

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?

Except for the fact that Campsea Ashe has been put in another Community Partnership area when it should be within Framlingham/Wickham Market the representation seems to be correct and working well .Agencies/partners should be considered only if they really make a positive contribution to our objectives.

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?

Councillors are very proactive. As with all groups members of the Partnership do not contribute equally but the outcome of meetings is always positive.

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

The Council Officers share best practice of other Community Partnerships with us

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

In my opinion both Councillors and our Community Partnership Officer deal with this very effectively. For example, our Community Partnership Officer Nicola Jenner has visited most of the Parish Councils in her patch.

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?

The objectives and priorities are the same.

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?

Yes, it is fit for purpose and no funding model review is needed. In my opinion, applying different criteria may be challenging in several ways. The current model is perceived as equitable despite not taking into consideration socio-economic differences within the District Council area.

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

Going forward we should focus on investing more in our parishes and rural communities and less in our towns which have other readily available funds at their disposal.

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On behalf of the Scrutiny Committee, thank you.