

## Feedback from Thematic Partnerships: December 2008

Thematic Partnership		
<b>Community Engagement Partnership</b>		
Main Aims of the Partnership		
<p>Develop an electronic engagement panel – Fareham E-Panel- comprising residents who reflect the demographic make up of the communities of the Borough.</p> <p>Encourage community involvement with all organisations on the Partnership.</p> <p>Develop new ways of involving communities in the future of the Borough.</p>		
Emerging Priorities		
<b>How can you make a difference?</b>	<b>1</b>	Establishing a form of Citizens Panel for all partners to use – thereby enabling clear understanding of community needs.
	<b>2</b>	Ascertain what 'community' means to the people of the Borough and how it can be enhanced – tied in with a campaign to 'Grow Community Spirit'.
	<b>3</b>	Set up a disability forum as well as exploring potential for other forums (environmental, social responsibility).
Links to Hampshire Local Area Agreement Priority Outcomes		
<b>LAA Priority:</b>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over decision making and the delivery of services.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of Parish Plans and Town Healthchecks and strengthen link to community strategies.</li> <li>• Co-ordination of community development activities.</li> <li>• Build the capacity of the BME communities to be involved in the voluntary and community sector.</li> <li>• Encourage volunteering.</li> <li>• Improve commissioning processes to facilitate more community engagement.</li> <li>• Increase capacity of the voluntary organisations to deliver public services.</li> </ul>	
Review of first year		
<p>The Community Engagement Partnership continues to meet every six to eight weeks and is progressing well. It has representatives who speak on behalf of the Primary Care Trust, Voluntary services (Fareham Community Action), Volunteer management, extended services for children, churches in the Borough, equalities and diversity and the Citizens' Advice Bureau.</p> <p>There remains a firm commitment from all members to ensure that the partnership succeeds.</p> <p>The Partnership has worked hard to establish a form of Citizens' Panel – the Fareham E-Panel. A direct mail campaign has successfully recruited approximately 560 members (the number has reduced as the list has been cleansed and several people had registered more than once). The Panel will be approached three to four times per year with a range of questions from the partnership members.</p> <p>An exercise to balance the panel against the ONS data on the communities of Fareham took place in October and has revealed that there are a couple of areas where membership needs to be boosted. At present those aged 16-25 are under-represented, as are members of the Chinese community.</p> <p>A further drive to increase membership of the E-Panel will take place in December 2008/January 2009. It is intended to drive panel membership to as close to 1,100 as possible.</p> <p>The Partnership needs to decide whether to consult the existing members of the panel with a first</p>		

survey before additional members are recruited. Questions for the first survey are being compiled, with contributions from all groups in the partnership. These will focus on several areas - residents' understanding of the term community, questions about volunteering and CAB questions relating to the credit crunch and debt management.

Through the panel, a page in the Spring 2009 issue of Fareham Today will be devoted to volunteering, voluntary services and to the work of the Citizens' Advice Bureau.

The Partnership has given those working directly with the community the opportunity to discuss issues of mutual interest and is well supported by all members.

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Fareham Citizens' Advice Bureau		Karen Randall	
Fareham Churches Together & CYP Partnership		Rev. Frank Wright	
Fareham Community Church		Dan Whitehead	
Fareham Borough Council		Mel McKeown Councillor Trevor Cartwright Amanda Mahoney - Consultation Officer Jenny Moses - Corporate Policy Officer (Equalities)	
Hampshire Primary Care Trust		Deborah Upham- Head of Stakeholder Relations Nick Birtley (deputising)	
Meetings Held and Arranged			
<b>Date:</b>	Last meeting 07 October 2008	<b>Date:</b>	To be determined
<b>Date:</b>	Next meeting due: January 2009	<b>Date:</b>	