutiny Committee, thank you.